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VMA to sponsor 'Reclaiming Control of Our Lives' workshop

Join the VMA for the first program of 2024—"Enough Is Enough: Reclaiming Control of Our Lives As We Age" on **Thursday, January 25** from **10:30 a.m. to noon** in the Sequoia Room.

As we age it can seem that little by little we lose control over our day-to-day lives, often related to physical, emotional, social, and spiritual changes that we face. Studies have shown that there are common misconceptions about aging in our society that include: (1) aging only leads to greater loss and decline; (2) loss of control as we age is inevitable; and (3) age related losses are irreversible. In this presentation by Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div.BCC, from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health, we will discuss these misconceptions, explore some of the challenges to control in our life including stress, grief/loss, anxiety, and depression, and suggest positive ways to take back control of our life.

To register for this event, visit our website, vmavillages.vgcc.club and click "Register" or call Bonnie Grim at 408 238-4029.

Get ready for a special VAT weekend in the new year

Come on down for the Villages Amateur Theatre reprise of Bluegrass Radio Days on **Saturday, January 20** at **4 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The Scotch Creek Bluegrass Band will return along with VAT readers performing "Stories I ain't never told yet" by Jo Carson. First presented in August to a standing room only crowd, this free show will tickle your funny bone and warm your heart. If you saw it in August, come again and bring a friend!

And because we know you love to sing and you love the VAT performances, why not join us for the next production? Auditions for our Spring musical, "Man of La Mancha," will be held in the Cribari Auditorium on Friday, January 19 at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 20 at 7 p.m., and Monday, January 22 at 2 p.m. Performances will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on April 26, 27, and 28.



Explore the world of smartphone photography

By Rich James

Please join the Villages Camera Club on **Tuesday, January 16** at **7 p.m.** as we explore the world of smartphone photography with professional photographer Rad Drew. It's not a stretch to say that the iPhone is the most technically capable camera we've ever used. Due to computational photography and recent technical advances, we now can create long exposure photos without a tripod or neutral density filters, make noise-free night photos, use multiple lenses for more varied compositions, create portraits with a shallow depth of field, record in RAW file format for more creative control when editing, edit RAW files on our device, and make 48 megapixel-size images! And in the last few years, Rad has been creating wonderful infrared photos with various iPhones.

To do all these types of photographs with one device that fits in the palm of the hand is truly amazing! Join Rad in this Zoom webinar in which he'll demonstrate some of the latest iPhone advances, share favorite apps, offer processing tips, and show some of the creative ways he edits images made with the iPhone.

Rad Drew is a teacher, photographer, and tour leader who creates with the iPhone, mirrorless, and infrared cameras. He is a frequent contributor to PSA Journal, and was listed in PSA's Who's Who in Photography 2018. His creative images have been recognized internationally and exhibited in galleries around the world including SOHO Gallery and SOHO Arthaus in NYC, the L.A. Mobile Arts Festival, and Obscura Gallery, Melbourne, Australia. See Rad's LinkTree (<https://linktr.ee/RadDrew>) for links to all his resources including his YouTube Channel and video tutorials.

We invite anyone who wants to explore smartphone imaging. If you are not a member of the Camera Club, and wish to attend, please contact Sy Gelman at s.gelman@ymail.com for a link. The Club is open to all Villagers from beginner to professional levels, join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

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

3 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
3 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

Having a delivered, weekly, paper version of *The Villager* is integral to the vibrant nature, community involvement and overall positive spirit of The Villages. The paper version of *The Villager* communicates with all residents. As President of the Hiking Club and Treasurer of the VMA, I know the paper version of *The Villager* is an essential communication vehicle to reach our primary audiences and others interested in activities going on around them even if they don't participate in a particular activity. All arts related activities I've attended are a direct result of reading about and saving the paper until the day of the activity.

My preference is for the Club Board to find a way to continue funding the paper version of *The Villager*. If this doesn't happen, I recommend that the EVF help fund the paper version of the newspaper. I contribute to the EVF because it funds items that make The Villages a special place to live. While this isn't a one-time capital item, it fits into the definition of things that make The Villages a special place to live.

—Bob Bogdanoff

It is of little surprise to me that the reality of the economy we live in may doom the publication of the weekly edition of *The Villager*. There will be an outburst of objection about the possibility but the cost of publication, including printing and the lack of advertising are just what has to be dealt with if there is any hope of constraining the annual increases in our HOA. Shifting to a monthly edition and making significant improvements to the Portal and On-line information could reduce the cost. Letters to the community, BODs, and Management can still happen on-line with all the same controls that are in place now. One question I would like answered is a breakdown of the total cost of publication including delivery of the paper. Hopefully the CBOD is looking at all aspects of publication including home delivery, versus picking up your copy from a location in each village, clubhouse, community centers, you will find out quickly who really wants the print edition. Changing to a strictly on-line digital edition may satisfy some, but many still prefer the touch and feel of paper in their hands. Creative solutions need to be sought out.

—George Muller

The Villager is the lifeblood of The Villages. We can read about Villages activities and view photos of our friends and neighbors. Important documents are published here which we cannot find anywhere else. From art work to dancing to festivals to "Where in the World is The Villager?" —all of these delight us! Please reconsider any action to reduce our beloved newspaper, *The Villager*, to twice monthly or to eliminate it altogether.

—Barbara Gottesman

Welcome New Residents! New Resident Orientation Scheduled for January 24

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, January 24 at 3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

Steven Robert Norden
1964—2023

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Wilford "Bill" M. Wilson
May 9, 1923—December 12, 2023

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

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

POLICIES

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

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

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

HOURS

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

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

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Notice of Proposed Revisions to New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area

At the October 31, 2023, board meeting, the Association Board approved new AC Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Areas and to publish proposed new rule for the required member comment prior to formal approval consideration and at the January 30, 2023, board meeting.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to provide a process for the request of Area Projects that do not fall under existing Association Architectural Committee (AC) rules which are to be constructed or installed on Association Common Areas and are not in conflict with Association Rules.

The proposed new rule was published in the November 16, and 23 editions of *The Villager*, and at the December 12, 2023, board meeting the board approved the following revisions with added text underlined and deleted text show with ~~strike-through~~ text.

AC Rules

D-32 Common Area Projects

Projects proposed for construction or installation in Association Common Areas that do not align with the existing guidelines set by the Association's Architectural Committee (AC) must receive approval from both the AC and the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). These projects are unique in nature, and their review by the AC and ABOD is essential to ensure they align with the orderly maintenance, preservation, and enjoyment of Common Areas and do not jeopardize the health, safety, convenience, or welfare of all residents (Villagers).

Application Procedure:

A. Project Request Submission

1. Start by submitting a Project Requirements Form to the AC. This document should include the following details: project description and purpose, project location, any necessary alterations to common areas, potential impacts on existing common area elements (like trees, landscaping, hardscape), possible effects on surrounding Villas, and any other relevant information.

B. AC Meeting Attendance

1. Attend the regular monthly AC meeting to review the Project Requirements Form and receive feedback from the AC. If the project is substantial, the AC will provide a list of specific items required for the formal Project Application package.

C. Common Area Alteration Agreement

1. Prepare an Owner Common Area Alteration Request Form VAgreement and reference the Project Requirements Form, signed by the applicant(s). Include comprehensive plans and specifications. All applicants must be Association members residing in the affected District(s). In some cases, a District Advisory Committee (DAC) may also apply. Plans should be drawn to scale on substantial paper, providing clarity regarding the project's location, nature, extent of work, and maintenance responsibilities. Ensure that the project adheres to this rule's requirements.

D. Document Submission

1. Submit all necessary documents, including estimated costs, to the AC by the monthly submittal deadline, as published in *The Villager*.

E. Approval Process

1. The AC will determine a renewal period (a renewal period defined herein is for all approved D-32 projects.) The AC will determine specific timeframes in a calendar year, which a project's stakeholders evaluate its progress, conditions, modifications and overall success to determine whether to continue or renew the project for another phase or iteration. D-32 approved projects may have a defined lifespan or specific deliverables to correct underperforming standards, and after each period, project compliance will be reviewed by staff. Upon AC approval, with possible conditions, the maintenance and landscape departments must also review and approve the project.

F. ABOD Approval and Member Advisory Vote

1. Following AC and staff approval, the proposal will be presented to the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). If provisionally approved by the ABOD, a confidential member advisory (non-binding) vote will be conducted by the Association Inspectors of Elections. Ballots will be distributed to all members in the affected District(s). These ballots will be color-coded to distinguish between members within 100 feet of or having a line of sight with the project and other members. The results will be counted and reported at the next regular ABOD meeting by the Inspectors of Elections. Owner comments and the outcome of the advisory vote will be carefully considered by the ABOD when deciding whether to approve grant final approval of the project.

G. Ongoing Monitoring

1. After approval and project construction, the staff will continue to monitor the project at the end of each renewal period to ensure compliance with initial requirements and any new safety or building code requirements in effect. The Villages Staff will provide quarterly reports on the projects status and make recommendations to the AC as to the current conditions. If the project is not in compliance, the AC may recommend remediation or removal to the ABOD.

Response to the proposed new rule may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed new rule at the Association Board of Directors at the January 30, 2023, board meetings, or 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Liz Ramos in the General Manager's office at LRamos@the-villages.com.

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Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to electronic delivery of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Buildings A and B, and on The Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



'Ask the ABOD'

The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The ABOD has a column in *The Villager* so that all those interested can see the question and response. If you have any questions, please email them to Liz Ramos: LRamos@the-villages.com or drop them in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.

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



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Highland DAC to meet January 11

The Highland DAC will be holding its first meeting of the new year on **Thursday, January 11** at the Foothill Center from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Important topics that will be discussed include turf conversion next steps, budget inputs and the budget process schedule, CC&R election results, communication methods and what works best for you, holiday decorations, and much, much more. Light refreshments will be served.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

IRS delays Form 1099-K reporting

In October the published SRS article warned you that if you sold tickets such as 49er game or Swift concert tickets and received a total of more than \$600 in 2023, you would receive a Form 1099-K by the end of January 2024 reporting your gross receipts. The 1099-K form would come from StubHub or Ticketmaster or other third-party ticket seller. The IRS estimated that more than 40 million taxpayers would receive this form.

The IRS reports that it has postponed implementing the new Form 1099-K reporting threshold requirement of \$600. Instead, for the 2023 tax year, the previous 2022 rule involving a much higher \$20,000 of sales and more than 200 transaction threshold will continue to apply to receive a Form 1099-K. We doubt that Villagers had this many transactions and gross sales receipts.

