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CHANNEL 27: Currently playing

- Villages Scam Awareness
- Landscape & Functional Turf
- Welcome to Our Website
- 2023 Fire Safety Town Hall
- Fitness Center
- Fitness Videos

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VMA to present 'Death, Coffee & Desserts' Part 3

With Grace Hospice invites you to share your fears, hopes, perplexities, and ponderings about death on **Tuesday, February 6** at "Death, Coffee, & Desserts" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Sequoia Room. In this third session of this popular workshop, Chaplain Kiem Le will lead an interactive, free-flowing discussion on death and dying. To sweeten the conversation, With Grace Hospice will provide abundant pastries and desserts. The session is a stand-alone

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Democratic Club hosts Adam Schiff

Villagers came out in big numbers to attend a Democratic Club-sponsored appearance by Adam Schiff, one of the candidates for Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat.

(See next week's Villager for more coverage of the Congressman's appearance.)

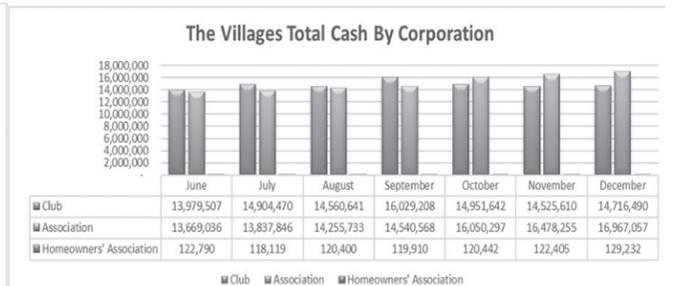
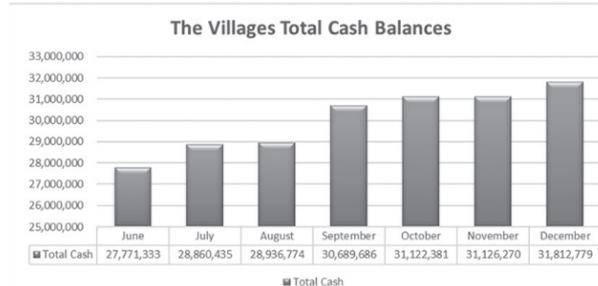


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Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of December 2023

December 2023 (FY 2024) Cash Balance Review:

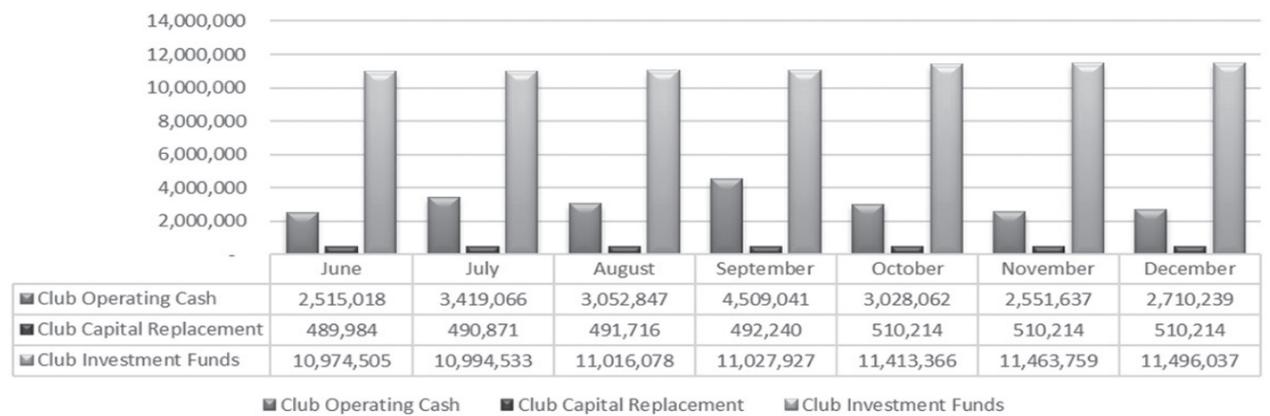
Total Combined Cash Balance	\$31,812,779
Total Operating Cash	\$ 3,804,635
Total Replacement Fund	\$12,006,251
Total Reserves Fund	\$16,001,893



Club Operating Statement Review For the month of December 2023

Club Cash Balance \$14,716,490

Club Total Cash Balances



Club Operating Total Cash

Operating Cash \$ 2,710,239
Capital Replacement \$12,006,251

Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,281,538	\$7,856,499
Total Assessments	\$ 778,298	\$4,669,790
Total Other Revenue	\$ 527,34	\$3,186,704

Operating Surplus/(Club Operations)

	MTD	YTD
Net Surplus	\$ -139,030	\$ -232,409
Budgeted Surplus	\$ -17,026	\$ -179,953
Variance to Budget	\$ -122,004	\$ -52,456

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

4 Pulse letters received this week.

0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.

4 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.

I checked my Comcast bill recently and found out they raised my monthly bill \$18.50 starting this January. I called them about it and found out they upgraded my cable and internet package without my knowledge. I started my service with internet speed of 75 Mbps and basic Villages cable service with 125 channels. Now I am on a 200 mbps plan and an enhance cable service with 185 channels. I think I am wasting money with higher speed than 75 mbps because I am not doing multiple live streaming at the same time. 75mbps is more than enough for us Villagers' normal usage. I hardly watch any cable TV and never watched any of the additional channels. I talked to them about it and they agreed to put me back to my original plan and lower my monthly bill from \$106 to \$66. If you have NFL, CBS Sport, NBA channels, then you are on the 180 channel plan which is \$18 additional monthly charge beside The Villages base cable service. I told a few of my fellow villagers about this, they called Comcast and got at least \$25 reduced to their monthly bill.

—Arthur Yuk-kiu Yu

The Villager builds community, is an amenity like the pools and Fitness Center that are also supported by Member assessments.

The Villages is a residential community, not a business. Changes should reflect the desires and wishes of Members who are willing to support our paper. Every effort should of course be made to control expenses such as the reduction in the number of pages printed from 28 to 24 that has been implemented.

The Villager provides information about events and informs us of what is happening in The Villages. My wife and I look forward to receiving and reading The Villager every Friday from cover to cover.

A survey should be conducted to determine what Villagers want and how much they are prepared to support our Villager. The Villager belongs to all of us and we should all have the chance to provide our input before decisions on its future are made by the Club Board of Directors.

—Howie Blumstein

I have followed the discussion on the cost and fate of The Villager.

I would like to add another vote of confidence in our weekly source of information.

The Senior Academy and The Democratic Club have of late added a survey at the bottom of the registration form we use to manage our events. The survey asks what brought our neighbor to the registration form.

We promote these events in The Villager, FastLane and direct email (SMS text messaging coming soon). Thirty percent of the registration for the very popular Adam Schiff visit came from The Villager, and 6 percent from FastLane.

All Villagers are welcome at our events but the numbers show clearly that the printed word is still the primary source of information for us Villagers! Thirty percent of our attendees would not have been aware of the event without our source of all things Villages.

Please start this planning with the clear objective of maintaining a weekly Villager for us!

—Tony Berg

Having dedicated over 45 years to the printing industry, I've witnessed the shift towards digital platforms. While many embrace the convenience, I find a certain magic in the tangible connection to news—the experience of holding a newspaper in your hands. In my village, neighbors and friends eagerly await Friday mornings for the delivery of The Villager. There's a unique joy in the tactile sensation of flipping through its pages, an aspect that a computer screen cannot replicate. Let's cherish this wonderful part of the human experience and not underestimate the profound connection forged through the traditional act of reading a printed newspaper.

—George Schiffner

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

Delivery: The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in The Villager office, in Cribari Center and in the Library.

Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

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

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

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

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Association President's Report—January 30, 2024

As we close the first month of 2024, I'd like to send my sincerest thanks to all our DAC chairs and DAC members. Your District Advisory Committees (DACs) work daily on behalf of their village/district to gather data about your neighborhoods and your needs. They share that information with both staff and the ABOD. In return, they communicate back to residents the projects and issues facing all of us. They give input on budgets and needed changes. They collect opinions on plant palettes, paint colors and persistent problems. On a lighter side, they are frequently seen putting out holiday decorations or greeting new residents to our community. When you see your DAC chairs and DAC members, please thank them for all their work on YOUR behalf and consider becoming a DAC member in the coming months.

This month all DACs spent a long morning with the ABOD and staff, looking at four major issues; 1) the Carol Rice Fire Safety Surveys, 2) the 2024/25 Budget Timeline, 3) how various DACs handle social and decorating committees, and 4) next steps in our ongoing turf reduction/water conservation landscape modifications for each district. John Epperheimer, chair of the FLAME (Fire, Landscaping, Materials & Environment), reviewed our progress in fire safety and our plans to continue this critical work. The majority of our time was spent with Landscape experts Dave and Sarah, looking at plant palettes and functional turf areas. DACs had a chance to review their maps, which have been modified and refined many times. The first areas scheduled for landscape modifications are the entrances to Del Lago/Sonata and Montgomery plus a portion of Valle Vista where the wild pigs have already impacted the turf.

Thanks also goes to our City Councilman, Domingo Candelas, for the Fire and Police Safety meeting on Friday, January 26. Domingo introduced our local fire and police officials who shared safety information. Of particular interest to me was the update on "side shows," where young people gather at an intersection and spin their cars around at tremendous speed, showing off to their friends. We have all heard the squealing tires and seen the traffic jams caused by this dangerous and highly illegal activity. SJPD shared the increased use of cameras strategically placed in the Evergreen community to aid law enforcement in catching these drivers. Of course the entire meeting was sweetened with the pancake breakfast provided by Councilman Candelas.

From March 1933 to June 1944, US President Franklin Roosevelt addressed the American people in some 30 speeches broadcast via radio, speaking on a variety of topics from banking to unemployment to fighting fascism in Europe.

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Club Board President's Message-January 30, 2024

Hello, Villagers! Happy New Year! It's been seven weeks since the last Club Board Monthly Meeting and so many things are happening! We've also recently welcomed several inches of much needed rain, and even this week, the sun has appeared and everything looks fresh and glorious. With more rain on the way, this week's sunshine will be fleeting. Go outside and get some sun while you can!

The FY25 budget planning season is well underway and we've received input and requests from all Club Board Standing Committees, clubs, and organizations. This valuable input will be evaluated by the Club Board during an upcoming public Study Session. The well-known "Schedule of Fees" is also being reviewed and updated. Please stay tuned for the Study Session where we hope you can attend to learn more about what's being planned for The Villages. Reminder, also, that The Villages Team is also engaged in an exciting technology roll-out and multi-system IT refresh that will revitalize how business operations are managed by the General Manager and her Executive Team. This very exciting and rewarding transformation is underway with a planned go-live date of July 1.

The Policy Committee of the Club Board is working hard to develop a refreshed set of bylaws incorporating several legal changes in California Corporation Code. The Policy Committee is also updating several Club Policies related to the upcoming changes in the bylaws. In specific, several existing policies related to Club Board committees require updates. Seven of those updated policies are included in this month's agenda for the Club Board, and it's likely that additional policy updates will be presented at each monthly Club Board meeting for the remainder of this fiscal year. This type of work by Boards is rarely seen as fun and exciting, yet it's very necessary work to ensure and maintain good governance. Reminder that all policy revisions are published in *The Villager* newspaper for 30 days to allow Villager review, and written comments or feedback.

