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Community TV channel:

CHANNEL 27: Currently playing

- Villages Scam Awareness
- Landscape & Functional Turf
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- Fitness Videos

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Bocce Bliss: New Court #3 Construction Underway

We're excited to share that progress on the new Bocce Court #3 is moving swiftly, thanks to this week's great weather! To ensure everyone's safety, Courts #1 and #2 will be temporarily closed throughout February as we continue construction for Court #3. You'll notice construction fencing around the site, which may be adjusted once the concrete phase is finished. For your safety, please steer clear of the construction area.



A peek inside the fence: Workers are off to a good start as court #3 takes shape.

Please be aware that construction work will bring trucks and equipment through the bocce court vicinity, Gazebo Park, and along The Villages Parkway. This means you might encounter some temporary traffic delays

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Village Voices to perform at 'Going Places Showcase'

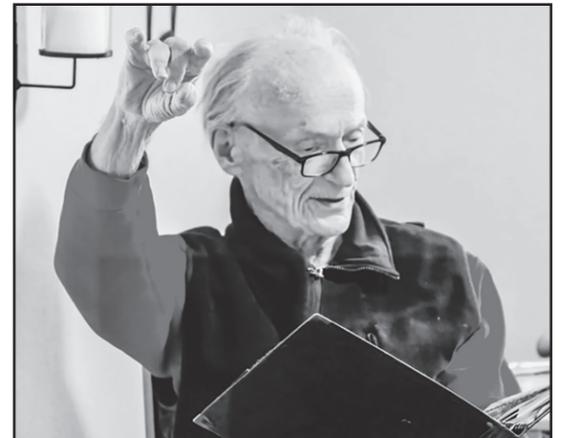
By B. Brown

Bringing life and meaning to each performance is a goal of the Village Voices (VV) choral group. VV carefully chooses and crafts songs that resonate with the audience. "All Aboard!" and "California Dreamin'" are just two being presented in the upcoming "Going Places Showcase (GPS)." GPS comes to town **Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Dance, song and music will fill the afternoon with clever creations.

Eloise Dahneke formed the Village Voices choral group in 1987 and audiences have been enthralled by the Spring and Winter concerts ever since! The VV recently held a successful, annual Open House and currently have a whopping 57 members.

The VV singers performing in GPS are Brigid Moreton, Carolyn Hill, Cheri Wheeler, Cheryl Allmen, Gary Hill, Janis Hubbs, Karen Carlson, Kathryn Nymoen, Lani Deimling, Larry Broderick, Larry Miller, Lucy Pousho, Madelaine Yannaccone, Mary Stradner, Melissa Aronoff, Nancy Miller, Peter Groot, Roberta Wolfe, Rosemarie Stocky, Sandy Sherman.

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Larry Miller, Voices Choir Director

Photo by Frank Langben

VMA to present 'Commit to be Fit' workshop

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Coordinator

Six weeks into 2024 and counting. Are you exercising more? Researchers say 48 percent of us set "moving more" as our top New Year's resolution. Yet, most folks quit before the end of January. Only nine percent of us see our resolution through. Sigh.

Stuart Katzman, DPT, owner of Evergreen PT recommends: "Be gentle with yourself. Begin again. You can experience being more fit by April 1." No fooling! An expert on fitness for those 55+, Stuart will present "**Commit to be Fit: A Primer on Senior Health & Wellness**," on **Tuesday, February 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Katzman will cover topics such as: What wellness is; Exploring the seven dimensions of wellness; Data, Data, Data - how to use it to your advantage; and Aging: it's not for sissies.

Please wear loose clothing. See a demonstration of balance exercises. Cut yourself some slack while you tighten your quads and open your chest. Commit to be fit and have fun. Reserve today at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call Bonnie Grim, VMA Resident Services Coordinator at 408-238-4029.



Stuart Katzman, DPT

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have read many letters for keeping *The Villager* newspaper. I haven't seen many letters for an opposing view. This is mine.

If a resident wishes to pay the cost of a subscription, then it can be charged to their house number. It would be like any newspaper delivered.

I do not wish to add the cost of a Villager to my HOAs. With everything going up I don't want or need this. I am able to manage my subscription to the FastLane where I receive the information that is personally important to me.

As a Senior community we have seen many changes in our lives. Newspapers across the country are closing as how we as a country receive and read our news. The digital and internet have changed our lives in ways we could never have imagined.

Unfortunately, this will be difficult for the residents who enjoy *The Villager*. Maybe a smaller paper version could be printed on regular paper for people who would sign up for it. Or send it out in an email format.

—Gretchen Tucker Greco



The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)
If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

Comcast Appointments for 2024

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

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

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

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

March 6, noon to 2 p.m.	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
April 10, noon to 2 p.m.	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
May 8, noon to 2 p.m.	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
June 5, noon to 2 p.m.	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

IN MEMORIAM

Ed Cavanaugh
May 1931 — January 2024

Jeanne Broenen
July 4, 1923 — January 31, 2024
(Please see notice in the classified advertising section.)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

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

POLICIES

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

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

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

HOURS

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

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

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing this "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting this form to the President (Diana Hallock) or Secretary (Patricia Reardon) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

2024 Election of Directors

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of The Villages Association.

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The attached statement explains my qualifications to serve as a director and, if elected, my goals for the community. Statements are limited to 250 words. Sample candidate statements and formatting guidelines are available in the General Manager's office or by contacting jmeadows@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

Qualified candidates' names and addresses will be included on the Candidate Registration List and statements will be published in the voting materials that accompany the ballots in the election of directors, as well as published in *The Villager* newspaper. Telephone numbers and email addresses are for internal use only and will not be published with the statements.

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

Candidates' statements must be received no later than April 26, 2024, in order to be included in the official voting materials. Candidates' statements may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Julia Meadows, Senior AGM—Chief of Staff, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or jmeadows@the-villages.com.

NOTICE The Villages Association

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COMMITTEES,
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and COMMUNITY
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THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS RULES

ARTICLE 3: Candidates for the Board and Nomination Procedures

3.1 Qualification of Candidates.

Candidates for the Board must be Members at the time of their nomination and (i) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in these Election Rules and (ii) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in the Bylaws so long as they do not conflict with these Election Rules. In the case of a Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporation or other entity), the entity Member shall have the power to appoint a natural person as the "Member" for purposes of director elections. The Association shall disqualify a nominee for the Board for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.

3.1.2 The nominee does not reside within The Villages condominium project.

3.1.3 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as serving on the Board of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

3.1.4 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another owner of the same separate interest and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or is an incumbent director.

3.1.5 If the nominee, at the time of nomination, is delinquent in the payment of regular and/or special assessments. A nominee shall not be considered "delinquent" if the delinquency relates to the payment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, late charges, or costs levied by a third party and/

or if the nominee: (a) has paid the regular or special assessment under protest; (b) has entered into a payment plan for repayment of the delinquent assessments and is not delinquent in payments due under the plan; or (c) the nominee has requested and has not been provide an opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.