At this time, the IRS plans to reduce the \$20,000 reporting amount down to a \$5,000 threshold for Form 1099-K for the 2024 tax year. The IRS will reduce the filing requirement down to \$600 for the 2025 tax year. Beginning in 2024 it will strictly be a gross sales test, with no test for the number of transactions.

Note: It's important to remember that these changes do not modify the tax law regarding income reporting. The IRS expects taxpayers to report all taxable income regardless of whether a Form 1099-K is issued. So, you really should report those sold game or concert tickets if you made a profit on the sale. But the IRS will not have received a Form 1099-K informing them of what you have done.

The IRS says that the eventual change in the 1099-K reporting threshold should increase tax compliance, but the process must be managed carefully to ensure taxpayers know what to do with the forms.

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

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

Club

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

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

SRS announcement: **IRS mileage rates for 2024**

Do you use your automobile for business use? The standard mileage rate for business is **67 cents-a-mile** for 2024. This is an increase of 1.5 cents from the 2023 rate. The mileage rate for deductible medical mileage expense is **21 cents-a-mile**, down 1 cent from 2023. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at **14 cents a mile**. This has been the rate since 1997.

Missed your Villager?

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

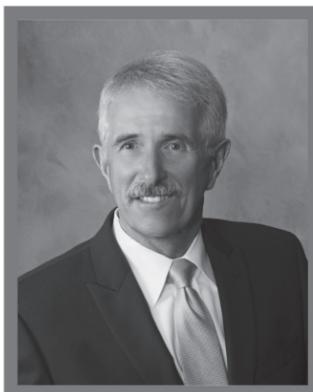
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Sign up for Back in Form's new year personal training special

The Villages in partnership with Back in Form, Inc. wishes you a Happy New Year!

Let's turn New Year's resolutions into results with a "Back in Form 2-for-1 Personal Fitness Training Special." Sign up for personal training for one person (\$127 per session) and add a spouse, friend, or neighbor to work out with you for free! This is a savings of \$33! All trainees should already be authorized to access the Fitness Center. The dates/times for the sessions will be determined by the trainer and trainee(s).

Register in Building B during business hours. The **promotion ends January 31** or when the trainers are at capacity, whichever comes first!

All trainees must register at the same time, one registration slip per household. A minimum of five sessions is required; training session scheduling will be determined by the trainer and trainee's availability. Please allow processing time before reaching out to Back in Form for scheduling. If you wish to continue training after the special promotion, you will arrange future sessions with Back in Form at their regular rate.

For more information about registering or enabling access to the Fitness Center contact us at 408-223-4643.

Sign up for new year cooking class with Dayna!

Join us for a cooking class with Chef Dayna Pawlowski of SimpleCIOUS! No experience required. The class will be offered **Monday January 29** from **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. Dayna will provide the ingredients and materials needed to prepare your delicious dishes. The menu for this class will be:

- Shrimp and mango-salsa stuffed avocados
- Tomato and grilled zucchini puff pastry with apple, fennel, gorgonzola slaw
- Andouille sausage with dirty rice

Once the appetizer is complete you can nosh on it while continuing cooking; the rest of the meal is enjoyed family style by participants while clean up takes place. At the end of the class, you will be given the recipes you learned to practice more at home for your friends and neighbors. Please note this class is four hours long, but time flies when you are having fun!

Register in Building B during office hours. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 19** or sooner if spots fill up. The cost per attendee is \$128 (ingredients and other materials included).

Dayna began simpleCIOUS in 2008 as a catering business and expanded not long after to provide cooking instruction to all ages. Be sure to sign up early as space is very limited!

Botticelli trip cancelled

The trip to the Botticelli Drawings exhibit has been cancelled because we did not have enough registrants to cover the cost of the trip. All Community Activities trips are self-supporting. Our office has reached out to everyone who signed up. Please contact us with any questions.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

the cost of the activity. All sales are final.

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

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

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

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

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

Sign up for 'Heart Healthy Eating' class

Join Natsuko Tsuji for the "Heart Healthy Eating" nutrition class on **Friday, February 9** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Sequoia Room. This class will cover steps to prevent heart diseases, differences between healthy fat and unhealthy fat, how to choose heart-friendly food when you go out to eat, easy ways to incorporate plant-based foods, and meal planning tips. At the end of the class, Natusko will share her favorite heart-healthy recipes.

The cost is \$41 per person. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 8. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 26.**

Natsuko Tsuji, MS, RDN is a registered dietitian nutritionist and holds a master's degree in Nutritional Science. You may know her as our current Pilates instructor. She also currently teaches nutrition classes at San Jose State University and has experience in providing nutritional assessments and counseling. Natsuko is also a certified chef and yoga teacher.

New TV and remote upgrades

We're pleased to share the improvements to our facility televisions and checkout remotes we made this year:

1. New Equipment: Enjoy a brand new TV in the Cribari Conference Room, and a new TV monitor in the Forum Room.

2. New Instructions: We've updated the television instructions for the Cribari Conference Room, Montgomery Center, Vineyard Center, and Foothill Center. These instructions are included with the TV remote when you check it out from Building B. Our goal was for the TV options to be more similar, making it easier for users familiar with one TV to use the others. If you would like to schedule time at one of these spaces to review the new instructions, please reach out to us.

3. HDMI Upgrades: We've added new HDMI cables (except in the Forum Room, which is coming soon) with convenient hooks near the TVs for easier connecting. Please remember to turn on your device and connect it to the TV via the HDMI cord before you turn on the television.

4. Extra remotes for the Forum Room and Sequoia Room are now available. These remotes have no instructions, as those televisions are for display purposes only.

A special shoutout to our Audio-Visual Technician, John Trudeau, for his hard work and dedication in making these updates possible.

Some Friendly Reminders: Please handle all equipment (whether a facility fixture or a checked-out item) with care. Once you finish with the equipment, please return it to the original setting before leaving. If you use your own streaming account, please make sure to log out of it before leaving the facility. These practices help keep our community spaces enjoyable for everyone.

Guest Room reminders

Each of our four guest rooms includes a bathroom, TV, mini fridge, and coffee pot. For you and your future guests here are a few reminders:

- You can reserve up to six months in advance.
- After hours key pickup at the Front Gate is available by request.
- **Pets are not allowed**

Please call the Community Activities department at 408-754-1336 for more information or to reserve. Additional information can also be found in Club Rule 1.22.

Other trips and classes — updates

| Description | Date | Status |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| De Young Museum trip in San Francisco | Jan. 5 | Sold out |
| Mat Pilates class in Cribari Conf. Room | Jan. 9 - Feb. 17 | Sold out |
| Doox of Yale concert at Cribari | Jan. 13 | Registration closed |
| Yoga class in Cribari Auditorium | Jan. 17 - Feb. 21 | Sold out |
| "The Wiz" musical in San Francisco | Jan. 31 | Sold out |
| Botticelli exhibit in San Francisco | Feb. 1 | Cancelled |

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

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

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

The Clubhouse Curbside service charge is 15 percent. The service charge for the Indoor and Patio Dining is 18 percent.

NOTICE:

Clubhouse and Bistro to be closed

Monday, January 8 for Maintenance

(see notice on page 9)

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

Clubhouse is open for full service

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

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

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.*

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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



Soup of the Day

For the week of 1/8 to 1/14

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday | January 8 | CLOSED for Maintenance |
| Tuesday | January 9 | Cream of Broccoli |
| Wednesday | January 10 | Chicken and Tortellini |
| Thursday | January 11 | French Onion |
| Friday | January 12 | Seafood Chowder |
| Saturday | January 13 | Chef's Choice |
| Sunday | January 14 | Chef's Choice |

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

| Monday | Tuesday to Friday | Saturday and Sunday |
|--|--|---|
| Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> | 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. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> | 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. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> |

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

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

Bistro Menu 2pm-8pm

Appetizers

GF Potato Skins \$14.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

Wings BBQ, Teriyaki, or Buffalo Sauce 6Pc \$13.95
Celery and Carrots, Ranch Dressing

V Villages Nachos \$12.95
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green Onions Add Beef or Chicken \$4

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning.

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg rolls with Dipping Sauce

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings, Tentacles and Parmesan Parsley

Soup of the Day \$5.50/ \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Asian Salad \$14.75
Cabbage, Carrots, 4Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with Sesame Ginger Dressing
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
Mixed Greens, black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions, topped with toasted Tortilla Strips Cilantro Lime Dressing Add grilled chicken or Beef \$4

V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw

V Quesadilla \$13.95
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole,
Add Chicken or Beef \$4

Street Tacos \$13.95
Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

Sides \$5.50
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Chili Con Carne

Sandwiches With Sides

Jumbo all Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish.
Add Cheddar or Chili \$2

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat
Add Avocado, Bacon, Cheese \$2

Chicken Club on Focaccia Bread \$15.95
Roasted Chicken, Bacon, Swiss Cheese and LTO

Reuben \$14.95
Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, 1000 Island Dressing.