Following last month's discussion about the future of *The Villager* newspaper, The Club Board received feedback from several Villagers. Villager feedback has been evenly split, half being supportive of retaining the current paper copy with a weekly or twice-monthly delivery model and half for moving to an electronic method of production and distribution. The Club Board addressed a few of the most pressing questions regarding the costs to produce *The Villager* newspaper in an "Ask the CBOD" article published on January 19, 2024. Remember, the transformation of *The Villager* newspaper is only one aspect of how written and published communications are evolving at The Villages. More information will be shared about these communications transformations over the next several months.

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Verano DAC to meet February 5

The Verano DAC will meet on **Monday, February 5** at **4 p.m.** at Vineyard Center.

Olivas DAC to meet February 5

Olivas DAC meets from **4 to 5 p.m.** on **Monday, February 5** at Foothill Center.

Montgomery DAC to meet on February 5

The Montgomery DAC will meet on **Monday, February 5** at **10 a.m.** The meeting will be held only on Zoom. To log on Zoom, the Meeting ID is 263 292 1171 and the Passcode is 419819.

Estates DAC to meet February 5

Estates DAC meets at **4 p.m. Monday, February 5** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

Sonata DAC to meet February 6

The Sonata DAC will meet on **Tuesday, February 6** at **6 p.m.** at Vineyard Center.

Hermosa DAC to meet February 15

The next Hermosa DAC will be at Foothill Center on **Thursday, February 15** at **3 p.m.** There will be dessert and coffee, but the potluck social has been cancelled.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

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

Highland DAC to meet February 15

The Highland DAC will be holding its next meeting on **Thursday, February 15** at Vineyard Center from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** (Please note that this meeting is being held at Vineyard Center, not at the usual location.)

Important topics that will be discussed include turf conversion next steps, fire resistance activities, financials, and responses to concerns brought up at the last meeting, and much, much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Please email any 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.

Operating Financial Commentary...

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Operating Total Expense	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$1,420,568	\$8,088,908
Total Payroll & Benefits	\$ 886,934	\$4,964,881
Total Operating Expense	\$ 533,635	\$3,124,028

• **Revenue (Less Assessments):** Had an \$84,800 favorable to the budget of \$418,000.

- Golf Operations: Golf Cart Rentals \$1,600 favorable, Greens Fees \$27,600 favorable, Driving Range Fees \$1,700 favorable.
- Community Activities: Activities Income \$-5,800 unfavorable.
- Billable Services \$6,800 favorable.
- Guest Rooms \$3,200 favorable.
- Club Properties \$8,800 favorable.
- The Villager: Advertising Income \$-3,600 unfavorable.
- Restaurant: Food \$40,000 favorable, Bar \$6,700 favorable.
- **Expenses:** \$ -207,000 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,214,000
 - Employee Expenses \$ -82,500 unfavorable.
 - Utilities \$-95,000 unfavorable: Electricity \$2,000 favorable, Water \$-96,000 unfavorable.
 - Currently a dispute on the reading for recycled water for the Golf Course is pending of approximately \$106,000.
 - Telephone \$ -2,700 unfavorable.
 - Landscaping Expenses \$18,000 favorable: Planting, Sand and Miscellaneous Supplies \$3,500 favorable, Tree Trimming \$12,000 favorable.
 - Operating Expenses: Service Expenses \$ -31,000 unfavorable. Printing Expenses \$3,000 favorable. Data Processing and Server Expenses \$ -8,000 unfavorable, Credit Card Processing Fees \$ -3,400 unfavorable, Legal Fees \$ -8,900 unfavorable, Professional Fees \$ -17,600 unfavorable.

No other major variances to report at this time.

The YTD net unfavorable operating budget variance for December 2023 was \$63,400. (See table below.)

Departmental Statement of Activities

MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ (80,746)	\$ (17,561)	\$ (63,185)	Administrative and General	\$ (212,196)	\$ 6,360	\$ (218,556)
\$ 1,359	\$ 797	\$ 562	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 7,828	\$ 6,637	\$ 1,191
\$ (1,416)	\$ 3,586	\$ (5,002)	Public Safety	\$ 19,419	\$ (7,689)	\$ 27,108
\$ (86,366)	\$ (14,510)	\$ (71,856)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	\$ (94,500)	\$ (128,440)	\$ 33,940
\$ (9,091)	\$ 2,961	\$ (12,052)	Community Activities	\$ 22,742	\$ 6,515	\$ 16,227
\$ 22,089	\$ 1,413	\$ 20,676	Community Centers/Pools	\$ 14,111	\$ 9,504	\$ 4,607
\$ 14,487	\$ (6,062)	\$ 20,549	Clubhouse & Restaurants	\$ 20,389	\$ (602)	\$ 20,991
\$ 654	\$ 12,350	\$ (11,696)	All Other	\$ (10,203)	\$ (72,238)	\$ 62,035
\$ (139,030)	\$ (17,026)	\$ (122,004)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations	\$ (232,409)	\$ (179,953)	\$ (52,456)

Departmental Statement of Activities - Revenue/Expense

MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ 778,298	\$ 778,299	\$ (1)	Assessments	\$ 4,669,790	\$ 4,669,794	\$ (4)
\$ 19,280	\$ 17,050	\$ 2,230	Administrative and General	\$ 141,367	\$ 124,300	\$ 17,067
\$ 312	\$ 1,050	\$ (738)	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 4,417	\$ 6,300	\$ (1,883)
\$ 1,568	\$ 2,705	\$ (1,137)	Public Safety	\$ 9,469	\$ 16,230	\$ (6,761)
\$ 140,788	\$ 109,920	\$ 30,868	Golf Course / Pro Shop	\$ 1,115,125	\$ 1,038,870	\$ 76,255
\$ 22,969	\$ 35,210	\$ (12,241)	Community Activities	\$ 241,936	\$ 255,350	\$ (13,414)
\$ 11,915	\$ 2,130	\$ 9,785	Community Centers/Pools	\$ 11,710	\$ 6,060	\$ 5,650
\$ 289,481	\$ 239,900	\$ 49,581	Clubhouse & Restaurants	\$ 1,597,285	\$ 1,415,900	\$ 181,385
\$ 16,927	\$ 10,382	\$ 6,545	All Other	\$ 65,399	\$ 62,432	\$ 2,967
\$ 1,281,538	\$ 1,196,646	\$ 84,892	Total - Revenues	\$ 7,856,499	\$ 7,595,236	\$ 261,263
\$ (177,212)	\$ (111,797)	\$ (65,415)	Administrative and General	\$ (816,680)	\$ (581,056)	\$ (235,624)
\$ (19,426)	\$ (20,726)	\$ 1,300	Facilities Maintenance	\$ (119,427)	\$ (122,501)	\$ 3,074
\$ (113,857)	\$ (109,992)	\$ (3,865)	Public Safety	\$ (655,288)	\$ (689,157)	\$ 33,869
\$ (327,576)	\$ (224,852)	\$ (102,724)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	\$ (1,812,158)	\$ (1,769,842)	\$ (42,316)
\$ (90,413)	\$ (90,602)	\$ 189	Community Activities	\$ (569,312)	\$ (598,953)	\$ 29,641
\$ (85,318)	\$ (96,209)	\$ 10,891	Community Centers/Pools	\$ (570,551)	\$ (569,508)	\$ (1,043)
\$ (408,559)	\$ (379,527)	\$ (29,032)	Clubhouse & Restaurants	\$ (2,378,286)	\$ (2,217,892)	\$ (160,394)
\$ (198,207)	\$ (179,967)	\$ (18,240)	All Other	\$ (1,167,208)	\$ (1,226,280)	\$ 59,072
\$ (1,420,568)	\$ (1,213,672)	\$ (206,896)	Total - Expenses	\$ (8,088,908)	\$ (7,775,189)	\$ (313,719)
\$ (139,030)	\$ (17,026)	\$ (122,004)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations	\$ (232,409)	\$ (179,953)	\$ (52,456)

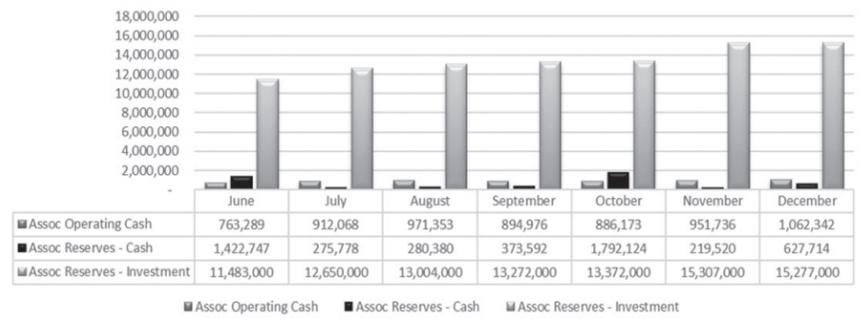
More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
and COMMUNITY NOTICES
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Association Operating Statement Review

For the month of December 2023

Association Cash Balance **\$16,967,057**

Association Total Cash Balances



Total Cash

Association Operating Cash **\$ 1,062,342**
Association Reserves **\$15,904,714**

Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,130,727	\$6,792,463
Total Assessments	\$1,125,309	\$6,751,856
Total Other Revenue	\$ 5,417	\$ 40,607

Operating Surplus/Assoc. Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus	\$ 99,471	\$ -100,763
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 98,027	\$ -187,526
Variance to Budget	\$ 1,444	\$ 86,763

Operating Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$1,031,256	\$6,893,226
Total Operating Expense	\$ 880,471	\$6,009,538
Total Inter-Co. Transfers	\$ 150,785	\$ 883,688

• **Revenue:** Was \$ -184 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,131,000.

No major concerns to report at this time YTD we are favorable \$6,000.

• **Expenses:** For the month were \$1,000 favorable to the budget of \$1,033,000. Favorable variances in utilities expenses due to water expense \$33,000. Insurance expenses continue to be unfavorable to the budget as reported last month at \$ -44,000.

Ongoing notable **unfavorable** to budget expense categories for the month were the following:

- Insurance Expenses, \$ -44,000 (13.36%) unfavorable to budget (actual \$373,000 vs. budget of \$329,000) due to impact of 2023 property insurance renewal effective May 30, 2023. YTD unfavorable variance of \$-264,000.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance for December 2023 was \$86,700. This favorable variance is contributed to the favorable water expense of \$341,000. (Water Bills are received every two months, the first month is accrued to budget and tried up in the following month when the invoice is received.)