3.1.6 If the nominee has been a member of the Association for less than one year.

3.1.7 If the nominee discloses, or if the Association is aware or becomes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the Member was elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.

3.2 Nominations.

3.2.1 Solicitation of Candidates. At least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination, the Association shall provide general notice of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination for the Board. Any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination for the Board by submitting the nomination before the published deadline for receiving nominations. In addition, the Board may recruit qualified candidates and/or may appoint a nominating committee to nominate qualified candidates.

3.2.2 No Write-Ins. No "write-in" candidates shall be permitted on the ballots in the election of directors.

MANAGEMENT

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Evolution of The Villager: Embracing the Digital Era with a Gradual Transition Online

As *The Villager* embarks on this digital transition, it invites the community to actively participate in shaping the newspaper's future. This journey is not merely about changing the medium of content delivery but about fostering a newspaper that continues to serve the unique needs and values of The Villages community. Through ongoing collaboration, surveys, and discussion groups, *The Villager* is embracing a future that honors its past while looking forward to new possibilities in the digital age.



The Villager's evolution into the digital era represents a conscientious shift from traditional print to an online platform, reflecting both the community's heritage and future aspirations. This transition, led by Elizabeth Park, AGM of Communications and Public Safety, is underpinned by the community's input, gathered through resident comments, Pulse letters, and discussions at the Club Board's meeting on January 30. A dedicated Resident Ad Hoc Committee, in partnership with *The Villager* staff, ensures that this transformation aligns with the community's desires, maintaining a balance between tradition and innovation.

In recent months, adjustments such as reducing the newspaper from 28 to 24 pages have been implemented to enhance content quality, and incorporating features like QR codes to enrich reader engagement. These changes mark the commencement of a series of improvements aimed at elevating the reader experience.

The transition to an online presence is cautious and deliberate, utilizing WordPress technology in conjunction with the new ERP system, Cobalt. This upgrade not only modernizes *The Villager* but also improves accessibility for individuals with visual impairments, aligning with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

In response to community feedback, a hybrid publication model is being introduced. This model includes a bi-monthly printed edition, available on the first and third weeks of each month, alongside an online version. This approach aims to cater to all readers, ensuring accessibility and engagement through both print and digital formats.

Note: Fireside Chats held last Wednesday of each month, except June (6/19), November (11/20) and December (TBD).

— Theresa Ostrander Villages General Manager

Villages business offices to close for Presidents Day

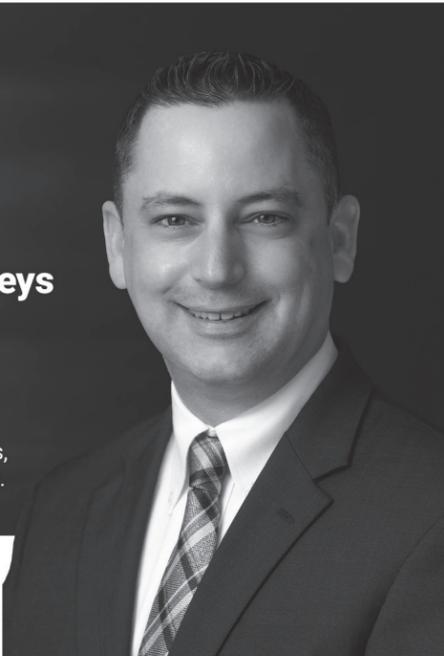
Villages business offices will be closed Monday, February 19 for the Presidents Day holiday. Offices resume regular hours Tuesday, February 20.

Classified Ad deadline for the Presidents Day holiday

Because of holiday office closures, the Classified Ad deadline for the week of the Presidents Day holiday is Tuesday, February 20 by noon. Ads received after the deadline will be scheduled for the February 29 edition.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

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

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

Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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

Report Coyote Activity

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

- Email Public Safety at: mhidalgo@the-villages.com
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home.

Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of March are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **February 23, 2024**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **Friday, February 23.**

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

IRS Free File program

If you are comfortable preparing your own tax return and reasonably comfortable using a computer, check out the IRS Free File program. There are many benefits to using a computer tax preparation program. The program doesn't make arithmetic mistakes, the completed return is legible, and you can electronically file and quickly know that the IRS has received your return. Also, if you have a refund, you will receive the refund four to six weeks faster than from a mailed return.

IRS Free File. The IRS partners with leading tax software providers to make their online products available for free to any person or family who earned \$79,000 or less in 2023. For us in California, this claim of free is only partially true. The Federal return preparation will be free, but you will likely be charged for the California return preparation. In some states, the state income tax return is a simple piggy-back to the Federal return so there is no charge. California, however, has its own tax code with many differences from Federal law.

Here's a step-by-step overview of how to find the right Free File product:

1. Go to [IRS.gov/FreeFile](https://www.irs.gov/FreeFile)
2. Then select "Explore Free Guided Tax Software" and use the "Browse All Trusted Partners" tool to review each offer
3. Answer a few questions about you and your income and you will be directed to the best products for you
4. Follow the links to the provider's website to begin your tax return.

If you have income of more than \$79,000, the IRS offers another possibility: **Free File Fillable Forms.** These are electronic federal tax forms you can fill out and then file online for free. You choose the tax forms you need, enter your tax information online, electronically sign and file your return, and print your return for record keeping.

Limitations with Free File Fillable Forms include: 1) there is no guidance about which forms to use, 2) only basic calculations are performed, and 3) no California state tax return option is available. However, California has a similar program called CalFile at [FTB.CA.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) so the state option is available for you there.

We suggest you consider the IRS Free File or the Fillable Forms approach if you normally prepare your returns by hand and mail them to the IRS and FTB.

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 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 Save the date:

Shred on April 20

As you do your taxes, put aside your outdated files to shred. On **Saturday morning, April 20** there will be a document shredding service at the Cribari Center east parking lot. The details will be announced soon.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 7, 10, 11 & 21

BOARD MEETINGS

Budget Work Sessions (Board only)

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors session is Wednesday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- The Villages Association Board of Directors session is Wednesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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)

Contacting PG&E during an outage

You can report or get more information about power outages during stormy weather (and under regular conditions, too) through some of the following ways:

PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000.

To report or get more information about an outage call PG&E's 24-hour Outage Information Center at 1-800-743-5002.

You can report an outage, learn about future planned outages, get outage updates and take a look at the outage map for your locality on the PG&E website at: pge.com

For those who don't have computers, advanced phones or may be technologically challenged, PG&E customer service suggests calling the Customer Service number at 1-800-743-5000 to update your contact information so you can receive critical information when necessary. PG&E requests the following updates: Your primary home/landline number, your cell phone number, your email address and secondary contact information such as friends or family members who can receive alerts in the event contact cannot be made.