Classic BLT \$13.50
Iceberg, Tomatoes, and Bacon on Toasted Sourdough

Naan Pizza Crust Red Sauce with Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95

V Margherita Pizza \$12.25

Combination Pizza \$14.95

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, Peppers

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95

Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers

Arugula

BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95

Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar, Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Sub \$2

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Breakfast Menu

Tuesday to Friday 8am to 11am. Saturdays 7am to 11am. Sundays 7am to 2pm

V French Toast \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

V Short Stack Pancakes \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

V Belgium Waffles \$10.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

Bagel BLT and Egg \$10.75
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Burrito \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Salsa
Choice of Bacon or Sausage

Montgomery Muffin \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Bacon or Ham, Cheddar Cheese, and Fruit

Lox and Bagels \$15.95
Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

Avocado Spread Sourdough Toast \$12.50
Fried Egg, Bacon, and Tomato

Chicken and Waffle \$13.95
2 Piece Chicken Tenders, Belgian Waffle, Fruit

Sides
Egg \$2.75, Breakfast Meats \$4, Hash Browns or Country Potatoes \$3, Toast \$2

French Roast Coffee \$1.95

Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95

Non-Dairy Creamer Available Upon Request
GF Gluten Free Bread Available \$1.50 Extra

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs Any Style with Sausage Links, Ham, or Bacon. With Potatoes or Fruit, Choice of Toast

Three Egg Omelet \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4.
Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Skillet Scrambler \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3, Bay Shrimp \$4 Served w/ Potatoes or Fruit and Toast

Ralph's Special (Loco Moco) \$14.95
2 Eggs, Potatoes or Rice, and Ground Sirloin Patty with Gravy, Choice of Toast

Huevos Rancheros \$12.50
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Black Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

Eggs Benedict \$14.95
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce
Served with Choice of Potatoes or Fruit

Eggs Florentine Benedict \$14.75
Two Poached Eggs, & Spinach, Feta and Tomatoes over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce.
Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs \$14.95
2 Eggs, House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Sundays Only

Oatmeal With Raisins, Bananas, Syrup, Fruit \$9.25

Country Cornbread with Sweet Butter, Fruit \$8.50

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm Last Order

Starters

Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls with Dipping Sauce

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Piece Skewered on Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Dipping Sauce

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Linguini and Clams \$16.95
White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

Pasta Puttanesca \$15.95
Spaghetti with Zucchini, Capers, Eggplants Olives and Garlic. Essence of Anchovies

V Butternut Squash Ravioli \$15.95
Creamy Garlic Sauce

Spaghetti Tuscan Ragu \$16.95
Beef Chuck and Sausages with Tomatoes, Mirepoix Garnished with Basil

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$39.95
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

Dinner Entrées

Accompanied by 2 Sides.
Mashed Potatoes, Saffron Infused Rice
Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives
Or Daily Vegetables Sides

Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees

Crispy Muscovy Duck Breast \$29.95
Dark Cherry Brandy Sauce

Chicken Parmesan \$26.95
Panko Breaded with Mozzarella Marinara Sauce

Country Pot Roast \$28.95
Slow Braised with Herbs and Vegetables

New York Steak \$32.50
Green Peppercorn Sauce

Rosemary Braised Lamb Shanks \$33.95
Slow Braised with Red Wine and Mirepoix

Country Breaded Bone In Pork Chop \$28.95
Smothered with Gravy

Calf Liver and Onions \$26.95
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

Stuffed Sole with Bay Shrimp \$26.95
with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes and Ricotta Topped with Mornay Sauce

Blackened Creole Salmon \$27.95
With Corn Verde Salsa

Salt and Pepper Prawns \$28.95
Crushed chili, Chinese Five Spices, White Pepper, Garlic and Onions Tossed and Sautéed.

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Weekly Specials

For the week of 1/9 to 1/14

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 1/9 to Sunday 1/14

Villager Breakfast Slam: Eggs Any Style, Bacon and One Pancake \$15.50

Lunch Specials:

Tuesday 1/9 to Sunday 1/14

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cheese Tortellini with Gorgonzola and Walnuts: With a Garlic Cream Sauce \$16.50

Roasted Beet and Goat Cheese Salad: Roasted Beets, goat Cheese, Apples, Red Onion, Caramelized Walnuts and Arugula with a Balsamic Vinaigrette \$15.95

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 1/9 to Saturday 1/14

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Filet Mignon, Bearnaise: Center Cut 7-oz. Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce with Choice of Sides \$55.00

Orange Roughy: With a Caper Beurre Blanc Sauce with Choice of Sides \$29.95

Lunch Menu 11am to 2pm

Appetizers

GF Potato Skins \$14.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions, and Sour Cream

Wings 6Pc \$13.95
With Carrots, Celery, Ranch Dressing
With BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasonings.

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Piece Skewers on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Chicken Lumpias \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls Dipping Sauce

V Villages Nachos \$12.95
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green Onions. Add Beef or Chicken \$4

Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

South of the Border

Rotisserie Chicken Enchiladas \$15.95
Refried Black Beans, Spanish Rice and Tomatillo Sauce

V Quesadilla \$13.95 Add Chicken or Beef \$4
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole.

Street Tacos \$13.95
Grilled Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on Mini-Corn

Villager Favorite

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw

V Lunch 3 Egg Omelet with Fruit \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach, Tomatoes.
Choice of Toast
Ham, Bacon, or Cheese Add \$3, Bay Shrimp \$4

Sandwiches and Such with choice of Sides Included

Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Sides \$5.50

Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries,
Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Chili con Carne

Jumbo All Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish.
Add Cheddar or Chili \$2

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or
Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or
Plant Based Meat
Add Avocado, Bacon or Cheese add \$2

Turkey Brie On Focaccia Bread \$15.95
With Cranberry Chutney and Alfalfa Sprouts

French Dip with Au Jus \$14.95
Roast Beef, Onions, w/ Jack Cheese, Hoagie

Melts: Tuna Salad, Bay Shrimp or Patty \$14.95
Grilled Sourdough, Cheddar Cheese Caramelized Onions. Substitute Impossible Patty Add \$1.00

V Veggie Melt \$15.95
Herbed Garlic Aioli, Grilled Veggies, including Bell Pepper, Zucchini, Onions, and Portabella packed into Hoagie Roll with Mozzarella Cheese

Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95 V Margherita Tomato Pizza \$12.25

Combination Pizza \$14.95

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers,

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95

Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers and Arugula

BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95

Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar and Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

Soup or Salads

Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

GF Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

V Asian Salad \$14.25
Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with a Sesame Ginger Dressing. Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns \$6

Grilled Sirloin Salad \$16.25
On a Bed of Greens, Avocados, Cucumbers Cherry Tomatoes, Balsamic Vinaigrette.

V Greek Salad \$14.75
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Feta cheese and Olives with Peppercornini, Lettuce, Red Wine Vinegar
Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
Mixed Greens, Black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions Topped with Toasted Tortilla Strips
Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4 Cilantro Lime Dressing

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

Shrimp Louie \$16.25
Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard-Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island Dressing

Half Stuffed Avocado Salad \$14.95
Chicken or Tuna Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Hard Boiled Egg

Over Rice

V. Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Pork Adobo Over Rice \$16.95
Braised with Soy, Vinegar Black Pepper, Garlic, Onions

Chicken ala King \$16.95
Rotisserie Chicken Breast with Peas, Carrots, Onions, Mushrooms in a Cream Sauce over Rice

The Clubhouse

**BUY ONE APPETIZER
GET ONE HALF-OFF**



**Appetizer Special!
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday**

*Item must be of equal or lesser value.
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.



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.



Dessert Menu

\$6.95

House Made Vanilla Crème Brule with Berries
Creamy Custard Topped with Glazed Caramelized Sugar

Chocolate Lava Cake (Warm)
Chocolate Cake with Creamy Fondant

House Made Bourbon Bread Pudding
New Orleans Style Bourbon Glaze and Frosting

Pecan Pie
Buttery Shortbread Crust Topped with Hand Placed Glazed Pecan Halves

New York Style Cheesecake
Raspberry Coulis and Berries

\$5.25

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes

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. One-bottle limit per two guests.

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

Available now!



Clubhouse Whole Rotisserie Chicken is Here!

Call Curbside: 408-370-8553
Or Website:
www.clubhouserreservation.com

Orders Need to Be Placed Early for Evening Pickup

Orders Taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Orders are Picked Up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$12.95 plus Service Charge and Tax.



Clubhouse Closed
Monday, January 8
for Maintenance

Monday, January 8, the Clubhouse, Bistro & Bar will be closed.

The main dishwasher must be replaced—and the removal and replacement task is an all-day endeavor.

We apologize for any inconvenience! All Food & Beverage services will reopen **Tuesday, January 9**.

For more details, please email Albert at: asalcedo@the-villages.com or call the Clubhouse at **408-223-4688**.

Be safe, be seen—VMA Safety Vests

Now that it's dark at an early hour, it's extremely important that you wear bright, reflective clothing to ensure oncoming drivers can clearly see you.

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has yellow/green reflective vests available, which are free to Villagers. The safety vests are stored at the VMA office in Cribari Center. Pick up your complementary vest at the VMA office during business hours 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

One size fits all, one per household. Go get a vest!

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Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax



The Clubhouse



Online Meal Ordering

A fast and convenient way to order meals from The Clubhouse

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



Phone
Tablet
Desktop



Happy New Year, neighbors.

Bob Fillhouer, Agent
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San Jose, CA 95135
Bus: 408-558-7771

I wish all my neighbors a healthy, happy and safe New Year. Here's to this year bringing you nothing but the best.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 5

| | | |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise | A |
| 9 a.m. | Catholic Mass | CR |
| 9 a.m. | Chinese Morning Exercise | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Chapel Music Committee | SEQ |
| 10 a.m. | Open Studio | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Line Dance | A |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 10 a.m. | Republican Club | F |
| 12:30 p.m. | Bridge Club at Villages | RED |
| 1 p.m. | Senior Academy | F |
| 3 p.m. | Handbell Ensemble | CR |
| 6 p.m. | Line Dance | FC |
| 6:30 p.m. | Mexican Train Dominoes | MC |

Saturday, January 6

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| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ukulele Sing Along | SEQ |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 1 p.m. | Table Tennis Tournament | MC |

Sunday, January 7

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|-----------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 7:00 a.m. | Catholic Mass | A |
| 7:30 a.m. | Catholic Choir | CR |
| 9 a.m. | Chapel Choir | SEQ |
| 9 a.m. | Episcopal Services | MC |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 10 a.m. | Community Chapel | A |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 10 a.m. | Valle Vista DAC | FC |
| 11 a.m. | Valle Vista New Year Brunch | CH |
| 5 p.m. | Catholic Choir Party | RED |

Monday, January 8

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise | A |
| 9 a.m. | Chinese Morning Exercise | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | EPC Sector Chiefs | FC |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Villages Jewish Community | MC |
| 9:45 a.m. | Search the Scriptures | VC |
| 10 a.m. | Acrylics Open Studio | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Line Dance | CR |
| 10:30 a.m. | Fitness Center Advisory | F |
| 1 p.m. | Stitchery | PR |
| 2 p.m. | Senior Academy | FC |
| 3 p.m. | 18 Hole Women's Golf | CR |
| 5:30 p.m. | Village Dancers | A |
| 7 p.m. | Duplicate Bridge | RED |

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

Tuesday, January 9

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|------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 8 a.m. | Tai Chi Group 1 | CR |
| 8:45 a.m. | Tai Chi Group 2 | CR |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MPP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Line Dance | A |
| 10 a.m. | Poetry in Art | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Intro to Line Dance | A |
| 10 a.m. | Mat Pilates | CR |
| 10 a.m. | Ukulele Club | PR |
| 11 a.m. | 9 Hole Women's Golf | SEQ |
| 11:30 a.m. | Live Stronger Longer | A |
| 1 p.m. | Bocce Club Board | PR |
| 3:30 p.m. | Village Voices Board | PR |
| 5 p.m. | Villages Music Society | PR |
| 5 p.m. | Villages Club for Desis | SEQ |
| 7 p.m. | Amateur Radio Club | FC |
| 7 p.m. | Concert Band Rehearsal | A |