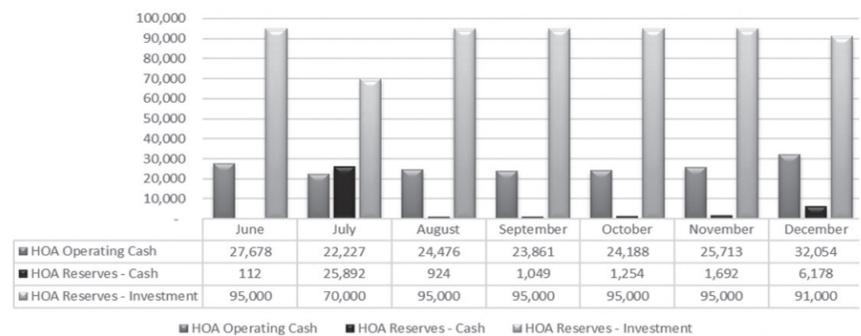
No other major variances to report at this time.

Homeowners' Operating Statement Review

For the month of December 2023

Homeowners' Cash Balance: **\$129,232**

HOA Total Cash Balances



Non-Estates Operating

Total Cash

Non-Estates Operating Cash **\$6,676**

Non-Estates Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$4,686	\$28,117

Operating Surplus/Non-Estates Operating		
	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus	\$ 332	\$1,993
Budgeted Surplus	\$ -121	\$ -726
Variance to Budget	\$ 453	\$2,719

Non-Estates Operating Expense		
	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$4,354	\$26,124

Favorable variance in expenses associated to Legal Expenses. No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of November 2023 was \$2,700.

Estates Operating	
Total Cash	
Estates Operating Cash	\$25,377
Estates Reserves	\$97,178

Estates Total Revenue		
	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$16,814	\$100,881

Operating Surplus Estates Operating			
	MTD	YTD	
Total Operating Surplus	\$6,009	\$ 2,383	
Budgeted Surplus	\$4,157	\$ -8,650	
Variance to Budget	\$1,852	\$ 11,033	

Estates Operating Expense		
	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$10,805	\$98,498

No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of December 2023 was \$11,000.

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Association Board Voting Record for January 30, 2024

Association Voting Record for January 30, 2024										
		Board Members*							Comments	Costs
		DH	MS	PR	JW	DC	JE	SG		
1	Formal Approval Consideration of Proposed Changes to Association Policy APr 103-01 Board and Member Meetings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the proposed changes to Association Policy APr 103-1 Board and Member Meetings and to post the revised policy on The Villages website. The purpose of the proposed changes to procedure APr 103-1 were made to simplify the formatting of the agenda. The first change is to include ratifying the monthly review of accounts with the Treasurer's Report. Second part is to add Action Items - these are agenda items to be considered for action at this board meeting. Add Discussion Items - these are items that are listed for the Board to discuss, receive information, or plan possible action at a future Board meeting.	\$0
2	Formal Approval Consideration of Proposed New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects In Common Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area and to post the rule on The Villages website. The purpose of the 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.	\$0
3	Approval Consideration of Election Timeline for The Villages Association 2024 Election of Directors and IRS Resolution Vote; Approve Inspectors of Election	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved The Villages Association Timeline for the 2024 Election of Directors, IRS Resolution Vote and Annual Meeting as proposed, and appointed Kathy Weatherford, Janelle Marines, and Anahid Gregg as the Inspectors of Elections for this election and any additional votes in 2024.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration of Ad Hoc DAC Special Funds Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the formation of the Ad Hoc DAC Special Funds Committee to investigate issues/policies relating to the formation, authority, funding and accounting procedures of social committees, social events, and holiday decorating committees including clarity on the accounting of donated funds and to make and to make recommendations to the Board. The committee will consist of the Board President Diana Hallock (Chairperson), Secretary Patricia Reardon, the following DAC members: Deb Gordon (Cribari), Louann Partridge (Glen Arden), Frank Langben (Sonata), Rita Karlsten (Valle Vista), Anahid Gregg (del Lago), David Raskin (Montgomery) and from Staff, Maria Hernandez and Carl Starks. The committee will gather information and make recommendations to the ABOD.	\$0
5	Review to Approve - AC Solar Conditionally Approved Application: 8377 Riesling Way	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the installation of solar systems on common area sloped roof located at 8377 Riesling Way pending alternative proof of receipt of revocable easement recordation, including a copy of the signed and notarized document and owners submitting required insurance and city permit paperwork including comments to AC prior to starting construction.	\$0
6	Conditional Approval Consideration for Exclusionary Encroachment Request - 8755 McCarty Ranch Drive (Extend Patio into Common Area)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the exclusionary encroachment request submitted by the owner of 8755 McCarty Ranch Drive to extend the rear patio into common area 8' x 12'. Said approval is contingent upon the owner achieving affirmative vote per the requirements in the CC&Rs via written ballot from the owners comprising Project G-8.	\$0
7	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2023 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$333,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$2,002,000 used to help pay the 2023 property insurance premium renewal in June 2023 with balance of \$1,669,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2024.	\$333,000
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$333,000

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

* DH = Diana Hallock | MS = Michael Schwerin | PR = Patricia Reardon | JW = Julie Wash | DC = David Cook | JE = John Epperheimer | SG = Stephen Gilbert

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 at LRamos@the-villages.com or drop them in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Navigating Credit Card Processing Fees

In The Villages, the burden of credit card convenience charges in Food & Beverage and Golf/Pro Shop is currently shared by all residents—Villagers, guests, non-residents, and employees. As the Club Board and General Manager's office stepped through the last fiscal year's budget process (FY23/24), we discovered convenience charges in FY22/23 totaled, not the approved \$32K, but \$55K, a 70 percent overrun. With this knowledge, the Club Board directed the GM's office to course correct, resulting in an approved mid-year accounting adjustment to transfer convenience fees directly to the users of credit cards. This adjustment ensures that all Villagers no longer collectively absorb the financial burden. We think this is fair—and we're guessing you do too!



Starting **Thursday, February 1**, The Villages now has a credit card processing fee. This new policy passes along a 3 percent credit card convenience fee to all credit card users. Because debit cards are processed at The Villages the same as credit cards, debit cards will also experience the 3 percent fee. Payments by check are excluded, and cash is not a payment option. For those who may ask why now? We've already incurred more than \$35K in processing fees—only six months into FY23/24. For our mathematicians, by not taking immediate action, this out-of-budget line item is projected to grow to better than \$70K. Big numbers that we can easily balance.

Those who use The Villages online transaction service, Pay-Lease, to pay monthly assessments/dues already understand how transaction fees work. Now the privilege of using credit cards at the Clubhouse, Bistro and our Pro Shop follows the same precedent.

—Theresa Ostrander, Villages General Manager

Editor's Note: This article corrects last week's version, which now clearly defines The Villages' no-cash policy and that debit cards at The Villages are subject to the same processing fees as credit cards.

Association President's Report...

(Continued from page 3)

Millions of people found comfort and renewed confidence in these speeches, which became known as the "Fireside Chats." Our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander, is reviving this beloved practice with Fireside Chats of her own, the first one being tomorrow (Wednesday, January 31). For this first chat, attendance is limited to DAC members who have registered in advance. More news on Fireside Chats will be coming in *The Villager* and on FastLane.

The combined ABOD/CBOD/HBOD Insurance Committee continues to explore ways to control the rising cost of insurance. They met last week with Rossmoor to share the challenges facing both communities. While there was no magic bullet, it was helpful to learn what other HOAs are doing to meet insurance needs.

And I'll finish on a bit of wonderful news... the 3,654-acre Richmond Ranch, which borders part of The Villages hill lands, has been purchased by the Conservation Fund, a national environmental nonprofit. This historic family cattle ranch will be converted into a nature preserve that will be open to hikers and serve as a critical link along the enormous Bay Area Ridge Trail. This will be a slow process but it is gratifying to know that our beautiful, rolling hills will remain pristine and open.

—Diana Hallock, Villages Association President

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Second chance to see 'Rose—A Mother's Story'

Back by popular demand! Writer and actress Kathy Estevez-Bates will return to present "Rose – A Mother's Story" on **Saturday, March 9** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Foothill Center. Rose Kennedy was the mother of John F. Kennedy and matriarch of one of America's most extraordinary families. Kathy blends presentation and performance in her portrayal reflecting on her life. A life full of highs and lows – including some events which branded into the American psyche. She has presented this piece many times to rave reviews.

Kathy is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of San Jose State University with a degree in Theater Arts and Music. She grew up in San Jose and spent three decades as a stage and TV actress, writer, teacher, and musician in Southern California. Kathy feels it is a great privilege to share the story of Rose's life and has even written a play, "The Color of Rose" about her.

Activity Level: Light Activity (seated event).

Pre-registration is required to ensure the minimum number of attendees. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, February 5. The deadline is Friday, February 23 or sooner if spots fill up. Walk-ins are not allowed.

Learn Line Dancing with Nanci Pritchard!

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching two different line dancing classes in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays, February 20 to March 26** (six dates). Choose from one of the following:

- **Intro to Line Dancing from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**- These fun line dances to traditional and more popular music will introduce you to basic moves and footwork. This class is held).

- **Beginners-Plus line dance class from 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.**- These fun line dances will increase your skills with more advanced moves to faster music. Don't be shy, give it a try!

The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for each six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours. The deadline is Friday, February 9 or sooner if the class fills up.

Valentine's Day Craft: Origami Heart

Origami is the art of paper folding. No one is sure when and where the art of origami began but there are many examples from all over the world. It was a prominent art form in Japan and in Europe from as early as 1490 and continues to be very popular today. Please send a picture of your heart to recreation@the-villages.com, we would love to see it. This craft is sponsored by Recreation Services. A sample is available for viewing in Building B.

What you will need to make your art:

- A square piece of paper (origami paper or other)

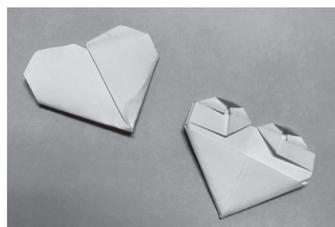
Instructions:

1) Fold your paper in half vertically and unfold it. Then fold it horizontally and unfold it. You should have a vertical and horizontal crease.

2) Take the bottom edge of the paper and fold it up to the horizontal crease, then flip the paper over.

3) Take the bottom left corner and fold it against the vertical crease. Do the same for the bottom right corner; then flip the paper over again so the point is down.

4) Take the left vertical edge and fold it against the vertical crease. Do the same for the right edge.



5) Take the top left corner and fold it against the vertical crease. Do the same for the top right corner.

6) Rotate the paper 180 degrees. Fold the bottom tip to the top tip then unfold it. Tuck the bottom tip into the pocket formed by the top tip. There should be two flaps sticking up at the bottom edge.

7) Open the right flap all the way and press it down so it remains flat open. Do the same for the left flap.

8) Fold in the bottom right corner to form a point. Do the same with the bottom left corner.