If you experience a power outage, do not be hesitant to contact PG&E and report it or to get more information about outages in your vicinity.



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Graton Resort and Casino trip coming soon

Coming soon, join us for an opportunity to win big! Graton Resort and Casino is the largest and most elegant casino in Sonoma County. It holds 3,000 modern slots and over 100 tables games plus a live poker room. When not playing, you can enjoy their variety of casual and fine dining options. More information will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of February 23.

'Rose—A Mother's Story'—is sold out!

The encore presentation of "Rose – A Mother's Story" scheduled **Saturday, March 9** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Foothill Center is now **sold out**. Kathy Estevez-Bates will blend presentation and performance in her portrayal reflecting on Rose Kennedy's life.

VMA needs you!

Do you find that there are certain days of the week or certain times of the day that you do not have a constructive activity? Maybe those could be hours that you devote to driving fellow residents to doctor's appointments, deliver equipment to their home or take them grocery shopping. Your schedule counts, so share with VMA the times you are available to help out.

Would you be willing to answer the phones one day a week or on a relief basis? How about helping with the planning for an event or actually working an event? There are so many opportunities to give back to the community. Please go to VMAvillages.vgcc.club and fill out a Volunteer application. You won't be sorry.

Valentines Activity:

Conversation Heart Love Poems

Conversation hearts are one of the most popular Valentine's Day candies on the planet. Over 13 million pounds of mini hearts are given out in the weeks leading into the holiday. You should have at least one box in your home leftover from the festivities. Let's challenge yourself or your friends to see who the best love poet is!

What you will need to make your stories:

- At least one conversation heart candy box per participant/team - Magnifying glass (optional)

The Activity:

1) Decide what your criteria is for winning and is there a prize. Your criteria could be sweetest poem, funniest poem, raciest poem or whatever you like!

2) Have each participant/team pour out their candy hearts onto any surface. Give them 5-10 minutes to use as many hearts as possible to create a poem. If needed, a magnifying glass can help you read the small letters.

3) When the time is up, take turns sharing your poems then decide on the winner. Repeat as often as you like.

Fun alternatives:

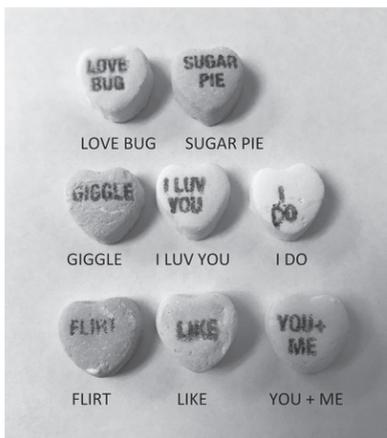
- Challenge yourself to make a specific kind of poem, like a haiku.

- Share the poems anonymously and guess which friend created it.

- Try to guess which individual heart sentiment would apply to the people you know.

- Try to guess which individual heart sentiment would apply to well-known celebrities.

Please send your poems to recreation@the-villages.com, we would love to see what you come up with. This activity is sponsored by The Villages Recreation Services. A sample is available for viewing in Building B.



ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

March 5 – 26: Dreaming into Writing with Parthenia Hicks. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$75.

March 6 - 27: Intermediate Drawing with Ciel Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$120. All materials furnished.

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

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

Rambler Lite Hike 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 waterway and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike February 28: Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a hike to the Silver Creek Community Market (formerly New Seasons). We'll start at the old B of A parking lot, continue down to San Felipe, cross the creek bridge to the park and on to Silver Creek Community Market for coffee and then return. Round trip hiking distance is approximately 4.4 miles. Meet at the old Bank of America parking lot at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike February 28: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Evergreen Community College. We'll walk to the new additions to the college and around the lake. Meet at the parking lot next to the Villages security gate at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike March 6: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

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

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

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

the cost of the activity. All sales are final.

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

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

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

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

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

Call 911 for medical emergencies Bocce Bliss...

(Continued from front page)

Public Safety would like to remind you, in the event of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first.

Public Safety monitors all emergency calls through San Jose Fire Dispatch. We will respond at the exact same time as the Fire Department and Paramedics.

Calling the front gate can only delay response time by emergency personnel. It is always quicker to call 911. It is the only phone call you will need to make.

and parking restrictions. For our golf cart users, please be mindful of the detour directing you safely around the construction just follow the signs between the Hole #5 green and the Hole #6 tee box.

We apologize for any disruptions this may cause and greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation. This helps us ensure the work is done both safely and efficiently. Remember, the schedule might change depending on the weather. We'll keep you updated and make changes as needed. Thank you for your understanding as we work to enhance our community!

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.



Good weather equals good progress for bocce court #3.

VILLAGER INSERTS

Get your message out to every door in the community

Have your printed advertisement inserted in The Villager



INSERT ADVERTISING gets your important message out!

For details on how to put an Insert into The Villager Call Adrienne at:

408-223-4657

Club Nominating Committee seeks candidates

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, as well as the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses and tennis courts.

The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and an election will be held during May and June for three director positions to serve three-year terms, and one director position to serve a term of one year. (The one-year term is the final year of a three-year term of a former director due to resignation.)

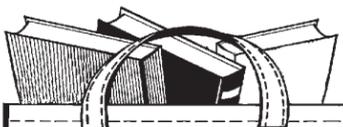
It's a rewarding experience to participate in the governance of this vibrant community. The Nominating Committee urges all Villages' property owners to consider involvement in the community decisions through service on The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Vivian Brown vivianbrown1328@comcast.net; Beverly Poellot bpoellot@gmail.com and Julie Wash jwash191@yahoo.com

Missed your Villager?

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

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or go online to the Villages website—www.thevillagesgccc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.



LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Villages Library Book Sale is open for business all year long on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. to noon.

'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.

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



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 2/19 to 2/25

Monday, February 19

Cream of Mushroom

Tuesday, February 20

Chicken Tortellini

Wednesday, February 21

Napa Cabbage with

Potstickers

Thursday, February 22

French Onion

Friday, February 23

Fisherman Stew

Saturday, February 24

Chef's Choice

Sunday, February 25

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 2/19 to 2/25

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 2/20 to Sunday 2/25

Joe's Scramble: Ground Beef, Spinach, Mushrooms and Onions with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$16.50**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 2/19 to Sunday 2/25—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beef Taco Salad: Seasoned Ground Beef, Pico de Gallo, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, Guacamole and Iceberg Lettuce inside a Flour Tortilla **\$17.50**

Linguini and Clams: Linguini Pasta with Hard Shell Clams in White Wine and Clam Sauce **\$17.50**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 2/20 to Sunday 2/25—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

22-oz. Porterhouse Steak: 22-oz Porterhouse Steak with Cabernet Reduction Sauce and Maytag Bleu Cheese with Choice of Sides **\$48.50**