Wednesday, January 10

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| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise | A |
| 9 a.m. | Chinese Morning Exercise | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 9:15 a.m. | Villages Medical Auxiliary | MC |
| 10 a.m. | Watercolor Open Studio | AR |
| 11 a.m. | Israeli Folk Dance | CR |
| 2 p.m. | Village Readers | MC |
| 3:30 p.m. | Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) Board | PR |
| 4 p.m. | History of Israel | F |
| 5:30 p.m. | Village Dancers Group 2 | A |
| 6:30 p.m. | Mexican Train Dominoes | MC |
| 7 p.m. | Duplicate Bridge | RED |
| 7 p.m. | Wellness & Spirituality | CR |

7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, January 11

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| 8 a.m. | Tai Chi Group 1 | CR |
| 8:45 a.m. | Tai Chi Group 2 | CR |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 10 a.m. | Writing, Pastels | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Communication Advisory | F |
| 10 a.m. | Line Dance | CR |
| 10 a.m. | Live Stronger Longer | A |
| 11:30 a.m. | 18 Hole Women Lunch | CH |
| 12:30 p.m. | Ukulele Club | VC |
| 1 p.m. | Chapel Bible Small Group | SEQ |
| 3 p.m. | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | CR |
| 3 p.m. | Villages Golf Committee | MC |
| 4 p.m. | Pickleball Club | PR |
| 6 p.m. | Highland DAC | FC |

Friday, January 12

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| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise | A |
| 9 a.m. | Catholic Mass | CR |
| 9 a.m. | Chinese Morning Exercise | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | MMP |
| 10 a.m. | Open Studio | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Line Dance | A |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 12:30 p.m. | Bridge Club at Villages | RED |
| 3 p.m. | Handbell Ensemble | CR |
| 3 p.m. | Villages Amateur Theatre | A |
| 6 p.m. | Line Dance | FC |
| 6:30 p.m. | Mexican Train Dominoes | MC |
| 7 p.m. | World Today | PR |



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Fitness

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1:15 & 7:15

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Upcoming 2024 Programs

Hearing Screening: Hearing Life will provide free screenings on **Tuesday, January 16 from 10 a.m. - noon.** Please call the office to schedule your appointment at 408-238-4230.

Enough is Enough – Reclaiming Control of Our Lives as we Age: As we age it seems as if we lose control over our day to day lives. Chaplain Dale Poland, M. Div, BCC of Hospice of the Valley – Sutter Health will explain some common misconceptions. **Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Noon** in the Sequoia Room. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

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

2024 Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will resume **January 22** 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. will conduct the monthly group starting **Thursday, February 15** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month starting Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.



Club Events & Notices



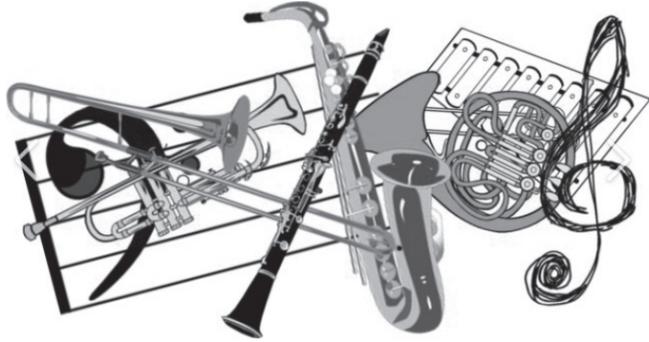
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CLUBS & EVENTS

The Villages Concert Band wants you!

The Villages Music Society's Concert Band wants you to sign up! Do you play an instrument? Do you have more of a 'groupie' nature? On the lookout for donating to a non-profit?



Band rehearsals start again **January 9, 2024**. They are every **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. **January 16** will be a special open house night where all are welcome to come and check out the band—bring an instrument and sit in!

Do you play an instrument and want to participate with a group here

at The Villages? We would like to talk to anyone about any instrument. The band has a wonderful director—Melson Varsovia, and in addition to being a teacher and bassoonist, he is a delight to perform with. Besides traditional wind instruments, brass, and percussion we have in the past incorporated cellos, violins, stand-up bass, electric guitar, piano, etc. We are only limited by our imagination, and we even have an under-utilized marimba desperate to be heard!

Do you not play an instrument but want to help the band operations? We need people to help with publicity, ticket sales, and setup/tear down. If there is a budding writer out there to help with the Villager articles, here is an opportunity. If you enjoy narration or being an emcee—you would be welcomed with open arms! Ticket sale support happens the Saturday morning before a concert for a couple of hours at the auditorium, and then selling and taking tickets at the time of the performance. We also need help passing out programs, helping our patrons find seats, and possibly setting up refreshments.

Do you still want to support the band but neither of those options appeal to you? Monetary contributions would help with music purchases, instrument accessories, and overhead expenses. We traditionally offer fellowships to local high school musicians, and occasionally bring in collaborators to perform on their own and sit-in with the band as needed.

Send an email about your interest in joining up to ConcertBandVMS@gmail.com or call 1-408-802-1804. We hope you are ready to enlist!

Senior Academy's annual meeting open to all



Senior Academy is delighted to invite all Villagers to its Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 4 p.m.** in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. There we will introduce you to our new calendar of upcoming events, present our Board, provide live music, offer an awesome display of hors d'oeuvres and beverages and share with you what great presentations await you in 2024 through Senior Academy.

This is a free event open to everyone in the hopes that if you are not already a member, you will choose to become one of us. We are one of the largest organizations in The Villages with the goal of expanding your horizons through a diversified menu of one- to two-hour lectures and courses, presented by experts in their respective fields.

Pre-registration is essential. Please contact Mattie Alesi at SeniorAcademyReg@gmail.com or at 408-239-0513 or visit our website at VillagesSA.org

Join Drawing Class—something new in 2024!



There is always room for new adventures, especially when it comes to re-discovering the joy of drawing! Embarking on a creative journey can be a rejuvenating experience, and this four-week Beginning Drawing class is designed to be both enjoyable and enriching.

It will cover the basic fundamentals of drawing, with lessons on eye-hand coordination, pencil techniques, positive/negative space, creating realism, and basic portraiture. In other words, how to bring simple sketches to life. Classes include both lecture and demonstration components with the majority of the time spent actively drawing.

Ciel's popular classes are fun, stress-free, and designed to unlock your imagination while you build confidence in your artistic ability! Making new friends

while engaging in this personally rewarding pastime is guaranteed!

This Beginning Drawing class will take place on four **Wednesdays, January 10-31**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The fee is \$120 and includes all materials and supplies. Register by emailing Barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Start new year with dance to 'Oye Cómo Va'

"Oye Cómo Va," the wildly popular Latin song written by Tito Puente in 1962 translates to "Hey, how is it going?" Tito studied composing, orchestration and piano at Julliard and collaborated with guitarist Carlos Santana to release a new version of the song in 2007.

1-2 Cha Cha Cha.
3-4 Cha Cha Cha.
Let's start the new year with a month of Latin dancing to this classic salsa song, along with Santana's rock touches on the guitar.



The style of dance for January is Latin. Songs and genres change monthly. You are sure to find your favorite as well as challenge yourself with something new.

The Just-For-Fun dance group meets **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed.

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

30% federal tax credit on battery storage and solar installs

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Community

Since 2022, if you install solar panels and/or storage batteries you can receive a 30 percent federal tax credit no matter what your income. It is in effect now and will be for the next nine years. Why delay your tax savings? Install solar panels and/or storage battery now. You will also reduce your monthly energy cost, and may only pay around \$10 per month. Moreover, you save more of the planet by reducing the carbon emissions that you will not produce and hopefully generate more electricity than you need and electricity others can use. Energy rates continue to raise. If you would like information and assistance to answer some questions about installing solar and assistance to navigate the process required by The Villages, contact our team at drmaxa@comcast.net or 408-425-0614. For more information, visit sustainablevillagescommunity.org.



Village Readers: Do you want to join a book group?

A meeting of The Village Readers Club will be held at **2 p.m.** on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**, at Montgomery Center. Any Villager who would like to join an existing group or to form a new group is invited to attend. There are currently 12 book groups, each with eight to 10 members. Each book group is managed independently and functions differently, from the genre of books read to the snacks provided. Groups usually meet once a month in members' homes. If you love to read, want to make new friends, and enjoy interesting book discussions, please attend. Please contact Trudy Nicholls (trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Cribari holds sold-out NYE dance!



Villagers dance the night away at Cribari's sold-out New Year's Rockin' Eve party on Sunday, December 31.



Helpers Deb Gordon, Susie Conklin, Helen Ware and Jaye Miguel.

By Deb Gordon

The Cribari New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance was a great success. Tickets sold out in six days and 150 Villagers enjoyed dancing to the music provided by DJayZee, who also had a big screen on stage projecting images of folks dancing. It felt like the Auditorium had turned into a real Disco. We also had a beautiful photo spot for everyone to use, created by Elena Johal. The food provided was plentiful with hors d'oeuvres, treats and dessert. A team of residents worked together for hours to create a beautiful display of finger foods, charcuterie boards, and humus plates with fruits and vegetables.

Bernice Toy's Monday night dancers opened up the dancing by performing a fun show for everyone and then inviting others to join them on the floor. After that, the floor filled with couples and friends dancing to all kinds of music until the night closed at 12:30 a.m. Since it was New Year's Eve, we had a champagne toast done twice—once at 11 p.m. for those wishing to leave early and an official countdown at midnight.

Many wonderful Villagers volunteered to help make this event happen. The setup and decorating were done by Joanne Bennett, Deb Gordon, Jaye Miguel, Helen Ware, Tony Orlando, Susie Conklin and Ro Miller. Registration was done by Janelle Marines, Jaye Miguel, Helen Ware and Susie Conklin. The dedicated team of volunteers who created the food with the lead of Fred Alkacos included Jim Ware, Kristel Moffett, Elena Johal, Stan Evert, Janelle Marines and Louise Connors among others. Cleanup was thankfully assisted by many who were still there at midnight! Happy New Year—may 2024 be a stellar year for all!