9) Fold the points you just made down so the tips are now flat edges. Flip paper over to reveal your heart. Optional: If you have a significant other write their name on your heart to show how you feel. You could also write a romantic phrase like a conversation heart.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 2

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	SRS Tax Prep Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
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 Board	F
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, February 3

9 a.m.	Tai Chi Group	CR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Villages Dog Club Social	GP
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing	A

Sunday, February 4

7 a.m.	Catholic Hospitality	SEQ
7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR

Monday, February 5

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Advisory	F
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
12 p.m.	ABOD/CBOD Landscape	C
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Association	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	SEQ
3 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Board	PR
4 p.m.	Olivas DAC	FC
4 p.m.	Verano DAC	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Desi Club Karaoke	CR

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, February 6

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Exec	MC
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	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
10:30 a.m.	VMA Health Program	SEQ
11 a.m.	9 Hole Women's Board	VC
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club	CH
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Veterans Club	FC
4 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Sonata DAC	VC
7 p.m.	Amateur Astronomy/Radio	FC

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Watercolors Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins Meeting	MC
12 p.m.	City Council D8 Forum	CR
12 p.m.	Comcast On-site Appoint	SEQ
3 p.m.	Club Board Pres & GM Q&A	CH
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	VC
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, February 8

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.	CAC Monthly Meeting	F
10 a.m.	Del Lago DAC	FC
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	MC
3:30 p.m.	RV Club Open Forum	SEQ
5 p.m.	Paint Night	AR
5:30 p.m.	Hiking Club Supper	FC
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Nutrition Class	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Republican Candidate Meet/Greet	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

1:00 & 7:00
Mon - Sat
15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15

Mon Wed Fri & Sun
Chair Fitness
Tue Thu Sat
Cardio Fitness

2023 Fire Safety Town Hall

Daily
2:00 & 8:00

Landscape & Functional Turf

Daily
3:45 & 9:45

Villages Scam Awareness

Daily
4:30 & 10:30

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15

Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator:
408-238-4029

www.vmvillages.org



Upcoming 2024 Programs

Death, Coffee and Desserts – With Grace Hospice is again providing us an opportunity to share your insights and express your feelings regarding death. This is not a support group rather an interactive workshop. **Tuesday, February 6** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sequoia Room. Please note: attendance is limited to 15! Please register online at vmvillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Commit to be Fit: A Primer on Senior Health and Wellness – Stuart Katzman, President and owner of Evergreen Physical Therapy will cover the seven dimensions of wellness and how to use data to our advantage. Join us on **Tuesday, February 20** at 1:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. Register online at vmvillages.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 meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Next session is **February 5, 19 and 26**. There will be no group on February 12. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Note date change—Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on **Thursday, February 22** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **February 15** at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.



Club Events & Notices



Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

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

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

Soup of the Day



For the week of 2/5 to 2/11

Monday, February 5

Lentil Soup

Tuesday, February 6

Potato Leek

Wednesday, February 7

Meatball Soup

Thursday, February 8

Cream of Chicken

Friday, February 9

Shrimp Bisque

Saturday, February 10

Chef's Choice

Sunday, February 11

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

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

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



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



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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 2/5 to 2/11

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 2/6 to Sunday 2/11

California Omelet: Three Eggs, Bacon, Avocado, Tomatoes and Monterey Jack Cheese topped with Sour Cream **\$16.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 2/5 to Sunday 2/11—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chicken Curry Bowl: Curried Diced Chicken with Asian Vegetables over Rice **\$15.95**

Tequila Prawns and Linguini: Four Prawns with Linguini, Tomatoes, Green Onion topped with Guacamole **\$16.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 2/6 to Sunday 2/11—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Grilled Mahi-Mahi: Served with Grilled Pineapples and Ginger Garlic Ponzu Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$27.95**

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

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu

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

Tuesday to Friday

Breakfast:

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu:

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

Dinner Menu:

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

Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Sunday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu:

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

Dinner Menu:

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

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com



Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 11

Come join us at the Clubhouse for a Super Bowl watch party

More Details to Come!

2 p.m. to Closing—Happy Hour Drink Prices
Hot Dogs with all the Trimmings \$4.90++
Big Screen and 5 Monitors!



Valentine's Special!

Shrimp Scampi topped Petite Filet Mignon
Select 2 Sides
\$52.95++



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

Now Available!

Clubhouse whole Rotisserie Chicken.



Call Curbside 408-370-8553 or on the website: www.clubhouserreservation.com
Orders need to be placed early for evening pickup.
Orders taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Orders can be picked up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
\$12.95 plus Service Charge and Tax.

Single Diners' Night



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

Shared table. Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage!
Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.
Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
* Item must be of equal or lesser value.
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour



2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All Day on Monday

\$5 House Cocktails
\$5 House Wines
\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

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



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



Tuesday, February 27

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

5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

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CLUBS & EVENTS

Rep. Barbara Lee speaks to packed room of Villagers

By Tony Berg



The upcoming Primary Election on March 5 has many interesting people running for office. Perhaps foremost is the race to fill Dianne Feinstein's vacant Senate seat. The Villages Democratic Club hosted Congresswoman Barbara Lee (District 12) on Wednesday, January 24. Speaking to a capacity audience of more than 120 Villagers, Rep. Lee put on a masterful presentation for us.

She covered the story of her rise from immigrant poverty, single parenting and California State Senator as well as her many accomplishments as a Representative in the House from 1998. She then entertained a gamut of questions from the floor covering topics from homelessness, affordable housing, healthcare and reproductive rights. A round of applause from an appreciative audience brought the evening to a close with a much better understanding of one of the Senate candidates on the March 5 ballot.

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SATE: Learn about 'Clean Power with Batteries'

By Tony Berg

Join the next Senior Academy Tech Explorers (SATE) event on **Monday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Register on our website VillagesSA.org.

This SATE session delves into two decades of technological progress, illustrating how lithium-ion batteries have become instrumental in powering almost everything we now take for granted, including the growing number of electric cars on today's roads. Going beyond the familiar realm of lithium-ion, the discussion explores potential replacements or additions, ushering in a new era of energy storage possibilities.



Battery racks sit in former turbine halls at Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility

Despite the technical nature of the exploration, the session maintains a focus on the practical aspects that define a battery's utility—rechargeability, current draw, charging speed, and recyclability. Furthermore, the discussion introduces a sense of optimism, drawing parallels with historical challenges and highlighting the potential of technology to address complex issues.

As the session concludes, participants are encouraged to engage in a Q&A, on the promising solutions offered by emerging battery technologies. Join us in this and glimpse the future of energy storage unfolding and how it will impact the world we leave to our children and grandchildren.

Men's Fun Social Club to host Oakmont presentation

On **Tuesday, February 6**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will host a presentation by James Dial, Oakmont's Executive Director, and Vicky He, Marketing Coordinator, on senior living at Oakmont Silver Creek. Villages Men's Fun Social Club members should make lunch reservations a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:30 p.m.**



James Dial

Many of us know Villager friends who may have recently moved to this close-by senior facility. James and Vicky will share the atmosphere, amenities, and services at Oakmont. It is a luxury senior living community offering both assisted living and memory care. Several types of programs and classes are presented to Oakmont Silver Creek residents throughout the week along with many other events taking place throughout the year that the public can attend and participate. Many of these public events include tours of the facility where you may sample the chef's recipes and interact with staff members. The total Oakmont Senior Living organization provides personalized care to over 8000 seniors across 80 luxury senior living communities in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

James Dial, while pursuing his business degree at Sacramento State University, was offered an opportunity to work at Oakmont in Sacramento and saw a career path opportunity in the senior living industry. After Sacramento, and studying the industry over the next two years, he moved through several assignments to his current position as Executive Director.

We encourage you to attend this presentation and find out what it could mean for you or other family members. It may be a good option for living when we need it.

Lynn Brown to speak at Dog Club meeting

By Barbara Sunseri

Bring your dogs to the Villages Dog Club meeting at the Gazebo on **Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m.!** They may pick up some good pointers from our guest speaker, Lynn Brown! Lynn is the owner of LyntheDogTrainer.com and has been a dog trainer for over 20 years. She also has been involved in dog rescue, shelters and training volunteers. She will share some enrichment activities you can do with your dog. Remember: "Dogs do speak but only to those who know how to listen!"



Arts and Crafts to present Unique Basket Weaving by Margot Paoli

By Michael Sunzeri

Our first 2024 Arts and Crafts Membership meeting takes place in the Cribari Conference Room

Monday, February 5 starting at **1:45 p.m.** Margot Paoli, a resident of 33 years and a long-time Arts and Crafts member, will present and demonstrate her intricate basket weaving work. Colorful, detailed, and intriguing are just a few words describing her craftsmanship.

Margot and her husband left her homeland, Germany, 56 years ago, arriving in Canada where they continued their business ventures in a salon for her and the chemical field for her husband. After 12 years in Canada, some family medical issues cropped up and they moved to the U.S. to pursue better medical care. Cupertino was that destination where she continued in a salon business in Burlingame. Later, after a year off work from an accident, they sold their businesses, moved to The Villages and her pursuit of artistry with gourds and basket weaving took off with encouragement from an artist friend.

It was rewarding as Margot carved, painted, decorated, and sold gourds while attending a big Gourd Society facility which she belonged to in Watsonville. With that came a new interest in basket weaving. In one of her rooms, Margot stores bins of weaving material from all over the world, notably pricey material. Also, there are many pieces she has completed; beautiful and precise craftsmanship is more than evident.

Predating pottery and stone carving, basket weaving is and has been both functional and decorative throughout history in all cultures. Your chance to see concept, base work, method, and technique will be presented along with the examples Margot will bring and explain for us. Ed Knott will provide live screen visual projection. Don't miss this talent and maybe a surprise look at her felting.



Only two days left to order Mah Jongg cards

By Barbara Smith

Are you one of the Villagers who has not ordered their 2024 Mah Jongg Card? Do not miss out! There are only two days left to order your 2024 Mah Jongg Card. The final day to order Mah Jongg Cards is **Saturday, February 3, 2024**. The price of cards remains the same as last year. Small print cards are \$14. Large print cards are \$15.



Barbara Smith is coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg cards again this year. Checks are made out to Barbara Smith. At the end of the sale, one large check is written and all the individual checks are deposited. Please include the number and size of the cards you are ordering in the "memo" place on your check. Checks can be dropped off at Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA 95135 or put in the tube under the mailbox...no time left to mail your order!

In late March, your Mah Jongg card(s) will be sent directly to your home from the National Mah Jongg League in New York.

Global Village: 'Peace on Earth' with Darlene Korb

"Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me." These aren't just beautiful words from a beautiful song, but they express a deep and powerful meaning.

On **Wednesday, February 7** at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Cribari Village Conference Room, Darlene Korb will be the presenter at the Global Village Community meeting. Join Darlene as she shares her 48-year journey within, learning from her many transformational experiences. One of the things she said she has learned, was a simple way of dealing with emotions, in the moment, that has contributed to her spiritual awakening. She would like to teach this simple process to you, so that you can join in contributing to bringing your light into the world, so that, together, we can contribute to making the planet a better place.



"Peace within is the answer to Peace on Earth. Learn how to be the Peace you want to see in the world," Darlene said. "At the very least, I can offer you a peaceful evening."

Join February Paint Party

Nicole Alexander taught a very successful Paint Party last November for all Villagers. This workshop is for people with no experience can complete an acrylic painting in the two hours.

This Paint Party is **Thursday, February 8**, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Cribari Center Art Room. We hope that Villagers who work might find this class timely. All materials—canvas, paint, brushes, easels and refreshments—are furnished. You may want to wear an apron or an old shirt. The fee for the Paint Party is \$45, and all Villagers are welcome! Registration and checks are due by February 5. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Interested in playing chess?