Trout Amandine: 8-oz. Idaho Trout with a Lemon Butter Sauce and Toasted Almonds with Choice of Sides **\$27.95**

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



Whole Rotisserie Chicken

Order between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **\$12** plus Service Charge & Tax

For pickup between 5 and 7:30 p.m. 408.223.4687 opt 2 or online at clubhouserreservation.com

Click for more information

Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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



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

Rolls and Butter, Salad Bar, Lemon Dill Salmon, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Primavera, Vegetables Medley, Assorted Cakes and Pies, Coffee, or Tea

Full Bar Available

6 to 9 p.m. Open Mic

\$28.95 Plus Service charge and Tax

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call **408-754-1339** or email:

ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com



Bella Montagna Winery Santa Clara County

Villages Wine Maker Dinner
Wednesday March 6

Reception 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Charcuterie and Cheese Display
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Charcuterie and Cheese Display
Rose 2023 Santa Clara County

Dinner 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Starter

Goat Cheese, Fuji Apples, Spiced Almonds, with Tossed Spring Baby Lettuce

Champagne Vinaigrette

Sauvignon Blanc 2023 Santa Clara County

Main

Roasted Herb Rubbed Lamb Loin with Balsamic Mint Sauce

Lemon Buttered Spring Vegetables,

Beans, Asparagus, Peas, and Carrots

Butter Milk and Leek Mashed Potatoes

Merlot 2021 Santa Clara County

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Cake

Layered with 3 Chocolate Mousse

with Marbled Chocolate Shavings

Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 Santa Clara County

\$69 per person plus 18% service charge and tax

Email or call Reservation to:

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

or **408-754-1337**

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Proposed Changes to Club Board Policies

At the January 30, 2024, monthly board meeting, the Club Board approved for 30-day member notice proposed changes to the following VGCC Board Policies prior to formal approval consideration at the March 26, 2024, board meeting.

CPo 221 Marketing Advisory Committee
CPo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees
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.

Response to the proposed policy changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the February 27, and March 26, 2024, board meetings, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meetings, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meetings.

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The proposed changes are as follows:

TITLE: Marketing Advisory Committee **POLICY NUMBER:** CPo 221 ~~1Rev1~~

OBJECTIVE: To make *The Villages* the Country Club community of choice for seniors in Northern California

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: None
MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

Committee: Marketing Advisory Committee, ~~a standing committee.~~

Responsible to: Club Board of Directors.

Composition: Voting Members: Five to Seven (5-7) resident owners in good standing appointed by the Club Board of Directors.

Non-voting Members: The number of associate members shall be determined by the committee with approval of the Board. Associate members can actively participate in committee discussions but do not have a vote.

Board Liaison (non-voting)

Staff Support: ~~General Manager and Community Activities Director~~ Senior Staff member assigned by the General Manager

Purpose To recommend marketing tactics, programs and advertising techniques designed to generate interest and enhance the community's overall exposure to the prospective buyer market in the Silicon Valley and beyond; and, to enhance and improve internal (Villager and guests) use of community amenities. Implementation of marketing tactics, programs and advertising techniques requires approval of the Club Board and GM.

Staff Support: ~~General Manager and Community Activities Director~~

Member Terms: ~~Two-year~~ Two-year staggered terms, January 1 to December 31. Reappointment is possible subject to a ~~two-term~~ two-term limit. There must be a ~~one-year~~ one-year break in service after two consecutive terms before reappointment. If it becomes necessary to replace a member, the new member will complete the term of the replaced member and may be re-appointed as above.

Officers: The committee shall elect a chairperson from one of its own voting members.

Subcommittees: The committee may appoint associate non-voting members as it deems necessary to carry out and perform its board-directed objectives.

Meetings: The committee will meet at least quarterly to fulfill its objectives.

Responsibilities: The committee's responsibilities shall be as follows:

1. To work with management to develop market definitions, techniques, concepts, strategies (along with performance measurements) designed to systematically and effectively market ~~the community~~ The Villages to external and internal markets. Marketing efforts should be reviewed annually and approved by the Board of Directors.

2. To recommend advertising plans that coincides with the marketing efforts, the cost of which must be approved by the Board of Directors during the annual budget development process. All expenses associated with advertising and marketing shall be within the budget allocation. The General Manager and Club Board President must approve all expenses before being incurred.

3. To submit all proposed media, including major web page changes, ~~brochures~~ brochures, or advertising copy for approval from GM and Club Board President before publication.

4. To develop, enhance and improve internal (Villager and guests) use of community amenities.

5. To assist other Villages' organizations with marketing needs as directed by the Club Board.

TITLE: Assessments, Dues, Assessments, Charges and Fees

POLICY NUMBER: CPo 302

OBJECTIVE:

Set forth policy and procedural guidelines for collection of member assessments, ~~charges~~ charges, and fees.

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

VGCC Amended Bylaws of June 200623 Sections 8.2.2 through 8.2.5
California Civil Code, Corporation Code 7212. ~~Association and Homeowners Corporation Bylaws and CC&Rs:~~

POLICY:

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

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

The Club Board may set fees and charges for use of facilities and services and for disciplinary actions. Fees and charges to members are collected by the Club.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:

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

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

2. Membership Initiation Fee. The Club shall collect a fee for joining the Club when ownership of a house or villa is transferred is sold to a new owner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TITLE: Financial Reporting Policy

NUMBER: CPo 311

OBJECTIVE: Provide guidelines for Management to prepare and deliver financial reports to the VGCC Club Board and Members.

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: VGCC Bylaws Section 8.2.2, 8.2.7 and 8.2.8 and CPo 310 Budgeting Corporate Code 7212

POLICY: The Club Board of Directors requires Management to create and distribute timely and accurate reporting of financial information to the Board and Members. The information will demonstrate the financial health of the Club, adherence to approved budgets, justification for out of budget expenditures, trending

of key performance indicators and a basis for the calculation of assessments for operations, reserve, and capital funds.

RESPONSIBILITY Management is responsible for the content, format and scheduling of each report required by this policy. The processes to create the documentation will be in VGCC Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which will be created and maintained by Management.

The Club Board will annually review and approve format and content of reports and SOPs. The Club Board Treasurer will review and recommend approval at the beginning of each fiscal year.

MONTHLY REPORTING

Dashboard

A financial Dashboard will be updated immediately at the end of each month using best information available at that time. The dashboard may be updated as the books are closed. The dashboard will be reviewed at each monthly Club Board meeting.

QUARTLERLY REPORTING

Bylaws Section 8.2.7

- a) Income and Expenses of Operating, Reserve, and Capital funds.
- b) Operating accounts reconciliation
- c) Revenue and Expenses for Club reserve and capital funds.
- d) Investment accounts statement review
- e) Profit and Loss reports for the Restaurant/Clubhouse and Golf Course/Pro Shop

Projects

A quarterly progress report on the status of large-scale Club projects under contract shall be made to the Club Board of Directors by the General Manager. The report should include estimated completion date and cost to complete.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

Contractors

The General Manager or designee will make semi-annual reports to the Club Board of Directors on long term contracts. These reports will address objectives, performance, costs, and related Issues. Contractors subject to this policy include 1) Landscaping, 2) Golf course maintenance, repair, and refurbishment 3) Solar array monitoring and maintenance and other contracts with durations over one year.