Opera Lovers to present 'La Forza del Destino'

On **Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "La Forza del Destino" by Giuseppe Verdi.

This Metropolitan Opera production gives us the opportunity to hear the extraordinarily beautiful voice of Leontyne Price as Leonora. Her prayerful arias, such as "Pace, pace mio Dio," bring tears to your eyes. Leonora and Don Alvaro (Giuseppe Giacomini) are deeply in love, but Leonora's father, the Marquis of Calatrava, and brother, Don Carlo (Leo Nucci), do not regard him as worthy of Leonora. Don Carlo never believes that they are without sin and he fervently strives to keep them apart.



There are duels, deaths (this is grand opera!), and also some lighthearted moments, thanks to the fortuneteller Preziosilla (Isola Jones), but it is religion that plays a large part in this opera's plot. The frequently heard overture to this opera, conducted by James Levine, draws us into the drama we are about to witness.

We look forward to welcoming you on January 18 in Montgomery Center—no registration is needed, all Villagers are invited. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Also visit VillagesMusicSociety.org for additional information about all VMS events.

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

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Arts and Crafts watercolor exhibit to open Jan. 16

By Michael Sunzeri

On Tuesday, January 16, Arts and Crafts will hang our first exhibit of the new year in the Cribari Conference Room. This exhibit features two artists who share a love of painting watercolor. You will read about Linda Hackel next week, but this week we learn a bit about Jane Smith. Jane is a native of Merion, an area north of Philadelphia where she grew up. Just after high school she went to Penn State and studied in the medical field as a virologist and in respiratory. This was her life's work until retirement. Then with prompting from her brother, a commercial artist, Jane took up painting and something else fun, golf. She also took travel classes. Later, Jane moved to Foster City and in 2003 moved to the Villages.



Jane Smith

Immediately Jane joined Arts and Crafts and enhanced her painting in watercolor with classes from one of her favorite teachers, Linda Sieker. Chris Cairns helped prompt her along with online classes. She did dabble a bit in pastels, but watercolor is her stable. Jane also notes that getting it right the first time while painting watercolor is a must. She likes the shine of light in her work and often paints from her own photos whether it be birds and flowers or complex landscape and she feels a connection to Monet's work. Now she paints and then makes cards of her work and many of those paintings hang in key places of her home. You will get the chance to see some of her work from January 16 through April 8.

Cat Club: Here's to a fantastic new year!

The newly formed Cat Club will hold their first meeting on **January 22 from 2 to 4**

in the Vineyard center. We will gather as a group to have our picture taken for the Spotlight Magazine.

With over 70 members already signed up, it is advised that you arrive early. The capacity of the Vineyard center is 70!

Hopefully there will be enough time to discuss some club issues. If any-



one can help create an email blast, please contact Bette Loomis. There has already been an urgent need to have communication between cat owners in The Villages.

Don't miss this Inaugural meeting. It will be a Villages first for cat-friendly people!

Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) notice

Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) will *not* be holding any meetings until further notice. Our presenter has a family member in southern California with a serious health problem and will not be available for a while. The club will let everyone know if and when we will meet again.



Sign up for Watercolor Plus Mixed-Media Painting

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



Still life by Liz Muzio

Join Doug for this interesting class, **Thursdays, January 11 through February 8, 10 a.m.**

– **12 noon** in the Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

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

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

Join us in 2024 for a new year of study groups with The Villages Study Groups Club!
 Meet new friends and learn about history, dancing, food, movies, books, and more.

Find out about the club and check out our calendar of events at **studygroups.vgcc.club**

Dues for the year 2024 will be \$25 per person, and will be billed to your Villages house account.

Join today on the website or email the information below to **Yvette Katz ykatz256@gmail.com**

Please one membership application for each person.

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More CLUBS

Learn skills to help write your stories

Over the holidays you may have told and listened to many family stories that are the oral history of you and your loved ones. Now is the time to put some of those stories into written form.

Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman will show you how in their four-week writing seminar, **Thursdays, January 18 – February 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room.

In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, you will learn at least eight skills about constructing one-incident stories from your childhood, of about one page each. Reading the stories aloud and receiving interesting comments will help refine each story. Who knows? You may be on your way to writing more and more memories to entertain yourself and your family!

The class fee is \$35. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com



Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman

Barbara Lee to speak at Foothill Center

By Howie Blumstein



In about two months California primary elections will be held on Super Tuesday (March 5) to determine who will face off in November for Dianne Feinstein's former Senate seat. Three Democratic congressional representatives—Barbara Lee, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff—declared their candidacies about a year ago. Republican contender Steve Garvey recently announced his candidacy to engage in the competitive process to advance to the general election in November.

Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be joining us on **Wednesday, January 24** at 7 p.m. in Foothill Center, sponsored by The Villages Democratic Club. Join us to hear her views, what differentiates her from the other candidates, and why she is taking on this monumental endeavor. Enjoy a glass of wine or a nonalcoholic beverage and some snacks as you consider her candidacy and ask her your questions. Registration is available

at VillagesDemClub.com.

Sign up for concert by SF Yiddish Combo

Join us for an evening of fun and wonderful music with the San Francisco Yiddish Combo. Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community, this event will be held **Friday January 26** at 7 p.m. at Cribari Auditorium, \$20 per person billed to your house account. Reservations will be taken by Celia Schiffner. She can be reached at 631-678-7109 or celia.schiffner@gmail.com

The San Francisco Yiddish Combo (SFYC) was formed by accident when a love of Klezmer music collided with their collective backgrounds in every genre except Klezmer. Now the SFYC is embarked on a journey around the world to present their own unique blend of everything that is Klezmer, mixed with years of experience in the jazz, blues, folk, and even hip-hop world.



Made up of classically trained musicians who enjoy stretching musical boundaries, the SFYC is led by cellist Rebecca Roudman who has fronted groups all over the world bringing her virtuosic and fiery playing to stages from China to Italy and beyond. The group performs with a fresh spin on Klezmer with plenty of recognizable nods to an eclectic mix of genres.



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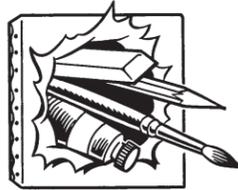
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CLUB CALENDARS

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR



All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at villagesartsandcrafts.org

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

Mondays and Tuesdays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Pat Andrade, beginning at 2 p.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Tuesdays: Poetry in Art with Colleen Mirassou and Barb Gottesman beginning at 10:30 a.m.

January 10 – January 31: Beginning Drawing with Ceil Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$120. All materials furnished. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com.

January 11 – February 8: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

January 18 – February 8: Mining Your Memories – Writing Seminar with Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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

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

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



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE



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

Rambler Hike January 10: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike beginning at the parking lot behind Subway/Village Grill by Evergreen Square (across Michelangelo Drive from the Walmart Store). The hike then goes to Lake Murillo and by Evergreen Valley High School, on by Carolyn Clark Elementary School and continues toward the Sikh Temple. We next will head to Fowler Creek Park via an off-street trail. This then takes us back to the Farmers Market at Evergreen Square. There, folks can buy some fruits and veggies and conveniently bring them home in their cars. This hike is about 4 miles and has a max elevation climb of about 111 feet. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike January 10: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike January 17: Gary Lohr (408-912-5124), will lead a hike at Lake Almaden. The hike along Los Alamitos Creek is about 3 1/2 miles round trip and is mostly sunny and flat. Meet at Cribari at 9am for a 9:15 departure. Round trip is about 18 miles.

Rambler Lite Hike January 17: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

RELIGION

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

By Rabbi Marvin Schwab

As we enter the new secular year, we also move into a new book in our cycle of reading the Five Books of Moses. Genesis has come to an end and Exodus is beginning. The narratives and stories poetically telling us of the creation the world and the origin of the Children of Israel, give way to the crucible of oppression that ultimately leads to People of Israel. After living peacefully as neighbors with the Egyptians, there is a horrible shift in the way the Jews are seen.

Rather than remembering Joseph, his wisdom and his service to Pharaoh of his time, he is forgotten. The extraordinary way he navigated and managed the seven years of plenty followed by the seven years of famine, saving countless lives and adding immeasurably to the coffers of Egypt, count for nothing. A new Pharaoh takes to the throne, and all he sees are people with different traditions, aliens who could be a threat. The religion of the Jews, which sees a single God, if it spreads, could be a challenge to Pharaoh's authority as a god on earth.

With a simple statement on the part of Pharaoh to his advisors, that, "we must deal wisely with them," the Children of Israel become slaves. Is it really possible that our freedom could be so easily taken from us? The answer, through the ages has been yes. It takes great suffering, wonders and 10 plagues for us to recover our freedom, and return to our promised land from Egypt.

In spite of a modern politician's comment that the Exodus from Egypt was 3,000 years ago and that the Jews should, "just get over it," we still recall and tell the story. We do so not to make victims of ourselves, but to remind ourselves of just how precious, and fragile, freedom is.

Over the millennia we teach our children, and anyone who will listen, that freedom must never be taken for granted. It must be guarded, protected and nurtured. May we always have the strength and the wisdom to do just that, not just for ourselves, but for the sake of all those who want to live free and in peace.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Epiphany'

By Rusty Weekes

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated worldwide on the 12th day after Christmas (From January 2 to 6) I have come to understand it is more than a feast day. Growing up I thought the Epiphany was the day we took our Christmas tree down. Upon further review the Epiphany is not just a Sunday, nor is just a day to put away your Christmas ornaments. More than a day; it is a season. The season begins in early January and lasts until the start of Lent. It is a time of celebration, of acknowledgement and preparation. During the Epiphany season we rejoice in the arrival of the baby Jesus (Christmas) we also acknowledge that God the Father has sent his Son to become man, and we prepare for our 40-day journey (Lent) to celebrate the penultimate gift. (Easter)

Although essentially the same, the celebration of the Epiphany is nuanced. Both countries and religions have their own way of celebrating. The visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus and the wedding at Cana are main elements of this feast. The Epiphany serves as a celebration for the end of the Christmas season and sounds a clarion call to the journey in front of us, a journey that climaxes on Easter Sunday with the Resurrection which is at the very core of our faith. "He died for our sins".

The opening prayer for Epiphany Sunday is: "Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

During this Epiphany season God will reveal himself to us.

While taking down the tree and putting away decorations be open to the ways God speaks to you. Listen closely, there is something there for everyone.

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., January 8 at Vineyard Center**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.



EPISCOPAL

'Behold!'