You all are probably familiar with the Chess game. It is fun to play, does not involve any luck and it keeps your brain active. We would like to start a Chess group for all skill levels—people that want to learn the game, those that played a bit, and the chess masters among us.



If you are interested, please contact Israel Littman at 201-573-0747 or irl856@gmail.com

Astronomy Club to meet February 6



All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Astronomy Club, at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6** at Foothill Center. We'll continue the story of properties of the cosmos with two presentations. The first involves observations of star clusters, primarily the globular clusters that appear in the Milky Way halo, as opposed to open star clusters that are present within the galaxy. The second topic shows the measurement of properties of stars: luminosity, temperature, mass, and radius. It's just amazing to us how astronomers can determine such knowledge of objects. Masks are optional. Questions? E-mail Barry Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com

City Council candidates to speak at Villages forum

By Arlene Versaw

Now that calendars have flipped to 2024, we begin to focus on a major election year. The primary elections are on the horizon—March 5. The Villages Democratic Club has been successful in recruiting key candidates for a visit to The Villages to introduce you to who is on the ballot. Representatives Barbara Lee and Adam Schiff have both recently spoken here.

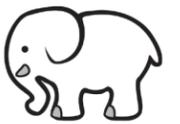
The four candidates vying for the San Jose District 8 Councilmember seat will participate in a Candidates' Forum at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 7** in the Cribari Conference Room. Participants in alphabetical order are: **Sukhdev Singh Bainiwal** (former City Airport Commissioner), **Domingo Candelas** (Incumbent), **Surinder Kaur Dhaliwal** (area resident) and **Tam Truong** (San Jose police sergeant).

Registration is necessary by visiting VillagesDemClub.com and clicking on the "Events" tab. Refreshments will be provided.



Sign up for Hiking Club's soup supper and white elephant gift exchange

The Hiking Club will hold its Annual Soup Supper and White Elephant Gift Exchange on **Thursday, February 8**, starting at 5.30 p.m. at Foothill Center. Please contact Linda Arbaugh at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net if you have a favorite soup to share. Otherwise, bring an appetizer of your choice, to serve 8-10 people. Please bring your own place setting and cup to sample different soups, and a beverage.



The White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place after supper. White Elephant Gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items, or just plain peculiar! So, wrap one up and bring to the supper, and join in the fun! **Note:** a gift is not necessary, however, it does add to the fun! Hope to see you there.

Footnotes delight many with jazz concert

By Victor Clifford

On Thursday night, January 25, the Cribari Auditorium came to life when The Footnotes Jazz Band (as guests of the Villages Music Society) entertained us with their concert at The Villages. Seventeen talented performers covering wind instruments, piano, bass/guitar, brass and percussion gave their all, and the audience continually showed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause.

Many of the catchy tunes were from the likes of Johnny Mercer, Ella Fitzgerald, Henry Mancini, Duke Ellington—and lots more. Leader Lori Stotko shared her knowledge of the genre talking about pieces such as "In the Mood," "Ella's Daydream," "Count Bubba," "Pink Panther," and so much more.

Throughout their 90-minute set, individual performers had the opportunity to "take a solo" and allowed the others to give them support—such collaboration was a treat!

The band caught the audience's fancy, and there was a lot of enjoyment evidenced by the head-nodding and toe-tapping!

Thanks is given to all of the volunteers who helped make this concert happen—from the ticket sellers to the dancers. Without this support, events cannot be offered. Appreciation goes out to the Villages Activities Office for setting up the auditorium—the performers really liked the performance site for its sound and lighting capabilities.

For more information about The Villages Music Society, Inc. check out villagesmusicsociety.org

Don't forget—if you are unable to drive, do not let that stop you from attending events. You may contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 to schedule transportation to an event.



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Republican Club—Save the date



The Republican Club's Primary Election Meet and Greet the Candidates is **Friday, February 9** in Cribari Center Conference Room from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Jean Corrigan at 408-223-8676 or jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com

Fall in love with dance this February

By B. Brown

"Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by Queen is the perfect way to Rock-N-Roll into February. The British rock band Queen was formed in London in 1970 by Freddie Mercury. Jimi Hendrix and Aretha Franklin were just two of the band's many influential artists.

Come join the Village Dancers as we dance easy rock steps during the month of February. No partner needed. Songs and genres change monthly. You are sure to find your favorite as well as challenge yourself with something new. You may just feel warm and fuzzy afterward!

The Just-For-Fun dance group meets **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Dancers. She can be reached at VMS.Dancers@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.



VMA 'Death, Coffee and Desserts'...

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gathering. You do not need to have participated in the earlier sessions. This workshop is not for therapy, grief, or end-of-life support. Instead, expect to find a safe place for you to sort through complex, and often illuminating, emotions.

To allow time for sharing and to respect for each other's story, **attendance is limited to 15 participants.** To register online for "Death, Coffee, and Desserts" visit vmavillages.vgcc.club. Or call Bonnie Grim MS, Resident Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029. No charge.

Woody Allen once said, "I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens." J.K. Rowling once wrote, "To the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure." Mitch Albom, in his book, wrote "Death ends a life, not a relationship."

Three different perspectives on death—avoidance, adventure, and relational. What's yours? Squeamish? Resigned? Afraid? Angry? Hopeful? All of the above?

Parkinson's Group to present 'Renewed Hope'

Salima Brillman, M.D., will join the Parkinson's Group on February 15 at 10 a.m. in the Cribari Forum Room to present "New Drugs, Renewed Hope." Dr. Brillman will focus new adjunct drugs in treating Parkinson's Disease. A board-certified neurologist, Dr. Brillman completed a fellowship in movement disorders, which includes Parkinson's Disease. She said that she believes in educating, empowering, and supporting patients and their families, and encouraging them to be involved in all aspects of healing. Limited to 15 attendees. For information, email Alice Pratt at alijoy1@sbcglobal.net



Dr. Salima Brillman

Come play with us on Game Night!

Sunday, February 18, Foothill Center, 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community. Bring your friends in the Villages and your favorite games! Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Mexican Train, Poker, or Board Games.

Enjoy a fun evening with your friends. Please nominate someone from your table to bring a dessert to share.

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



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See Wicked dancers at 'Going Places Showcase'

By B. Brown

Georgia—the largest state east of the Mississippi. Also, one of the states we will visit on an imaginary journey, aptly called The Going Places Showcase (GPS) which highlights a kaleidoscope of dances, songs and music from around the world.

"Georgia On My Mind" is a lyrical jazz piece that Bernice Toy and her dance group, Wicked, will be performing during their guest appearance. This original piece will be stunningly beautiful.

Wicked Dance Productions is the dance company that Bernice Toy owned and directed between the years of 2012 and 2018. Although she transferred the business, Bernice has maintained a dance team that rehearses every Sunday. One of Bernice's favorite sayings is "Dance will keep you young, especially when you dance next to talent half your age!"

Wicked is part of the upcoming "Going Places Showcase" (GPS) that takes place **Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3.** Both shows are at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The GPS highlights members from the VMS Village Voices, VMS Piano Open Studio, VMS Dancers, Wicked, and Trillium. Stay tuned as we spotlight a performance group each week.

Ticket sales begin in February. For more information on the show please email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com. For more information on VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy is the President of the Village Dancers and is the producer of this show.



Left to right: Adelina Rosen, Sandy Hemprich, Karen Sudre, Monique Tse, Rowena Ona, Bernice Toy. Not pictured: Florina Petcu. Photo by Karen Sudre

Have you learned to play Mah Jongg yet?



Make new friends as you play Mah Jongg, one of the world's greatest tile-based games. If you are interested in learning to play this delightful game, contact Judy Rogers at Judy.rogers488@gmail.com who will be forming a new learner group starting **Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.** Lessons are 90 minutes for eight weeks.

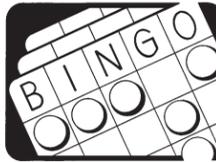
Bingo is coming back!

Mark your calendars! The VMA afternoon and evening Bingo will return in March. The first Afternoon Bingo is **Wednesday, March 6.** Cribari Auditorium doors will open at 3 p.m. and the games begin at 3:30!

VMA sponsors Bingo as a service. All the money spent to purchase cards is returned to that day's winners. There is no profit to the organization. Best of all, it's free to attend. Just purchase cards at the door and you're all set. Cards are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. There's free coffee and cookies.

VMA Afternoon Bingo is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. After March 6, the scheduled Bingos are: April 3, May 8, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4 and October 2.

Come join the fun! Nighttime Bingo will start April 17. More information to follow!



FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

"Goodbye Earl: A Revenge Novel" by Leesa Cross-Smith. In 2004, Rosemarie, Ada, Caroline, and Kasey are in the final days of high school and on the precipice of all the things teenagers look forward to when anything in life seems possible. In 2019, Kasey has returned to her small Southern hometown of Goldie for the first time since high school—and she still hasn't told even her closest friends the truth of what really happened that summer after graduation, or what made her leave so abruptly without looking back. Fiction, 2023.

"A Twisted Love Story" by Samantha Downing. Wes and Ivy are madly in love. When it's good, it's great. Flowers. Grand gestures. Deep meaningful conversations where the whole world disappears. But when it's bad, it's really bad. Vengeful fights. Damaged property. Arrest warrants. And there's something Wes and Ivy never talk about in good times or bad. The night of their worst breakup, when one of them took things too far, and someone ended up dead. If they can stick together, they can survive anything—even a police investigation. Because one more breakup might just be the last. Fiction, 2023.

"It Goes. So. Fast: The Year of No Do-Overs." by Mary Louise Kelly. Ever since she became a parent, Mary Louise Kelly has said "next year." Next year will be the year she makes it to her son James's soccer games (which are on at the same time she is on the air on NPR's All Things Considered). Next year she'll find a way to be there for the mom stuff. Well, James and Alexander are now 17 and 15, and she is coming to grips with the reality every parent faces. What would she do if she had to decide all over again? Non-Fiction 306.87, Marriage and Family, 2023.

"Welcome to Beach Town" by Susan Wiggs. In idyllic Alara Cove, a California beach town known for its sunny charm and chill surfer vibe, it's graduation day at the elite Thornton Academy. At Thornton, the students are the overindulged children who live in gated enclaves with spectacular views. But the class valedictorian is Nikki Graziola, a surfer's daughter who is there on scholarship. To the shock of everyone in the audience, Nikki veers off script while giving her commencement address and reveals a secret that breaks open the whole community. Fiction, 2023.

Opera Lovers to show 'Don Giovanni'

On Thursday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Charming but predatory and manipulative, Don Giovanni is a lover so notorious that his reputation precedes him. He is eager to add to the long list of women he has already enticed. But when Don Giovanni forces himself on Donna Anna, his devious antics dig him deeper and deeper into trouble. As the discarded women of his past unite to speak out against their offender, Don Giovanni seems destined to meet his ultimate fiery fate.