ANNUAL REPORTS Bylaws sections 8.2.2 and 8.2.8

Annual Report

The Board shall cause an annual report ("Annual Report") to be prepared within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the Corporation's fiscal year.

Budget

Management will prepare an annual Budget for Club Operations, and Capital funds and document the procedure to do so, subject to CBOD approval. Management will propose the budget, with recommended assessments, to the Club Board for approval at the April Club Board meeting. The budget documentation will be made available to the Members.

Audit

Management will recommend to the Club Board Executive Committee Finance Committee several qualified firms to conduct audits of the Club financial statements. Selection of the licensed CPA will be approved by the Club Board at the April monthly meeting. The Auditors report will be formally approved by the Board as soon as practical after the beginning of the fiscal year and made available to the Members.

Inventory

A physical inventory of all Club furnishings and equipment will be conducted annually. A report of inventory results will be included in the annual budgeting documentation.

PERIODIC REPORTS

Major Projects

Management shall provide a review for Club Board consideration of all projects which are projected to exceed \$50,000 in total cost. The purpose of these reviews is to determine if any interim actions or decisions regarding the reviewed projects are required by the Club Board or Management. The review of each project shall, at a minimum, include project planned cost, commitments to date, an estimate of the expenses to complete the project, and projected cost over/under the plan.

Project Final Report

At the completion or termination of a Major Project, a final report shall be provided to the Club Board by the General Manager. The report should include the project's planned definition, benefits, costs, schedule, rationale for any changes and the final cost.

MEDIA AND DISTRIBUTION

All reports will be posted on the VGCC website on an access restricted pages as appropriate for Board of Directors access only and all Members only.

Board meeting materials will be distributed to Club Board of Directors by posting on the VGCC residents portal website or by distribution of electronic files by email. Each Director may require distribution by hardcopy or flash drive if desired.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
2:30 p.m.	VAT Matinee Theatre	A
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
5 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, February 17

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Saturday Sing Along	SEQ

Sunday, February 18

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
3 p.m.	EPC Orientation	MC
6 p.m.	Jewish Community Game Night	FC

Monday, February 19

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Round Table	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	Flower Ladies Arranging	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
6 p.m.	EPC Orientation	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

Tuesday, February 20

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
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
10:30 a.m.	Community Chapel Board	F
10:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
12 p.m.	Par 3 Women's Golf	MC
1:30 p.m.	Poems Workshop	AR
1:30 p.m.	VMA Evergreen PT	SEQ
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Camera Club	FC

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:15 a.m.	VMA Board	FC
10 a.m.	Watercolors Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
5 p.m.	VMA Bingo & Dinner	CH
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, February 22

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
9:30 a.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
10 a.m.	Writing, Pastels	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
10:30 a.m.	VMA Health Programs	PR
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Mixer	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Global Vill. Meditation	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
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	P
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Board	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
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



Club Events & Notices



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Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

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www.vmaillages.org



Upcoming 2024 Programs

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 vmaillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Aging Together/ Family Discussion – Byron Chan, a volunteer with the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association will help you examine what matters most to you when it comes to your health care and making our end of life wishes known with such aides, as a POLST, an advance medical directive, and an ethical will. **Friday, March 8** at 1 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. Register online at vmaillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Hearing Aid Clean and Check – Hearing Life will offer free checks of your hearing aids on Tuesday, March 19 from 10 a.m. – noon in Montgomery Center. Please call 408-238-4230 to register for a time.

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 sessions are on **February 19 and 26**. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. **Note date change— Thursday, 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 **March 21** at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.

CLUBS & EVENTS

Join new 'Playing with Poetry' class



Leanne Lindelof

Sign up for "Playing with Poetry," a group class for anyone who wants to explore and write poetry. During the hour we're together, we'll read and discuss a published poem by a respected poet, then choose a theme to guide us through the composition of our own poems. To end the hour, those who would like to share can read their work to the group!

Instructor Leanne Lindelof loves writing, teaching, and language. She's a fiction writer and poet who has taught creative writing at SJSU and French at West Valley College. She has published work in various small literary journals and continues to write new poems and stories for publication. She has three children— who study science rather than humanities—and lives in San Jose.

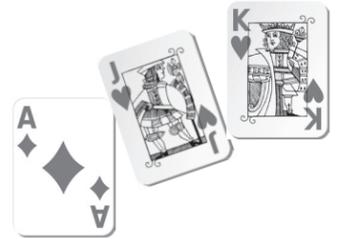
This one-day poetry workshop is **Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m.** in the Art Room. The fee is \$20. Fees are due one week before the workshop. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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.



Voting reminders from the Villages Republican Club

By Mary Wagle

The 2024 Presidential Election is almost here! California's March 5th Primary mail ballots are arriving soon, and we're suggesting you be prepared before you vote. Here are some suggestions for you.

The first step is to check your registration status by visiting California's "My Voter Status" page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. If you want to vote for a Republican candidate in the primary election, you must be registered as a Republican. To change your party affiliation, visit the "Classification - Voter Registration Application" web page at covr.sos.ca.gov. In our area, we are U.S. Congressional District 9, State Senator District 15, and State Assembly District 25.



Second, when you are asked to vote for three or vote for six, *you must* do that and vote for the exact number. If you leave blanks, your ballot is subject to adjudication and could be changed to a candidate you might not want to vote for.

Third, if you're a member of the Villages Republican Club, watch for emails that will keep you up-to-date on additional voting and election information, club events, and ways you as members can stay involved.

Reminder: While voters are strongly encouraged to vote *in person*, the most important reminder is to vote. Make your voice heard. Vote, vote, vote!

Global Village Community: 'The Healing Room'

The Global Village Community Club is hosting another Healing Room event. This month's topic is "Releasing the Resistance to Loving Yourself." Why is it often easier to love others than to love ourselves? Often people don't feel safe to opening up to the emotion of love. Perhaps they have been heart-broken or disappointed?



In conjunction with the month of Valentine's Day, we are going to let go of that resistance and open our hearts to love ourselves.

This next Healing Room event will be on **Thursday,**

February 29 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Montgomery Center. You must pre-register for this event. You can register by texting or calling 408-827-8860 or emailing kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com. Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis. **There is no cost to attend this event.**

The purpose of the Healing Room is to learn how to let go of unwanted emotions, release debilitating thoughts, return our bodies to health and wellness, and establish a direct link to our higher soul-self.