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

This Sunday, churches that follow a liturgical calendar will celebrate the *Epiphany* of our Lord, using a word that is no longer in common parlance. And that's a shame, because our days are full of epiphanies, if we know what to look for. Classically, an epiphany is any manifestation of the divine. Which this season's scripture readings offer in abundance, to those of us looking for Christ. We hear stories of his baptism in the River Jordan, of his mission being recognized by both unclean spirits and apostles, and by his brilliant revelation on the mountain of the Transfiguration.

These epiphanies—manifestations of God—seem extraordinary in part because they are well-known stories with canonical status. But in real life, were the events really so dramatic? Is it possible that the moments when we recognize the truly good people and events in our lives—and equally when we recognize real danger—we are having epiphanies? When something or someone "shimmers" in our hearts with its God-given sacredness, might that be an epiphany as well? For me, the season of Epiphany—what I like to think of as a season of *beholding*—is an invitation to keep my eyes open and my heart attuned. Heads up: the epiphany of God might be happening right where we are, right now.

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

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Take Your Time'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

When you have been given an opportunity to accomplish a goal and your instructor doesn't want you to be hasty but to explore resources in making the optimum decisions...that is grace. Giving people too much time to accomplish goals can be ineffective when a person is not motivated within their heart to take responsibility.

As we now enter 2024 and some things we thought were important last year have fallen by the wayside. Can you recall the things on your list that you really wanted to change to make a difference? How much of a priority did you give to those ideas? It's easy to keep letting things that once were vital to your overall wellbeing continue to slip when you think that you have a lot of time.

It is interesting that people will value the fleeting things of life more than their eternal security. Everything in the material world has time limits and people are living as though there are no boundaries. Acts 17:26-28 NKJV 26 *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*

Events have occurred in history to draw men to return to God and not be driven from Him. There isn't a day that passes by without a major event happening to draw man's attention to the Lord Jesus Christ. The deception is in thinking that we can manage on our own lives, not realizing that everything begins and ends with God.

By all means... be diligent in taking the time that God has allotted for us to seek and find Him. Know that we were created for eternity and we will decide whether it is with God in Heaven or not.

Come join us in the Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m. when Pastor Bill will deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message to you, then enjoy fellowship afterwards with some coffee, cookies with friends. You can view sermons on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose.

SPORTS NEWS



18-HOLE WOMEN

By Nancy Keane and Mazie Rice



Jane Hong

Only twenty 18 hole ladies played golf on December 28, mostly because it was open play with no sweeps and the weather was worrisome. However, we will say it was a gorgeous day out there and we found a way to play for money anyway!

2024 is starting off with a bang with the addition of three new members!

Jane Hong and her husband moved to Glen Arden in October and have been members of the Sequoyah CC for several years. Jane is still working, but

is looking forward to playing in our Thursday Play Days!

Bongsuk Kim and her husband moved to Montgomery this last fall, as well. Although Bongsuk has only been playing for five years and qualified at Tilden, she has a strong index and we are really looking forward to playing with her!



Bongsuk Kim

Edith Thompson moved to the Villages in October from downtown San Jose and has been a golfer for 30 years. Most recently, Edith has been playing Coyote Creek and with a special group of friends at Spring Valley.

Welcome to the VGCC 18-Hole Women's Group, ladies!



Edith Thompson

We would very much like to thank all the ladies who contributed their writing skills in 2023 to have articles in the Villager every week. They were: Diana Hallock, Chris Leisy, Loanne Rube, Barbara Weisend, Phyllis Mueller, Barbara Nilsen, Vivian Brown, Judy Rodriguez, Reine Fedor, Nancy Keane...

All the lady golfers want to wish everyone a prosperous, healthy, and Happy New Year in 2024!

SHONIS

The Shonis wish everyone a Very Good New Year and some fabulous birdies and maybe a Hole-in-One in the coming year.

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BOCCE NEWS



Photos by Nancy Dawn and Barbara Orlando

By Barbara Orlando

The Bocce Club's Holiday Party was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. A lovely dinner of beef tenderloin and salmon with all the extras was delicious and prepared by the many volunteers who helped Wendy Ledamun, our club's social director. Many thanks to Wendy and her volunteers who made this party possible. The attendees enjoyed the music by System 9, a San Francisco group who returned for a second year of performing for the Bocce Club. What a great way to end the year with great food, good friends and dancing the night away.

You're invited to the third court "groundbreaking" today Friday, January 5 at 3 p.m. at the bocce courts. This is the start of the club's fundraising for all the extras for our new refurbished courts. Donations will be welcome, so bring along your checkbooks to help get this project off to a great start. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us! Donations by check, for the Third Court Project can also be made to the Evergreen Villages Foundation and delivered to Marie Colaizzi, Bocce Board Vice President, who will track and forward all donations to the EVF treasurer. Contact Marie at mpcolaizzi@gmail.com or drop a check in her mailbox at 7395 Via Cantares. All donations are tax deductible.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, December 21, 2023, was cloudy with quite mild temperatures. Another great day for some golf. Eleven Ironmen played.

Mike Schwerin and Lee Thompson tied for **Third Place** each with net 29s; there was a five-way tie for **Second Place** between David Cook, Victor Hong, Jerry Juracich, Walter Lucas, and Sang Nam each with net 28s; and Bill Travis won **First Place** with a net 27.

After several weeks of having between 4 to 7 Birdies, there were none today.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 6 at 35 feet, 1 inch.

Mike Schwerin won **Low Gross** with a 30.

Golfer of the Day honors were shared by Sang Nam with a second place finish and closest to the flag, and Mike Schwerin with a third place finish and low gross. Way to go, guys!

Thursday, December 28, 2023, was cloudy and cool and just a bit damp from the previous day's rain. Twelve Ironmen played.

Bill Travis won **Third Place** with a net 29; Mario Silva won **Second Place** with a net 28; and Lee Thompson won **First Place** with a net 27.

There were five **Birdies** today: one each by Victor Hong on hole 2; Mike Schwerin on hole 6; Lee Thompson on hole 4; and two by Mario Silva on holes 6 & 9.

Al Bruno won **Low Gross** with a 33.

Golfer of the Day honors went to Mario Silva with a second place finish and two birdies. Way to go, Mario and caddy/grandson Landon!

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

Deep Thoughts: "If you fozzle with your cleek (bungle your one iron), and your putts are let's say—weak. If your drives, for all to see, do not always leave the tee. And to slice them is a habit, if, in short, you're a rabbit. Do not put your clubs away. Drink a Guinness every day." - Guinness ad in the Derby Daily Telegraph 1947

TENNIS TALK

By Phyllis and John Mueller

When you ask old members to write an article, you will

get old news and memories from the past! In 2003, a miracle happened to the Tennis Club in the form of a Women's Senior 3.0 Team who made it all the way to USTA Nationals in Scottsdale, Arizona. Captain Ruth Stiasny and her team of 14 made it through the regular season as winners. They then won the Northern California regionals in Napa and qualified to represent Nor Cal in the Arizona Nationals. Ten members of that team made the trek to Arizona. The four members that did not go were Lynn Leonard, Jean Peters, Rayna Kelley and Marianne Pellegrini. Many fans and Villagers followed and had a great time doing "fan support."



2003 National Championship Villages Third Place Team—Julie Hawkinson, Arlene Bing, Pat Bogdanoff, Captain Ruth Stiasny, Wendy Ferguson, Laura Voltz, Connie Fortner, Joan Ender, Marilyn Jacobs, Jan Holland.



Pewter Plates that were awarded in 2023.

Our accommodations left a bit to be desired but the price was right. We had free breakfast and a great Happy Hour, which made up for the sad rooms. All of us ended

staying there and the togetherness added to the fun.

As we recall, it was around September of 2003 and was warm. The players had schedules and we watched all games but also had time to play golf and sightsee. Since they started winning every time they played, we were in a state of great excitement. Our local Tennis Pro and Coach Ken Dehart showed up one day to watch! They worked quite a lot with him before they went to Arizona. All of a sudden, they were in the Semi-Finals and lost for the first time to a team from Monroe, Louisiana who ended up winning the whole Tournament! The Villages team then played the other Semi team and won ending up in third place! We were all ecstatic!



2023 reunion of five National Championship members—Julie Hawkinson, Arlene Bing, Ruth Stiasny, Wendy Ferguson, Jan Holland.

The amazing thing is that out of the 10 players, nine still live in The Villages and only one, Marilyn Jacobs has moved to the Terraces in Los Gatos. Each player received a Pewter Plate which they proudly display and one turned it into a clock! We were able to, on short notice, find five players for a 2023 photo!

If you run into any of these ladies, remind them that you know what they were doing 20 years ago!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

Upcoming events:

Frost Bite Open on Saturday, January 13, 2024. **MGC Members ONLY. NO Guest or Spouses.** See flyer.

2023 has been an extremely difficult year, no doubt about it. The Villages recently lost one of its strongest pillars and most cherished members, **Dick Fisher.**

Let's take this brief opportunity to honor Dick, celebrate his achievements, and acknowledge his impact on others and the Villages as a whole.

As per Scott Steele: "Dick was one of the members who interviewed me for the Head Pro job here almost eight years ago, along with Mary Chaboya, Mike Poellot, and of course Darren Shaw our former GM. Dick was the Chairman of the VGC for several years before and after I was brought aboard. He was instrumental and spearheaded many projects:

- 1.) The new irrigation system installation in 2016.
- 2.) The change from 3 sets of colored tees to 5 sets of numbered tees.
- 3.) The addition of the #2 tees and the #1 tees.
- 4.) The black and gold tee markers with tee numbers on them on the 18-hole and Par-3 courses
- 5.) The pyramid bell tee monuments on the 18-hole course.

He also helped us manage the horserace along with Ken Peters for the last seven years and maybe more before my time here."

As per Tom Morse: "Dick was instrumental in:

- getting plastic sand containers placed near the #6 and #15 tee boxes. Gary Sharps said Dick paid for them.
- the black tee markers that are presently on every tee. Tee Marker Bells were repainted. Gary Sharps was involved the first year and Bob Wilk did it the second year.
- the Sports Wall in the Bistro.

When it comes to service, Dick Fisher served as VGC President in 2013. Dave Needham became President after Dick. Dick also served as the 2012 Executive Committee Chairman and as the Executive Committee Tournament Chairman.