How should a society punish a man who functions under his own malevolent moral code? Often considered the greatest opera ever composed, Mozart's masterpiece combines comedy, drama and supernatural elements to capture the downfall of a serial womanizer. From its thrilling overture to its breathtaking final scene, "Don Giovanni" explores the issues of amorality, power and justice that may be as relevant to today as to Mozart's time.

This production from La Scala in Milan is conducted by Riccardo Muti and stars Thomas Allen as Don Giovanni, Edita Gruberova as Donna Anna, Ann Murray as Donna Elvira, Susanne Mentzer as Zerlina, and Claudio Desderi as Don Giovanni's servant, Leporello. It is sung in Italian with English subtitles.

We look forward to welcoming you on February 15. No registration is needed; all Villagers are invited. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. For additional information about VMS events, visit VillagesMusicSociety.org.

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

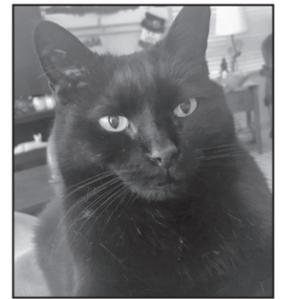
Cat Club to discuss pet grooming

In a few weeks, the Villages Cat Club will be holding their second meeting in the Foothill Center. The change of location was necessitated by the growing number of Cat Club members. The newly formed Cat Club has now over 100 registered members!

On **Monday, February 26** from 2 to 3 p.m. you're invited to hear Ana Thompson, a vet tech who offers mobile pet grooming services. Ana will be here to speak about her pet grooming, with an opportunity for you to schedule appointments. We're also extending a welcome to the Villages Dog Club to join us for this presentation. Ana's pet grooming services include cats and small dogs.

Again you're encouraged to bring a food or toy that your cat doesn't like to be placed on the "leave one take one" table. What's left over will be given to Sarah Clark for her cat rescue program.

It's imperative that you pre-register since space is limited. Even Club members need to sign up. Please email Bette Loomis at Villagescatclub5@gmail.com.



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Club President's Message...

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One of the planned communications transformations begins this week. Theresa Ostrander and her team are planning a multi-faceted communications roll-out across The Villages to share more on their organizational changes and what's ahead. One of the more personal aspects of this roll-out will be in-person "Fireside Chats" between Theresa and her new Assistant General Managers. You'll have the opportunity to listen to and meet each of the new executive leadership team, to learn firsthand how the organization and delivery of services to The Villages will begin to evolve, and to ask your questions of Theresa and her team members. The first "Fireside Chat" is being held this week, targeted toward the DACs and their teams. Stay tuned for future announcements for more "Fireside Chats" and other information in *The Villager* newspaper, as well as via FastLane email messages, at all Board meetings, at Executive Roundtable meetings, at DAC meetings, and much more.

And, finally, the Club Board would like to express its sincerest thanks to several Villages staff members who worked together to create a beautiful and meaningful Celebration of Life event for Steve Norden, Director of Public Safety. Please join the Club Board in thanking Matthew Hidalgo, Mary Tatum, Julia Meadows, Elizabeth Park, Albert Salcedo, Yasmeen Itani, and Andrea Garibaldo. The entire Villages team and the three Boards send their care and condolences to Steve's wife, Carol Norden. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

Board Meetings Report...

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

How much is the 2023 Standard Deduction?

Each year at tax time, you add up your itemized deductions (Taxes, Medical expenses, Charitable contributions, etc.). Based on your total itemized deductions, you choose to subtract the larger of the two: itemized deductions or the annual Standard Deduction (SD) set by law. The SD is indexed and changes every year. It was increased by 5.4 percent for 2023. The amount of the SD for tax year 2023 is:

Single or married filing separately	
Under age 65.....	\$13,850
Age 65 or older.....	15,700
Married filing jointly	
Under age 65.....	27,700
One spouse age 65.....	29,200
Both spouses age 65.....	30,700
Head of household	
Under age 65.....	20,800
Age 65 or older.....	22,650

If you itemize your deductions, remember your deduction for state and local taxes is limited to \$10,000. Unless you have huge medical expenses or substantial gifts to charity, many Villagers will find the SD to be the larger option. This is especially true with Villagers filing jointly.

However, the State of California income tax return has different SD amounts. For 2023 returns, the SD for a single taxpayer is \$5,363 and a SD of \$10,726 for married filing joint returns. Many Villagers deduct the SD on their Federal return and chose to itemize on their California return. So yes, it might be beneficial to calculate your itemized deductions!

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

SRS reminder:

Tax preparer list

A list of suggested paid tax preparers is available at the SRS office. All on the list are either CPAs (Certified Public Accountants) or EAs (Enrolled Agents). Stop by the office for a copy or call 408-239-5253. If you leave your e-address, the handout can be emailed to you.

Club Board Voting Record for January 30, 2024										
January 30, 2024 Monthly Meeting										
Board Members*										Costs
	AGENDA ITEMS	LL	JO	BK	RZ	LK	LV	AA	COMMENTS	
1	Discuss Fitness Center Committee's Recommendation - Guest Policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to table the proposal for creating a 6-month pilot program for guest access to the Fitness Center until the second quarter of the fiscal year 2024-25.	\$0
2	Egg Addling & Dog Geese Chasing - Approve Funding and Make a Part of Yearly Pest Control Program for the Golf Course	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the funding of egg addling and dog geese chasing as a regular part of the pest control budget for the golf course.	\$0
3	Wildland Urban Interface, Office of the State Fire Marshal, BMLP- Formal Adoption of Guidelines	N/A	This agenda item was deferred.	\$0						
4	Traffic Study RFP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the W-Trans proposal to prepare a Road and Safety Study for The Villages at a cost of \$27,875 to be funded from the reserves.	\$27,875
5	Lighting Audit RFP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the Reid Lerner Architect's proposal for a third-party lighting survey of Vineyard Center at a cost of \$13,800 to be funded from the reserves.	\$13,800
6	Cart Path Repairs RFP	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	Y	Y	The Board approved the Redline proposal for the golf cart path repairs at a cost of \$76,340 to be funded from the reserves.	\$76,340
7	Approve Quarterly Review of Accounts per Bylaws Section 8.2.7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the Quarterly Review of Accounts as presented.	\$0
8	Committee Appointments	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board recognized with sincere appreciation Sue Callahan and Thomas Moore for their years of service on the Communications Advisory Committee, appointed Janis Silver as voting member to the Communications Advisory Committee, and appointed Barbara Brown and Robert Bianchi as voting members to the Fitness Center Advisory Committee.	\$0
9	Approve FY25 Budget Protocol	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the FY25 Budget Protocol.	\$0
10	Approve Removal of CPo 307 Administrative Set-Up Fee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pursuant to Policy CPo 101 VGCC Policies, the Board approved the removal of CPo 307 Administrative Set-Up Fee.	\$0
11	Approve for Review Edits and Publication of the Following Club Board Policies: CPo 201 Board Appointed Committees, CPo 202 Relationships Between Board and Committees, CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee, CPo 211 Club Architectural Committee, CPo 221 Marketing Advisory Committee, CPo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees, CPo 311 Financial Reporting Policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved for review edits and publication of the following Club Board Policies: CPo 201 Board Appointed Committees, CPo 202 Relationships Between Board and Committees, CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee, CPo 211 Club Architectural Committee, CPo 221 Marketing Advisory Committee, CPo 302 Assessments, Charges & Fees, and CPo 311 Financial Reporting Policy. The purpose of the proposed edits to the policies is to come into compliance with current California Corporation Code 7212 for all the policies, to update to reflect organizational change references, and for CPo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees, to absorb CPo 307 Administrative Set-Up Fee.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$118,015

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

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

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

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.

February 2: Making Greeting Cards with Mandy Book. Friday, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$10.

February 5: Monthly Membership Meeting with Guest Artist Margot Paoli, 1:45 p.m. Cribari Conference Room. Mandy Book, President, presiding.

February 8: Paint Night with Nicole Alexander. Thursday, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments and all acrylic painting supplies furnished. \$45. See article in *Clubs and Events*.

February 13: Free Art Film Tuesday with host Marion Rose. Pablo Picasso: A Primitive Life. 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room. All Villagers and their guests are welcome.

February 20: Playing with Poetry with Leanne Lindelof of SJSJ. Tuesday, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. \$20.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Rambler Hike February 7: Sandy & John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a 4-mile hike to the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. The distance to where we will park in Morgan Hill is about 14 miles r/t. To get there just get on US-101 S from San Felipe Rd, Farnsworth Dr and Silver Creek Valley Rd (12 min (5.9 mi). Follow US-101 south to Cochrane Rd in Morgan Hill. Take exit 367 from US-101 S and head east. Take Cochrane Rd east (left) and drive about ¾ miles then turn left onto Peet Rd and follow it until it turns to the right and becomes Eagle View Dr. Park along the curb on Eagle View Dr. but near Chinook Ct. The Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake will be a very short walk from our cars near where Eagle View Dr. makes its next turn to the right. (19245 Malaguerra Ave). We will walk north toward from there to the Model Plane Airport and back (about 4 mile round trip). Hopefully, a few folks will be test-flying their planes, and we can observe that. Afterward, those interested can stop for lunch at Mr. Pickles in the nearby shopping center back by Hwy 101. There are other dining options, too. We will meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike February 7: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Arden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foot-hill. Meet at vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike February 14: Terri Vivoli will lead a hike starting at the parking lot at Basking Ridge Ave and Knollcrest Ave going south on Basking Ridge Ave. to Metcalf Rd returning on Coyote Creek trail. Hiking distance is approximately 4.5 miles. Round trip driving distance to the parking lot is approximately 12 miles. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45am for a 9:00am departure.

Rambler Lite Hike February 14: Katy Peretti (408-5631-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivas and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike February 21: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We'll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m.

VILLAGES RV CLUB CALENDAR

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

February 8 - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 4 - Club BBQ at Vineyard Center

August 19, 20, 21 - Moss Landing KOA

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

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

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

December 11 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse



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

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Real Estate

HEADLINE: Takeaways from the Center for California Real Estate.

This year, the master minds of real estate came together and decided that in 2024 California is going to see an increase of inventory and a decrease in interest rates. We are in accord! I also predict that is going to be a good year for buying and selling real estate. Here is hoping nothing interrupts it!

The Village Sales activity 2023 and today:

Today there are 21 active listings for sale in the Villages. The funny part is that there are only 3 Cribari homes for sale. A few months back there were 13. Now it's down to 3. The price range for a Cribari condo is now \$450-500K. This price range has obviously enticed many buyers. I am sure the decrease in Mortgage rates has also helped. Rates are as low as 6.375% for a 30-year fixed rate loan. 148 homes sold in the Villages last year with one single family home selling at 1,770,000. On the low end, a 1-bedroom Cribari condo sold for \$443K.

Who can keep up with the trends? Color Color everywhere.

Look out, color is coming. The designers have had their fill of neutral white, beige and gray. It's now Yellow, Red, Blue & Green with patterns.

Adventures in house hunting: This picture is of my latest buyer trying out the tub in her new home. There are lots of considerations when purchasing your "forever home" One of the ways is to ensure your future house fits you! Literally! From closet size to tub size, I make sure that you fit the home, or the home fits you! I have several more buyers waiting for that home that fits just right.