The healing room is led by intuitive healer, Kim Silverman, a Certified Quantum Energy Master and Certified Life Coach. She will combine guided meditations and educational moments that allow you to return to a more centered and balanced state of well-being.

For more information about the Global Villages Community Club, visit the GVC Club website at sites.google.com/view/gvcclub/home or email globalvc-club@gmail.com.

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Join the Villages Study Groups Club!

Are you curious about our study groups? **The Villages Study Groups Club** is open to all Villages residents. It is designed for you to make new friends, join new activities, and most importantly have a good time!



THE VILLAGES STUDY GROUPS CLUB
Connect, Share, and build Community.
www.studygroups.vgcc.club

The club offers the members many varied study groups, such as current events, folk dancing, reading groups, cooking, arts and crafts, movie groups and many others. **Be our guest, come and join the fun!**

For more information about our exciting club, visit our website at studygroups.vgcc.club.

There, you will also find all the current and upcoming study groups listings. Please contact the study group facilitator for any study groups you are interested in.

For general questions, contact: Judy Rogers at judy.rogers488@gmail.com or 408 223-9020.

For study groups questions, contact: Josephine (Joey) Stern at sternjo@pacbell.net or 408-238-4890.



Join Walking/Chair dancing to improve health

By Live Stronger and Longer Club



Dr. Andrew J. Wassef, a local orthopedic surgeon, points out that sitting for long periods can negatively affect your mobility by tightening your hip flexors and hamstring muscles, placing excess stress on your joints. Sitting with poor posture can weaken the neck, back, and spinal bones. Physical exercise is recommended to strengthen bones and protect joints. Join LSAL Fitness Club to learn how to nurture yourself physically, mentally, or emotionally. The class

is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is free. Sign up in class.

Macintosh Users Group to meet Feb. 21

The Macintosh Users Group will have a Zoom meeting at 3 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 21**. We will be meeting by Zoom for at least six months when possible. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, at 408-218-0851 or larryroben21@gmail.com if you wish to be given the link to join our meetings. Provide Larry your address, phone number and email address.



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 ir1856@gmail.com

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.



Check out VMA's extensive list of equipment for loan

Planning a major procedure in the near future? Had an "unplanned" fall recently? If you are in need of any kind of support equipment for a speedy recovery or daily support for your condition, the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) most likely has the right equipment for you! Check out the extensive catalog of equipment the VMA offers to residents free of charge. Visit our website at VMAvillages.vgcc.club and click on the "Medical Equipment For You" tab. Navigate through the catalog using its up and down arrows. There's a plethora of items at your disposal.

Once you've identified a piece of equipment you can use, simply call the VMA desk from 9 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (408-238-4230) and either request the specific item be delivered to your home or make an appointment with a volunteer to meet at the VMA Shed in the RV park behind Montgomery to personally select the item you need/want!

If you no longer need the equipment, just reverse the process! A volunteer will pick it up from your home or meet you at the shed to return it for another use.

These services are free of charge and support VMA's mission to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible in The Villages!



Save the Date! Friends of San Jose State University

Presents a luncheon with

President Cynthia Teniente-Matson

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Fairway Room, 12 to 2 p.m.

Come hear her vision for the future of San Jose State University as it moves into its 168th year!

Watch for more information in early March!



Join Global Village for plant-based cooking event

If you're interested in, or just curious about, healthier plant-based eating, join fellow Villagers on **Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.** at the Montgomery Center. We'll be hosting a live cooking demo, enjoying several tasty dishes, and having an interactive Q&A with Jan and Hillary Liband of Plant-Based Advocates.

Come learn, taste, and get your questions answered—all in one casual and informative evening! Featured dishes and items include: pizza, easy couscous with grains, tasty greens, wholesome "cheesy" sauce, and ingredients for making lots of other great dishes. Attendance will be limited to 25 people, so registration is required by February 26. Please call Pradeep Sonawala at 650 336-3310 or email globalvcclub@gmail.com. Also, a small fee will be charged to cover the costs of foods only; costs can only be determined after we know how many will come, so please register ASAP. Come be part of this lively, informative evening!

Tips on how to break the plastic habit

By Dianne Doughty

If you're reading this article, I'm assuming that you're doing your best to cut plastic pollution. If we continue using less plastic in our everyday life and request non-plastic options from companies we buy from, we will finally see a decline in plastic use.

The following ideas are just a few that will help cut our plastic use that you may not have considered.

We see more and more people using plastic-free beverage containers, not plastic water bottles...although if one is on a Costco run, how many people do you see still buying water in small plastic bottles in bulk?! Along with carrying your **own water bottle**, how about bringing your own **reusable cup** to your favorite coffee shop? This is one less cup and lid used.

Another big use of **plastic bags** is at the grocery store. Many stores now give consumers the choice of using paper bags when buying produce or buying bulk items. However, you can bring your own shopping bags along with **reusable produce bags**. When buying from the bulk bins, bring your own container.

Another suggestion in cutting the use of plastics, is using **bar soap and shampoo bars** rather than liquid soaps and shampoos. And make sure that the laundry and kitchen powders that are bought are packed in **recyclable containers**. There are some stores that carry liquid soaps in bulk so one can refill containers repeatedly.

These are just a few suggestions to help reduce the use of plastics which will help move our planet towards a healthier future for our children, grandchildren and all life. For more information, visit sustainablevillages.vgcc.club



Next Cat Club meeting February 26



Calling all Villagers with small dogs and cats. The Villages Cat Club invites you to come and meet Ana Thompson, a cat and small dog in-home groomer. Ana grooms pets in the comfort of clients' homes, helping them reduce stress out of things like nail clipping and brushing their pets' teeth.

Plan on attending the Cat Club meeting on **Monday, February 26** in the Foothill Center from 2 to 3 p.m.

This is a **free event** but you must register. **Space is limited!** Reserve by contacting Bette Loomis at villagescatclub5@gmail.com

Learn about Máyyan 'Ooyákma—newest Open Space Preserve

The Hiking Club's speaker on February 26 is Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected over 30,000 acres of open space and agricultural land across the Santa Clara Valley for the benefit of people and nature. The Open Space Authority operates a network of public open space preserves and multi-use trails that are open to the public free of charge, 365 days a year—Coyote Valley, Máyyan 'Ooyákma Coyote Ridge, Rancho Cañada del Oro and Sierra Vista Open Space Preserves, with more on the way. Andrea will focus on the Authority's newest open space preserve—Máyyan 'Ooyákma Coyote Ridge which opened to the public in Summer 2023, and is located near The Villages, just east of the Hwy 101 and Bailey Road interchange. Máyyan 'Ooyákma consists of 1,859 acres, has 5 miles of trails with outstanding views of the Santa Clara Valley and surrounding mountain ranges. It was established to protect rare serpentine grasslands, and is critically important to the survival of the endangered Bay checkerspot butterfly population. Andrea will also talk about why the conservation and restoration of nature in the Diablo Range, Santa Cruz Mountains and Coyote Valley is so important to our own future.