As per Raymond Struck: "I remember Dick Fisher as a good friend and a valued member of the Men's Club. He was truly an ardent and vociferous voice for the entire golfing community at The Villages. The board knew there would be a serious discussion when he appeared before them to advocate for an improvement. One item that was not mentioned by others was his hours of work with others, during his tenure as VGC Chairman, to make the new restroom by the #16 tee box a reality."

As per George Olson: "What comes to mind for me when I think of Dick is the Evergreen. He was heavily involved in it every year that I can remember. After Earl Jenner passed, Dick picked up the Horse Race program and made it work for many years. He was always on the Evergreen Committees talking charge of many different functions."

As per Dave Needham: "We worked very closely together on the VGC. He was a great help putting the NCGA promotion together from selling it to the board and working with the NCGA and myself. His focus was on making sure the article sold The Villages as a great community to live as a 55 and over. I focused on the golf while he focused on the bigger picture. He was also very crazed on keeping the golf course in the best shape possible. He worked some long hours with all the VGC co-chairs."

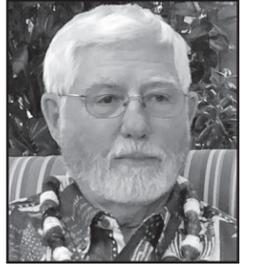
As per Ben Vitcow: "My experience with Dick, that I can recall, is that every time I played in his group, or interacted with him at the putting green, he was a very pleasant and warm person, a pleasure to know." (The majority of folks feels pretty much the same as you Ben.)

As per Bev Poellot: "Dick came up with the idea of replacing the colored ball tee markers as they were so corroded and falling apart. Even though some of the men were having trouble from the 'Men's Tees,' they said they would never play from the red tees. So Dick led the research to come up with numbered tees and our committee talked about color and shape etc. We went through the design and ordering process together.

I believe at the same time the monuments were in disarray, so we decided to improve them. The VGC didn't have the money for this, so we raised money and I think even some Villagers 'adopted a monument.'

Dick, also, conceived of the Sports Wall in the Bistro. Again, Dick was the driving force in all of this. Larry Martinson served on the tee marker and other committees and Mary Wagle has been involved in many roles in the VGC and in the clubs along with Dick."

If you can judge a man by his actions, service, and his friends, then Mr. Dick Fisher you were extremely special and gentlemen such as yourself do not come along often enough. Thank you so much for your insight, generosity and time for helping to mold this community into what it has become today. We are all lucky and better people for having been able to know you. You are and will be truly missed.



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More SPORTS

PICKLEBALL

The Story of Pickleball

By Joyce Kludt



The Villages Pickleball club wishes all Villagers much joy, good health and peace in 2024! And all are invited to join our club at any time!

It's been a long time since I wrote about the origins of Pickleball and we have many new members who may not be aware of them. Pickleball has over 3 million active players in the U.S. only. There are reasons it is so popular and the funny name is one of them.

First of all, it is a sport where no pickle exists. It's a paddle sport that combines badminton, tennis and ping pong.

People wonder, why does such a sweet game have such a sour name? There are two different stories. One says the name was after the family dog named Pickles. The other says it was named after the boat named pickle boat.

This sport was invented in 1965. Three fun dads created the game to cheer up their bored kids during a summer vacation near Seattle Washington. In 1967 they constructed the very first permanent pickleball court in their backyard. To protect the new sport's creation, a corporation was formed in 1972.

The first PB tournament was held in 1976 at a Washington Athletic Club.

The dog Pickles used to chase the original Wiffle ball and then run off with it. After a couple of years, the inventors named it after their beloved dog Pickles.

A second story behind the name is about the pickle boat. One of the inventor's wives was a rower, and the pickle boat was the one that loses the race. It is made of leftover oarsmen from the other teams. So, she said that this PB game was also invented from the leftovers of several sports.

Why is PB so popular? It's a good game for all skill levels. It's a great option for social activity. It is very good exercise.

So, the story of PB began from a backyard near Seattle; today many throughout the world enjoys the game!

Happy playing, Villager Pickleballers! It has been a pleasure to be the Villages Pickleball Club Publicity Chairman the last couple of years. I will occasionally write an article, but I'd like you to give a big welcome to Terry Holmquist who is taking over for me. She will be fantastic! Welcome and thank you, Terry!

TABLE TENNIS

As we prepare for competition against Rossmoor on February 3, we had a mini table tennis tournament on Sunday, December 17 with 13 players participating.

#1 Paul Spisar won his 6 matches, including #4 Jimmy and #3 Ali Goksel, the last one 2-1 over #2 Jianxin Zhang.

#2 Jianxin won 4 matches, beating #3 Ali Goksel and #5 Peter Groot.

#3 Ali won 5 matches, including #6 Bobby Farhat.

All three of them beat newcomers Gil Cepeda and Ralf Prigl.

#4 Jimmy Zhang with 3 wins beat Alan Waltho but lost to #6 Bobby.

#5 Peter Groot beat Bobby. #6 Bobby Farhat beat Albert and Jimmy.

Alan had 3 wins (Ken Lee, Kevin Pres, Ed Ng) but lost to Jimmy.

Albert had 2 wins (Ken and Ed) but lost to Bobby.

Ralf beat Gil and Ken Lee. Gil beat Peter and Ken.



WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Nancy Carson

The end of our year seems to go like it started — rained out! Sorry, no news about our play today.

We want to thank and acknowledge the group of ladies who led the Swingers club this year. There are too many names to include, but we are grateful for all the hours they put in to make it a great year. We enjoyed WNHGA exchanges, Twilight tournaments, our Invitational, luncheons, our charity event, and many other fun days.

A special thank you for the leadership of our four elected officers, Delma Juarez, Treasurer, Sally Nichols, Secretary, Sheryl Driskell, Co-captain and Gisele Barber, Captain. We're happy to announce that they have agreed to take the carry us through in 2024!

Happy New Year!



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Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Open



When:

Saturday, January 13, 2024

What:

Step Aside Scramble. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament. **MGC Members only.** No Guest or Spouses.

Format:



Step Aside Foursome Scramble. After everyone's drive, and on each successive shot, the player whose shot is selected "steps aside" and the other three players play the next shot until the ball is holed.

Signup:

December 30 through January 11. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps:

100% of January 11 Handicap

Flights:

Flighted, depending on the number of players

Tees:

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

Tee Times:

8:30 a.m. Shotgun

Cost:

\$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps. Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Holiday Golf Schedule

Saturday, January 13 – Men's Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play Tee Times 7:30 a.m.

Three New USGA/NCGA World Handicap System Updates Effective January 2024

1. The first change is regarding short golf courses. Any 9-Hole course measuring 750 yards or more will be eligible for an official Course Rating & Slope Rating. So our Par-3 Course qualifies and will be assigned an official Course Rating and Slope Rating and will be part of the player handicap matrix going forward. This means that anyone who plays the Par-3 Course will have to officially post their score and that score will be included in their handicap allocation.

2. The second change is that 9-Hole Scores will now count as an official score and will immediately be used as part of your handicap calculation. There will be no more combining of 9-hole scores to form and 18-hole score for handicap purposes, the 9-hole score will stand alone as an official score.

3. The last change is for incomplete rounds - Anyone who plays 10-17 holes and does not finish a complete 18-hole round will be required to post their hole-by-hole scores for each hole played and the un-played holes will be assigned a Score Differential automatically to formulate an 18-hole score for posting and handicap purposes.

Please look at the below snapshot and for more detailed information use the below link to access the USGA's article regarding these changes: www.usga.org/content/usga/homepage/articles/2023/11/revisions-coming-to-world-handicap-system-in-2024.html

Winter Weather and Daily Golf Course Conditions—Remember that at this time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it's cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible). Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408.223.4663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. And remember that the flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag = Open for Play / Yellow Flag = Frost Delay / Red Flag = Carts on Paths Only / Black Flag = Golf & Practice Facilities Closed**

Merchandise Spotlight—Wilson sporting goods has long been recognized as the #1 supplier of sporting equipment at the highest level for many major sports such as basketball, tennis, baseball, football, and volleyball. And historically Wilson used to be the golf club of choice for some of golf's all-time greats such as the King Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and Billy Casper.

Now Wilson is becoming a major player in the modern game of golf. With Wilson's high-end woods, irons, wedges, putters and golf balls they have become a viable option for those looking for premium quality golf equipment at a very competitive price.

Current Professional Tour players on the PGA Tour, LIV Tour and Champions Tour are now using Wilson equipment with great success. US Open champion Gary Woodland, multiple major winners Pdraig Harrington and Bernhard Langer, and PGA Tour stars Kevin Kisner and Kevin Streelman are all using Wilson golf clubs and balls with great success.

The Villages Pro Shop is now stocking Wilson Golf products for your enjoyment... come out and try the Wilson Dynapower woods - with AI variable face technology, Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression ball in the World, Wilson Triad golf balls – the #1 3-piece ball on the market, and the Wilson Staff Model four-piece golf ball -quickly gaining traction in the premium four-piece golf ball marketplace. Check out this YouTube video review of the Wilson Dynapower Driver: <https://youtu.be/z2xhJQB39jQ?si=YcJ24futuOZGaSs>

Taylor Made Fitting Day—Friday, February 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Be the first to try the new Taylor Made Qi10 drivers and woods! Launching in February 2024, the new Qi10 features the carbon face technology as well as the speed slot and movable wight ports to control left to right or right to left ball flights.

The Qi10 will be available in 3 models to fit every golfer:

- Qi10 Low Spin for the lower handicap player looking to reduce spin
 - Qi10 for the golfer looking for mid spin and launch and deadly accuracy
 - Qi10 Max for the golfer looking for high spin with maximum stability extreme forgiveness
- Already being used by PGA Tour stars like Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods...To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

Roped-off areas on golf course—Please remember to avoid driving on the roped off newly seeded areas on the golf course. We had some surplus seed from the fall overseeding process, and while the weather is still cooperative, we are using this surplus seed to fill in some bare areas on the golf course. While the seed is germinating, please keep cart traffic away from these roped-off areas. And please do not remove any ropes or stakes from their position. We appreciate your cooperation!

Villages Golf Committee (VGC)—The January VGC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m. at Montgomery Center. All Villages Residents are welcome to attend.

Tips from the Pro—Rain, Rain Go Away

If you endeavor to play in the rain or just after a rain event, here are some tips for playing on wet turf...