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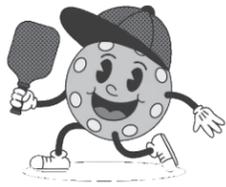
SPORTS NEWS

PICKLEBALL

How to get started with pickleball!

By Anahid Gregg

Once you fill out an application for the Pickleball Club, we will respond with all kinds of information for you, plus make sure to visit our website villagespickleball.vgcc.club. That includes contact info for Mike Walias, who provides an introductory demonstration to new members, going over safety and the basics.



What about after that? We have group sessions for members, which are segregated by level. If you are new to the sport, there is a Novice/Advanced Novice group that meets at noon on Sunday and Tuesday, and you can sign up on YourCourts. There are great group leaders (we'll share more about them in the future) who assist in pairing partners and provide pointers. It's everything you need to get started with playing Pickleball! Plus, it's the perfect way to get to know people to form groups with.

As your play improves, we have more advanced groups, so you can continue to play with new people and make new friends. Plus, once spring arrives, we have different Club events so you can expand your play even more.

We want everyone to have fun, and having level specific groups is just one way that we are able to welcome new people into our Club!

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Many years ago, someone said, "The person who takes up golf to get their mind off work soon takes up work to get their mind off golf." While I certainly can sympathize with this person, as tough as it is to keep the ball in play, I've never had this emotion, other than a few moments following a particularly errant tee shot, a chunk on a chip, or a missed putt.

January 26 saw 11 Pinseekers starting play on hole number 10. While the course was damp, and in some places off limits to our carts, playing the back nine allowed us to miss the three holes that had been designated as "Cart Path Only." We did have fun, which is why we all play this game. Results for this day were: Frank Garcia and Choo Kim tied for first at one under par Net 35; second place saw Jim White garnering a Net 37; in another tie, Leighton Horio and Jim Keene finished the day at Net 39; Martin Hoek squeezed onto the victory stand with a fourth place, Net 41. After looking at the scores, it is clear to me that a wet course, even without rain, makes for a more difficult game. But it is still a fun time, a sport we can do well into our eighties and even nineties.

Don't forget to book your tee times for Wednesday before our Friday play date. Vacant spots can result in bookings by nonmembers resulting in no play for late registering Pinseekers. Hoping to see you all on the fairways, soon.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Loanne Rube

Clear skies and brisk temperatures greeted the 20 adventuresome golfers trodding with clods on their cleats on Thursday play day. The red flag did not dissuade them. Playing golf by walking the course from the cart paths or with a pull cart is not easy with wet socks and very muddy, slippery lies. It is adventuresome though. Camille Giuliodibari (Daniel Boone) and Holly Magowan (Davy Crockett) trekked over hill and dale some 13,691 steps with their rolling carts. What a workout! Our play day fearless leader, Kerry (Swamp Fox) Besmehn was closest from the tee and furthest from the cart path. I don't think that's how it's supposed to be done, Kerry. Two flights of winners completed the trek. In flight one, Helen Varenkamp posted an 86 low gross and low net was won by Janis LeCompte with a 69. Good shooting, ladies! The second flight winners were Holly Magowan with low gross of 106 and Dianne Doughty with the low net of 82. Awesome on a sloppy track. Even with the poor conditions there were two birdies: Bev Rees scored on #6 and Davy Crockett Magowan scored on #11. That was the long and short of it... hole wise. Chip-ins and saving putts were Bev Rees #6, Mary Wagle #17, Michelle Chung #9, and Janis LeCompte at #7.



Please remember, ladies, to call to the Pro Shop if you are scheduled to play and have to cancel, so that tee times and foursomes can be rearranged. Timely cancellation makes for efficient use of Pro Shop staff in getting us out and on the course. Be considerate please! The photos today are pics of some of our smart, dry and comfortable associates playing bridge after lunch. You are valued

members of our 18 hole Women's Club.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 1: Captain's Trophy. If the weather requires a red flag day on Feb. 1, then Captain's trophy will be postponed until Feb. 8.

Feb. 8: Regular Play Day, perhaps Captain's Trophy.

Feb. 15: Past Captains Play Day and Luncheon. Come thank, honor and support the leaders of our golf club. We follow our leaders today.

Feb. 22: 18 hole Women/9 hole Women's mixer. This is an 18 hole mixer, two best ball scramble from the number 1 tees. Sign up with Mary Wagle, our intrepid organizer extraordinaire.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Mario Silva

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, January 25, the course was wet from the recent rains, but the day was mostly sunny and warm. Another good day for some golf. Eight Ironmen played. This was a no-sweeps day.

There was a three-way tie for **First Place** between Victor Hong, Walter Lucas, and Sang Nam each with a net 27. **Second Place** went to Mario Silva with a net 29; and **Third Place** went to Doug Herring with a net 30.

There were three **Birdies**: two by Sang Nam on holes 4 and 7; and one by Victor Hong on hole 7.

Closest to the Pin was won by Sang Nam at 4'9" on hole 2.

Golfer of the Day goes to Sang Nam with two birdies, closest to the pin, and a first place finish. Way to go Sang!

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

Deep Thoughts:

"I think it's just the nature of our game that we're friends out here, although we are competitors, we are friends. And you like to see your friend do well, and you sometimes need another pair of eyes." - Steve Stricker, professional golfer with 12 PGA tour wins, and 2023 PGA Tour Champions Player of the Year

"I play golf with friends sometimes, but there are never friendly games." - Ben Hogan, winner of nine Major Championships

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MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

Upcoming events:

Next on the agenda is the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club President's Day Tournament on Saturday, February 10. Two-Man Teams Chapman/Pinehurst. Tournament open to all Men's Club 18-hole members. **You only have a little time to make this happen.** Signups conclude on February 8, so there is still time to get your teams together. If you haven't signed up, what are you waiting for?

2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Evergreen Tournament—The first meeting for The Evergreen will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Center. This is open to all members interested in the Evergreen. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please come to the meeting to support the Evergreen committee and make this a great event.

Golf Thoughts:

"The best wood in most amateurs' bags is a pencil." - Unknown

"Why am I using a new putter? Because the old one didn't float too well." - Craig Stadler (Professional Golfer)

"I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators." - Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President)

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be February 6, 2024.

Also, remember to visit our website at villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

After several years of dry winter weather, it appears the atmospheric river has returned to the Bay Area. While many of our players opted to remain indoors on Tuesday, we did have 11 ladies venture out in the cart path only weather to hone their skills on the "somewhat" wet fairways. You are "diehard" golfers and we "couch potatoes" applaud you.

Because we might be in this weather pattern for a few more weeks, it might be advisable to remind everyone of the steps to take when playing winter rules. First and most importantly you must mark your ball before lifting it. You may then clean your ball and replace it within 6 inches of your mark. If the six inches takes you to a better cut of grass that is allowed but you cannot take the relief in a bunker or penalty area. Have fun and stay dry.

Plan on playing in a fun upcoming event on February 22. We will be having a joint play day with the 18 Hole Golf group. You may sign up with Mary Wagle. Mary has a great event planned.

BOCCE NEWS



Rolling into Fun: Unveiling the 2024 Bocce Calendar

By Tom Hunt

Get ready to roll into a year filled with bocce excitement! We are thrilled to unveil the official 2024 Bocce Calendar for Bocce Club Community. Packed with thrilling tournaments, friendly competitions, and social gatherings, this calendar promises a bocce-filled year that will bring us closer together.

Calendar Highlights:

Court Construction – We are expecting to get underway early this month on our construction project. We will be providing regular updates on construction throughout the project.

Tournaments - Our tournaments are open to players of all skill levels. Whether a seasoned pro, or a first-time participant our tournaments are designed for everyone to enjoy friendly rivalry, and camaraderie.

Tournament	Dates
Spring Mixer	April 1 – May 10
Spring Round Robin	June 3 – July 12
Summer Tournament	July 29 – Sep 6
Fall Round Robin	Sep. 23 – Nov. 1

Social Events – These events provide the perfect platform to connect with fellow members, forge new friendships and create lasting memories!

Event	Dates
Bash	Every Friday April – Oct.
Palentine Dinner	Feb. 10
Spring Tournament Potluck	May 15
Bocce Summer BBQ	June 1
Spring Round Robin Social	Jul. 17
Summer Tourney Social	Sep. 11
Fall Round Robin Social	Nov. 6
Holiday Party	Dec. 6

Be sure to mark your calendar for these exciting events and stay up to date with all Bocce Club activities by visiting the bocce website, villagesbocce.vgcc.club

TENNIS TALK

An exciting year of tennis in 2024

By Mary Ringel

Let's start with the Grand Slams, the most coveted titles in the sport. The Australian Open served us well in January; hopefully, you caught some of the excitement on ESPN. The next Grand Slam will be the French Open (Roland Garros) starting May 20, on clay courts, followed by Wimbledon's prestigious grass court tournament in England between July 1-14. The Grand Slam season ends with the US Open on August 26, which wraps up coincidentally on my birthday (September 8)! What better way could there be to celebrate?

The Masters 1000 series is critical for players who want to move up in rank. Across the calendar year, men and women play nine tournaments that can offer significant ranking points and prize money. The games are hosted on various continents, on various court surfaces minus the grass court.

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Finals bring together the year's top eight men's singles players and doubles teams in a thrilling climax of the season. Known for its high-stakes intensity, this event will determine who will take the coveted number-one ranking for the year. The format has a round-robin play followed by knockout stages. These games are scheduled throughout the year. The ATP 250, ATP 500, ATP Masters 1000, and finally the ATP Finals make tennis a year-round sport.

Similarly, the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Finals brings together the top female players battling to secure their spots. Mirroring the format of the ATP Finals, the WTA Finals are the grand finale of the women's tennis season.

This year, the Olympic Tennis Tournament will be held on the clay courts at Roland Garros in Paris, beginning with the Paris Olympic Games on the first weekend of the competition. Men's and women's singles preliminary matches start on July 27. The women's singles final is set to be played on August 3, while the men's singles final is set for August 4. Doubles competitions will be held for men, women, and mixed teams between July 27 and August 4. You won't want to miss these final matches that determine who will take home the gold.

Let's not forget the Paralympics Tennis Tournament. Designed to mirror its Olympic counterpart, this tournament brings together athletes with physical impairments or disabilities. Their extraordinary skill and determination result in riveting matches that display triumph over adversity. Wheelchair tennis is played at all four Grand Slam tournaments, including the grass court at Wimbledon.

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Goodness, I can't believe it's already February. Last Tuesday, we had our first rain cancellation. Red flag was up, we tried to get out there but it was just too wet for meaningful golf. So we had breakfast instead. Hope this winter's rain cancellations aren't anywhere near last winters. We had 13 cancellations between December and March. Rains, winds, trees down. It was not a great winter for Shonis golf.

Upcoming events for us include an almost Valentine's breakfast on February 13 as well as a special partners golf game afterward. And then our first general meeting of 2024 on February 20. No scoreboard today for us.