Andrea Mackenzie

The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m.** (new start time for 2024) at the Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

Sign up for 'Dreaming into Writing'

Sign up for "Dreaming into Writing," an opportunity to welcome our own individual and unique language onto the page. In this workshop, you will take away the seeds of new stories, poems or a piece of that memoir you're writing. Through creative, provocative prompts that lead you to places in your writing that you may not go on your own, we'll write, share, contemplate and grow our craft.



Parthenia M. Hicks

Whether you're new to creative writing or experienced and searching for inspiration, we'll take a deep dive into the creative process through exercises that include music and art that stimulate our writing and imagination. Reading your work aloud is voluntary.

All levels welcome. The workshop will be held **Tuesdays, March 5 – 26**, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The cost is \$75. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

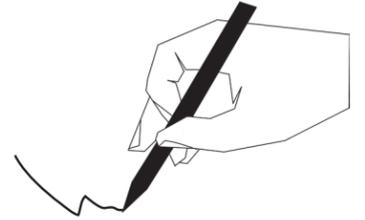
Parthenia M. Hicks, Los Gatos Poet Laureate Emerita, is the recipient of the Silicon Valley Arts Fellowship for Literature; the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Poetry Prize; the Villa Montalvo Biennial Poetry Prize, the Dragonfly Press Award, the San Jose Story Map Award and Pushcart nominations

for poetry and fiction. Her most recent publications include "Cold Mountain Review" and "Red Wheelbarrow." A resident of The Villages since 2020, she currently shares her space with her Burmese and Egyptian wild cats as she works on her forthcoming manuscript, "Praying in the Women's Bathroom."

Save date for Intermediate Drawing with Ciel Duke

Ciel Duke is offering a four-week class, Intermediate Drawing to Villagers. The class will be held on four **Wednesdays, March 6 to March 27** from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ciel Duke is a popular art teacher here in The Villages, with years of teaching experience. Her structured classes are casual, friendly, and fun...so don't wait to register, as they fill up quickly! Register by emailing mskellen@icloud.com



Join the Pickleball Club for a '70s Dance Party!

Register now!

Saturday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. held at the Clubhouse!

Enjoy appetizers, Dinner, and Dance to the award-winning band - PHIL 'N THE BLANKS!

70'S attire optional (but fun!)

We'll have '70s theme food as well!

Registration: Seating is tables of 8, 9 at request.

• Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and veggies - \$57



• Polynesian Chicken and Rice - \$55

• Pasta Primavera - \$50

Register by visiting <https://rebrand.ly/zos-Pickleball>

No refunds for cancellations after February 23.

RV CLUB CALENDAR

For more information, visit villagesrvclub.org

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



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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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Our Broken Promises'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

How many times have we trusted in the promises of others, only to be disappointed because of unforeseen circumstances that caused the promises not to be kept? We should never make promises without qualifying them. Some variables beyond our control can impact our ability to fulfill them, especially our health and resources in this season of life. A promise should always be followed by... "I'm willing, if God wills it!" A person responding in that manner to a request is a good indication that they will seek God's guidance. Believe me, it is the best way to be a person of integrity. However, some people may not like to hear this statement because they may view it negatively.

Some of us are still trying to recover from the crushing blows and disappointments because of broken promises that were made in the past. Many relationships have disintegrated over promises that were not kept. A Frenchman, Abbot Bernard of Clairvaux, made a statement in the mid-1100s that said "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions."

The Lord will never tell you anything that He can't fulfill because He is Holy and dwells in truth.

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

May you, this Valentine's Week, experience the promise of His love, acceptance, and personal forgiveness for your broken promises, to love, accept, and forgive others. You are deeply loved by our Heavenly Father, as well as your brothers and sisters in the faith!

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

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at **7:15 p.m.** on **February 16** at Foothill Center. We will have Chuck Dietz lead our services, followed by a discussion led by Kim Silverman who also lives in the Villages and an excellent speaker. The title of her talk is: "Shedding the Label to Reveal our True Essence." All Villagers are welcome. We will have our usual Oneg following service with time for socializing.

If you are interested in membership in the Villages Jewish Group, please contact Bob Lapidus at 408-693-9498.

Jewish Community February Upcoming Events



16 - Shabbat Services at Foothill 7:15 p.m.
18 - Game Night at Foothill 7 to 9 p.m.
 For more information, please contact
 Janbuff13@yahoo.com

EPISCOPAL

Return to Lent

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

It returns annually, but there's nothing repetitive about Lent. Every year, it's our renewed invitation to dive deeper into the profound courage and love that led Jesus into Jerusalem, the final destination of his earthly journey. He'd been there before too, but each trip to the holy city brought him closer to his own truth and his mission.

Lent's annual return can offer us the same clarity about ourselves, our identities and ministries. The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer invites us into a season of "self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; reading and meditating on God's holy Word." Old-school language, for sure! But when we commit ourselves to change our habits (repentance) and a renewed practice of prayer, for example, our interior landscape changes to more clearly reflect the love of our Lord. Almsgiving—charity toward the poor—gives us an opportunity to clean our spiritual clutter and free us for service to others, which might include giving food, money or care to people in need. Reducing or temporarily abstaining from food intake can be a powerful spiritual discipline. And so can eliminating other things that distract you from God: sweets, alcohol, social media, consumer goods.

What clutters your calendar and life? What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to draw closer to God? Commit yourself to finding out, and God will be with you on your Lenten journey.

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

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., February 26 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'The Temptations of Jesus' —First Sunday of Lent

By Margaret Lam

The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all describe the temptations of Jesus, each incorporating slightly different details. After His baptism by John the Baptist, before the start of His ministry, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. There, after fasting for 40 days and nights, the Lord became weak and hungry. Then the Devil came to tempt Him.

First, Satan tempted Jesus with materialism. Seeing His hunger, Satan asked Jesus to turn stones into bread. But Jesus said: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).

Second, Lucifer tempted Jesus with egoism. Lucifer challenged Jesus to leap from the highest point on the temple so as to show His divine nature. But Jesus rejected the lure of the spectacle, saying, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matthew 4:7).

Lastly, Jesus was tempted with the power of ruling the world. Satan offered Jesus all the world's power if He would only worship Satan. Jesus rebuked, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" (Matthew 4:9).

Likewise, the Devil tempts us. Materialism, Egoism and the pursuit of Earthly Power all seek to corrupt our mind, body and soul. For us who are made of flesh and blood, full of desires, needs and wants, it is easy for us to succumb to material pleasures, indulgences, ego trips, vanity, greed, jealousy, power and control. Jesus understandably warned us; "The Spirit is willing, but the Flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41). Here, we face the modern wilderness of the internet, social media, cults, destruction, violence and chaos. Just as Jesus emerged stronger with the power of the Holy Spirit after He was tested, temptations allowed us as believers to reexamine our faith, to recommit, and to renew our trust in God.