Allow for less run - When the ground is wet, the ball won't run as far. Obvious we know,

(Continued on next column)

From The Pro... (Continued from previous column)

but this needs to be factored in to how you play. Less runoff the tee may mean you can take more club on holes where you would normally hold back. Approach shots are more likely to stop dead on landing; chips and pitches are more likely to grab; and putts will be slower, meaning they need to be hit more firmly and will therefore take less break.

Play the ball back – It's easier to hit the ball fat with your short irons when it's wet. So move the ball back in your stance 1-3 inches to help contact the ball first. Also try to remove excess vertical action from the swing by keeping your wrists passive and the clubhead lower to the ground on the backswing.

Grip more firmly in the rough - Wet grass in the rough will grab the club much more than normal and slow the clubhead's progress. So keep everything firmer than usual through impact in wet rough to stop the grass grabbing the club...so grip the club a little tighter and swing firmly. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, December 18:

- 1/2. Claude Ashen and Jane Michaels
- 1/2. Lorrie Scott and Guest
- 3/4. Hank Koransky and Bosh Singh
- 3/4. Maureen Walther and Sumi Minami



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, December 20

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| Gjo Bennett | 296 |
| Carol Souza | 301 |
| Kit Hultquist | 339 |
| Aloma Lazetera | 350 |

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| Suzanne Fazzio | 235 |
| Dennis Webb | 349 |
| Sandy Gardiner | 354 |
| Aloma Lazetera | 430 |

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| Sylvia Rozewicz | 189 |
| Sandy Gardiner | 243 |
| Beverly Wharton | 164 |

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| Kit Hultquist | 103 |
| Tony Rivera | 226 |
| Joan Maxwell | 239 |
| Aloma Lazetera | 286 |

Retire on Your Terms



Let's debunk the reverse mortgage misconceptions.

MYTH:

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.
 Olive Tree fruit clean up in progress throughout the district.
 Cribari West Perimeter Fence—Oleander hedge trimming and sidewalk clearing in progress.
 Cribari Place—Irrigation repairs in progress.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Glen Arden

7698-7752, 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.
 8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.
 Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray in progress throughout the district.
 Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.
 Dead/dying tree removals at various locations throughout the district, in planning.
 6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Awaiting permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.
 8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.
 Gutter cleaning throughout the district scheduled for 1/15-1/27.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), every Monday.
 Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.
 Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.
 Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.
 Christmas tree pickup schedule throughout the districts, scheduled for 1/3-1/4.

Club Centers

Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.
 Foothill and Cribari Pool and Spa—Remodeling project in progress.
 Clubhouse—Grease trap replacement and street repairs are scheduled to start 1/11.
 Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

For Pesticide information on pest control or landscape, please contact Customer Service at (408) 223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal and click on the Pesticides button for pest control or landscape.

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

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| Hermosa | December 27 through January 13 |
| Olivas | January 15 through January 27 |
| Montgomery | January 29 through February 10 |
| Del Lago | February 12 through February 24 |
| Glen Arden | February 26 through March 2 |
| Heights | March 4 through March 9 |
| Fairways | March 11 through March 13 |
| Verano | March 11 through March 23 |
| Highland | March 25 through April 6 |

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



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Maintenance Services

Customer Service Line:

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Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

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Adrienne Reed: 408-223-4657, areed@the-villages.com
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The Villages does not endorse or guarantee any advertisement or insert using space in this paper to reach our readers. It is the responsibility of the users of these services to check references and claims made. Residents, please be aware California State law mandates any contractor bidding for a job more than \$500 in parts and labor must be licensed. The Contractors State License Board (1-800-321-2752) may be contacted regarding any questions or concerns about a contractor.

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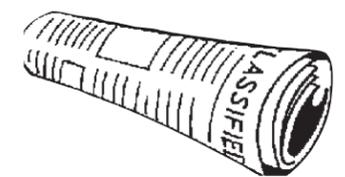
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Estate Sales Online Auctions and Clean Outs.
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The Villages Lost & Found
Located in the Community Resource Center (Building B).
Items are held for 30 days. Items remaining unclaimed after 30 days are donated to a charity.
Please call 274-4400 if you have recently lost an item.



OBITUARY

Steven Robert Norden

1964 — 2023



It is with heavy heart that we share with you the passing of Cribari Village resident and VGCC team member, Steve Norden. Steve passed away early morning on Wednesday, December 27. His wife, Carol, was with him at the time.

As a 28-year resident, many of you know him as your friendly neighbor and respected community member. For us, we know him as first serving The Villages in 1994 as Captain of Public Safety. After a short interim, he joined the team again in 2018 as an officer and worked his way through the ranks to become Public Safety Director in 2020. For almost 30 years,

Steve served our community assisting residents, whether helping them to the door or managing unwelcomed wildlife too close to home. His big heart was reflected in every kind and noble deed. Nothing was too big nor too small for Steve to step in and lend a hand. Both “public” and “safety” fit him well.

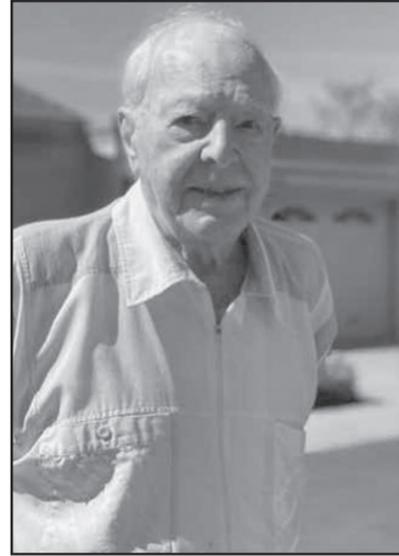
If you visited his office, you might have noticed his sports paraphernalia that decorated his shelves and desktop. The 49ers, Giants, and Warriors have lost a dedicated fan—even Notre Dame! Steve adopted this top-20 university while pursuing his sports passion. We miss him and will always have a spot for him in our hearts, especially those who lived next to him and worked alongside him all these years.

Steve is survived by his wife of 25 years, Carol Norden, and his mother, brother, and sister (Theresa, John and MaryAnne, respectively). Matt Hidalgo will serve as interim Director of Public Safety, overseeing the daily operations of Public Safety.

OBITUARY

Wilford “Bill” M. Wilson

May 9, 1923 — December 12, 2023



Wilford “Bill” M. Wilson, 100, of San Jose, CA passed away at V.A. Palo Alto Hospital hospice on December 12, 2023.

Retired general contractor, avid reader, and amazing golfer, Bill was always helping people, including those at St. Francis of Assisi Church. He loved the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. He traveled to Europe with

his late friend, Ruthie McDowell, another Villages resident. They also visited many national parks in his motorhome. He could fix anything and enjoyed driving even at age 100.

Survived by his daughter, Patricia (husband, Bob), granddaughter, Christina (husband Ehren), great-grandchildren, Kali and Walle. Also survived by former daughter-in-law, Allene Denise, grandchildren, Jenny and Brian, great-grandchildren, Molly and Logan. Also survived by brother, Winfred.

Memorial service will be at Lima Family Mortuary, Santa Clara on January 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. Rest in peace to the best Dad, Grandpa, and Great-Grandpa!



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

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

“Yellowface” by Rebecca F. Kuang. Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars: same year at Yale, same debut year in publishing. But Athena’s a cross-genre literary darling, and June didn’t even get a paperback release. Nobody wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks. So, when June witnesses Athena’s death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena’s just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers to the British and French war efforts during World War I. So, what if June edits Athena’s novel and sends it to her agent as her own work? So, what if she lets her new publisher rebrand her as Juniper Song—complete with an ambiguously ethnic author photo? Doesn’t this piece of history deserve to be told, whoever the teller? That’s what June claims, and the New York Times bestseller list seems to agree. But June can’t get away from Athena’s shadow, and emerging evidence threatens to bring June’s (stolen) success down around her. As June races to protect her secret, she discovers exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves. Fiction, 2023.

“The Quiet Tenant” by Clemence Michallon. Aidan Thomas is a hard-working family man and a somewhat beloved figure in the small upstate New York town where he lives. He’s the kind of man who always lends a hand and has a good word for everyone. But Aidan has a dark secret he’s been keeping from everyone in town and those closest to him. He’s a kidnapper and serial killer. Aidan has murdered eight women and there’s a ninth he has earmarked for death: Rachel, imprisoned in a backyard shed, fearing for her life. When Aidan’s wife dies, he and his 13-year-old daughter Cecilia are forced to move. Aidan has no choice but to bring Rachel along, introducing her to Cecilia as a “family friend” who

needs a place to stay. Aidan is betting on Rachel, after five years of captivity, being too brainwashed and fearful to attempt to escape. But Rachel is a fighter and survivor, and recognizes Cecilia might just be the lifeline she has waited for all these years. As Rachel tests the boundaries of her new living situation, she begins to form a tenuous connection with Cecilia. And when Emily, a local restaurant owner, develops a crush on the handsome widower, she finds herself drawn into Rachel and Cecilia’s orbit, coming dangerously close to discovering Aidan’s secret. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“A Gate at the Stairs” by Lorrie Moore. Twenty-year-old Tassie Keltjin, the daughter of a gentleman farmer, has come to a university town as a student. When she takes a job as a part-time nanny for a mysterious and glamorous family, she finds herself drawn deeper into their world and forever changed. A teacher visiting his dying brother in the Bronx. A mysterious journal from the nineteenth century stolen from a boardinghouse. A therapy clown and an assassin, both presumed dead, but perhaps not dead at all. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“The Art Thief” by Michael Finkel. For centuries, works of art have been stolen in countless ways from all over the world, but no one has been quite as successful at it as the master thief Stéphane Breitwieser. Carrying out more than 200 heists over nearly 10 years—in museums and cathedrals all over Europe—Breitwieser, along with his girlfriend who worked as his lookout, stole more than 300 objects. Unlike most thieves, he never stole for money, keeping all his treasures in a single room where he could admire them to his heart’s content. Possessed of a remarkable athleticism and an innate ability to assess practically any security system, Breitwieser managed to pull off a breathtakingly number of audacious thefts. Yet these strange talents bred a growing disregard for risk and an addict’s need to score, leading Breitwieser to ignore his girlfriend’s pleas to stop—until one final act of hubris brought everything crashing down. Large Print, 920, Biography, 2023.

Notify Public Safety of the death of a spouse

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.



Happy New Year

Geoff and I hope you had the most wonderful Holiday season and we hope to hear from you in 2024. It is our New Year resolution to help many residents make their move in 2024. *Lisa & Geoff Gault*



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