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SCOREBOARD

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, January 25

Flight One

Low Gross:	
Helen Varenkamp	86
Low Net:	
1. Janis LeCompte	69
2. Michelle Chung	74

Flight Two

Low Gross:	
Holly Magowan	106
Low Net:	
1. Diane Doughty	82
2. Betty Sharps	84

BRIDGE

Monday, January 23:

1. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
2. Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho
3. Hank Koransky
- Mary LeGrand

Friday, January 27:

- 1/2. Mary LeGrand - Guest
- 1/2. Selma Chastaine
- George Welch
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 24

Sylvia Rozewicz	168
Eva Medeiros	228
Kitty Heston	272

Friday, January 26

Gjo Bennett	98
Bev Waller-Wharton	246
Joanne Cooke	287

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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

Saturday, February 10 – Men's Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun
Monday, February 19 – President's Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play Tee Times 7:30 a.m.

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 weight ports to control left to right or right to left ball flights. The Qi10 will be available in three 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

To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension 1.

New Course Ratings for the Par-3 Course

The NCGA has completed establishing the new official Course Rating and Slope Rating for the Par-3 Course. The ratings are active and available for score posting via all of the GHIN products (our posting computer, the GHIN app, ghin.com, etc.). In addition...when posting via GHIN/USGA app and looking up Villages GCC (The), everyone should activate the filter and select CA as their state. There are a lot of courses called The Villages nationwide, especially in Florida, and without filtering to CA, the Par 3 Course comes up at the bottom of a long, long list.

The rating and slope were computed as if it was an 18-hole course with a par of 54...

Men	Women
Course Rating = 50.0	Course Rating = 52.6
Slope Rating = 68.0	Slope Rating = 71.0

Please remember that if you have an official USGA Handicap that you are now required to post your score every time you play the Par-3 Course, and those scores will be used in establishing your current handicap index. . Let us know if you have any questions.

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!

Tips from the Pro—Putting is a Mind Game

I was recently watching Martin Hall on the Golf Channel and I really enjoyed some of his tips on putting. I like them because he keeps it relatively simple, but also includes drills for practicing his philosophies. Here are a couple of my favorite Martin Hall putting tips:

1. Never up, never in, we've all heard that. But here is a great Martin Hall quote about putting speed..."you must be willing to risk 3-putting in order to be a good and effective putter". What does that mean in practice? It means one thing...get it to the hole! 2 Reasons: a short putt never has a chance to go in; and if you pay attention as the ball rolls past the hole you can see the come-back putt's break. A great drill is to put a club down 24-36 inches behind the hole and practice 10-15-20-25-30 foot putts and try to roll the ball between the hole and the club on the ground.

2. See a "channel" not a "line". The mind works better if it has a bit of room for error. So when putting, instead of trying to see a perfect line and putting on that line, try instead to see a 6-inch channel, and try to putt through the channel. A great drill for this visual is to pick and relatively straight 10-15 foot putt and lay 2 clubs down on either side of the hole and stroke the putt visualizing the ball rolling through this 6-inch channel instead of on a specific line. Remember that the hole is 2.5 golf balls wide, so we needn't be perfect to make putts.

So the next time you practice putting, think about a more aggressive pace and think about putting through a channel, and see if you don't make more putts. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**



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RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Refresh Your Energy through Prayer’

By Joe Cabrido

You’ve just had an exhausting day. Your friend needed company and someone to talk to, so you went there. When you got home that evening, you wondered if you would have enough energy the next morning to visit again as you promised. In the Gospel of Mark (1:29-39), Jesus gives us an excellent example of how we can get up in the morning to do it all over again.



After curing a man in with an unclean spirit in last week’s gospel, the evangelist Mark continues the story of a single day in the life of Jesus. Leaving the synagogue, he heals Simon’s mother-in-law. Then after sunset, the whole

town gathered at their door bringing to Jesus those who needed healing. He must have been exhausted after curing the last person he saw. Mark describes what Jesus does next. *“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.”* Jesus gave so much of himself that he needed to recharge his batteries and get in touch with his Father, the source of all energy.

As the teacher Brian McLaren reflected, “Every day Jesus would follow that same rhythm: withdraw for solitude, but then come back to engage by healing, feeding, caring, welcoming, binding up the wounds of this world, and implanting in people a vision of resilience, engaging with a world on fire.”

So when you feel exhausted after helping others, spend some quiet time with God in prayer and find your strength and energy refreshed.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., February 12 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

‘Presentation and Purification’

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

I’ve let the Christmas decorations linger this year. It has seemed like a long dark winter, with so much sorrow in the world. So I’ll confess that I just need a little more sparkle and light in my home this season; maybe you do too? Many Christmas traditions would have us dismantle the festive adornment on the Feast of the Epiphany—which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas—but an older tradition takes down the decorations on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation.

This date—forty days after Christmas—commemorates Jesus’ ritual presentation in the Jerusalem Temple. His faithful Jewish parents would have brought him there for the rite of Redemption of the Firstborn Son (Luke 2:22-40), and also for the ritual purification of his mother. In our day, it’s a rather lovely time to remember the gift of family: the parents and children being reminded of their primary relationship to God. But there’s another ancient Christian tradition associated with that date: it’s called Candlemas, and it’s when the candles needed for the extended darkness of winter would be blessed in church. At Trinity Cathedral, we’ll gladly bless anything that bears light on that day: lamps, flashlights, and even your smartphone!

One set of lights will come down by February 2—at least in my house—but Candlemas reminds me that more light is always coming. Such is the gift of the God whose first words were “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3).

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

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Is He Worth Seeing?’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

God loves us and never wanted our relationship with Him to end. We were made an offer by a slave master (the Devil) that we could be like God and live without being accountable. As a result, that decision brought the battle of good over evil and death. It was the intent of the slave master to alienate us from God and from one another by encouraging us to develop sinful habits that are hard to break. It looked hopeless as we contended on the playing field of life to win this battle.

God loves us even when we sin against Him by thinking that we can be masters of our own lives. Even when it looked hopeless for us... victory was at hand. God, without prejudice, did what no one else could do by demonstrating His love through the death, burial and resurrection of His only son, Jesus.

How does it feel to see your favorite team, who you love, come from behind against all odds and snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat?

There is no denying that love affects everything from plants to animals. If you are intentional about loving and caring for plants or animals (man included) they will respond favorable at some point. On the other hand, a person can purchase a plant, place it in a favorable environment, then neglect it and soon it dies. Relationships with others can yield the same results over time.

Some people will do whatever it takes to see their favorite sports team or performer. They will set up tents, camp outside and pay someone to secure their place in line, despite weather conditions, just to see them perform. Now, if people are willing to do that for someone who’s only going to be here for a few minutes, how much more should they be willing to do to see Christ Jesus in His glory? Is He Worth Seeing?

As the world continues to be under the influence of the evil slave master, we are constantly being pressured, by outside and inside forces, to accept wrong for what is right and evil over good. God isn’t sustaining our lives for us to walk away from Him but through His mercy we have opportunity to come to Him. Is He Worth Seeing?

People and nations alike, without hope cease to exist. Let us, together as a people and a nation, take our stand... by asking the Lord to help us prepare our lives to see His Glorious Appearing.

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. You can view our worship services on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/5.

Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

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

Estates

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

Fairways

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

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Glen Arden

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

Roof repairs throughout the district, in planning.

Heights

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

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

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa

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

Highland

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

Montgomery

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

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

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

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, in progress.

Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

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Association

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Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.

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

Annual Crape Myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the districts.

Club Centers

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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.



Report Irrigation Issues

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Highland	March 25 through April 6

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Valentine's Season at The Villages

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Proclaim Your Love

Put in a classified ad in The Villager newspaper by **February 5** to celebrate your Valentine! \$13 for the first 10 words. \$1.30 for each extra word.
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Get Heart Healthy

Friday, February 9 at 10 a.m.
Nutritionist Natsuko Tsuji will teach you how to keep your ticker ticking! See article in The Villager or the Activities edition of the FastLane for more information.

Treat Them Special

Wednesday, February 14 — Dinner Service
Enjoy select Valentines Dinner Specials with your sweetheart or great friends! See information in The Villager newspaper or the Clubhouse edition of the FastLane for more information.

Learn about Tai Chi at The Villages

By Wesley Tanaka

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese practice that involves slow, gentle, balance-based movements requiring focused attention. Tai Chi was initially developed as a martial art that followed the principle of "subduing the vigorous by the soft." It eventually absorbed ideas of energy (Chi) harmonization and flow that originated from traditional Daoist thought and which form the basis of many Chinese healing arts. Today Tai Chi is one of the most popular and effective mind-body exercises in the world with numerous health benefits.

The origin of modern-day Tai Chi can be traced to 17th century China. Over the centuries various styles of Tai Chi have evolved. The five most popular styles today are: Chen style – oldest style with strongest martial art influence; Yang style – most popular of the five styles; Woo (also known as Hao) style; Wu style; and Sun style.

Despite variations between the different styles they all share some core principles:

1. Mind-body coordination – movement that involves blending of conscious intention with muscle memory.
2. Relaxation and Centering – movements that are rooted in the dantian, the body's energy (Chi) center; proper relaxation harmonizes Chi flow.
3. Continuous flow – movements that flow seamlessly.
4. Proper balance and erect posture – upright posture, open chest, and relaxed shoulders promote coordinated movement, stability, and optimal Chi flow.
5. Roundness and softness – Use of circular movements.
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The benefit of a consistent, disciplined exercise regimen is a key element to any wellness program. The Villages Tai Chi Club offers members an opportunity to learn the various forms, to take advantage of a practice in a group setting, and to develop an increased awareness of Chi.

The Villages Tai Chi club practices on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and **Saturday morning** from 9 to 10 a.m. All practices are held in the Cribari conference room. Beginners are welcome. For more information, text Ling Yu at 408-712-3470.

Get an Insider's View into Our Grand Jury Operations

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To find, understand who qualifies, and get more details on this opportunity, go to the Resident Portal: www.thevillagesgcc.com or: www.sccourt.org/CGJ



Let's Talk Real Estate

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

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

Q&A with Lucinda (aka Lucy)

Q1: How do I prepare my home to sell?

First impressions are absolutely key! One of the first things to do is to make sure your home is presentable. A good "Spring Clean" can make all the difference.

Little things like patching up any holes in the walls, changing out light bulbs to be bright white, and making any appliance repairs can make your place stand out in the crowd.

Neutral wall colors i.e. whites, creams, and grays can make rooms seem bigger which can help your house sell quicker.

If you're not moving out before listing your home, you should depersonalize and declutter. Put away family photos, knick-knacks, and other personal items. It helps potential buyers see themselves living there.

Q2: How long will it take to sell my home?

This can vary enormously depending on the market and whether its an "all cash" purchase or if a loan is required. On average, a house may take between 14 days and 30 days to close Escrow after an offer has been accepted. The time it takes to sell a home depends on several things including, but not limited to:

- * *Time of year:* Homes tend to sell faster in spring to early fall.
- * *Conditions in the local housing market:* Homes tend to sell faster in a seller's market when inventory is low and demand is high.
- * *How the buyer is financing:* If a buyer needs to take out a mortgage, this may slow down the process. Financing deals usually take longer, cash deals may take only one or two weeks.
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