Lent is about a change of heart. This Lent, let's take on a commitment to change for the better, not just during Lent. Untie an old knot of grudge against a family member. Fight hatred with love and kindness. Help the poor and hungry. Kick a bad habit that ruins your wellbeing. Be a patient and compassionate listener. Learning from how Jesus fights temptations, we too will emerge stronger in beliefs and goodness, and a closer relationship with God.

SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS TALK

By Mary Ringel

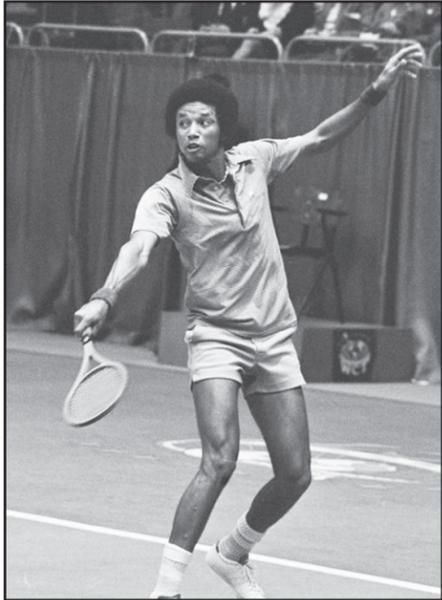
February marks Black History Month, an ideal time to honor African American tennis icon Arthur Ashe. Born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 10, 1943, his journey in life was beyond difficult. At the young age of 6, he woefully lost his mother due to complications of surgery. Growing up in America's turbulent 1960s, an era of segregation, he continually battled against restrictions for black athletes. Yet despite devastating obstacles, Ashe rose above life's circumstances and achieved extraordinary feats during his 49 years.

During his career, Ashe won 45 singles titles, ranking number two in the world at one point. He made history by becoming the first black man to secure singles titles at Wimbledon, the US Open, and the Australian Open. He was also the first black player chosen for the United States Davis Cup team.

Unfortunately, in 1980, he suffered a heart attack and soon retired. Tragically, during subsequent heart surgery, he received an HIV-tainted blood transfusion—a fact only uncovered while undergoing brain surgery years later. Despite this devastating setback, Ashe remained undeterred, immersing himself in work, he began crafting his three-volume masterpiece, "A Hard Road to Glory." Published in 1988, this influential work highlighted the struggles endured by Black athletes in America. While working on this piece and even after its completion, Ashe chose to keep his health condition private. However, true to his humanitarian spirit, he dedicated the remainder of his life to raising awareness about HIV and AIDS. Unfortunately, due to complications related to AIDS, Ashe passed away on February 6, 1993.

In 1997, the U.S. Open honored him by naming its new court the Arthur Ashe Stadium in recognition of his status as the first African American man to win the U.S. Open Men's Championship and his exemplary role as a humanitarian that future champions could aspire to.

With too many achievements to detail here, it's clear that Ashe used his exceptional skills to break down barriers in the world of tennis, setting the stage for future generations of black athletes. His triumphs are irrefutable evidence that talent knows no color or race; it recognizes only dedication and hard work.



18-HOLE WOMEN

Rained out again...almost!

By Diana Hallock



Priscilla Piper and Bev Rees

Yikes! Three days of Black Flags, trees and limbs dropping, saturating rain, and pounding hail kept most of our golfers home again. Kudos to Camille Giuliodibari, Millie Anne Schwerin, Vicki Krattli, Janis LeCompte, Priscilla Piper, and Bev Rees who braved the red flag course and had a great round. We're proud and amazed! For the rest of us, we hate missing our Thursdays but wait, wait, we'll have lots of chances this year to make up for lost rounds at really fun special events.

Saturday Ladies Tournaments - Four Saturdays have been set aside for four mini tournaments: March 16, May 18, July 10 and November 2. Tee times will start at 8 a.m. and while we all won't finish at the same time, a fun event has been planned for those afternoons

to share the results, a libation or two and just have fun!

Friday Twilights - The Swingers started Friday nine holes and clubhouse dinner several years ago and it has become really popular! There is a fun theme, folks frequently wear a theme shirt, great dinner, and generous sweeps. The weather is gorgeous and the Pro Shop plans really fun golf games. Those dates are May 31, June 28, July 26, August 23 and September 27.

Wednesday Nights - Following a similar format, the VGC and Mary Wagle are planning nine holes and dinner on Wednesday as well. April 3, June 5, August 28, and October 30. Thanks to her committee, Debbie Moore, Laura Swenson, Donna Quartaro, Betty Hall, Pam McCarthy, Gail Tuft, and Susan Anderson.

Sunday Sweeps - And for all of you who enjoy a bit of competition, for \$5 you can buy into the Sunday Sweeps Pool. You make your own tee times, play with your best buddies, and keep your own scores but those who have a great round will earn Sweeps Money in their golf accounts! Just tell the Pro Shop Staff at check in, "I want to be in the Sunday Sweeps Pool." The Pro Shop is doing a test date on March 17 so if this sounds appealing, get out there and play!



Camille Giuliodibari, Millie Anne Schwerin, Vicki Krattli and Janis LeCompte

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

Our weather this week seemed a little more like the beginning of March when it would come in like a lion. The atmospheric river that came our way has played havoc with the golf course. Trees are down on several holes and the turf is saturated resulting in several days of closure. With the conditions as they are I felt it might be a good time to review a rule that might occur this time of the year.

Gisele and I joined a few other Villagers at Castlewood for a few days getting a refresher on USGA rules. We were very excited to attend but after two long days of classwork we might concede it was more information than we could absorb.

One rule we thought you might encounter when we are able to golf again is the rule concerning an embedded ball. A ball is embedded when it lies in its own pitch mark as a result of the previous stroke in the general area of the hole being played and part of the ball is below the level of the ground. If your ball is embedded the procedure to remedy the situation is as follows: Mark the ball, lift it and clean it and then drop it in the relief area which is determined by a point behind the pitch mark and one club length forming a semicircle. The restrictions are only that the ball be dropped in the general area and no nearer the hole. If your ball is embedded on the green you will mark the ball, repair the pitchmark, clean it and replace the ball on its spot.

I am hoping our weather will dry out the course and we will return to firm and fast fairways and your ball will not embed but if that is not the case you know how to proceed.



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SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Well, last week was a black flag on both courses. Not surprised with the amount of rain, trees down and that machine gun-like hail. Hoping that this week is a drier week on the courses. We are hoping to enjoy a special pre-Valentine's game after we meet for a social breakfast this Tuesday.

We have had to skip our February Captain's Trophy game but will pick it back up in March.

Next week, Tuesday, February 19, will be our first General Membership meeting of 2024 and we will be looking at all the fun events that will be coming up soon.



BOGCE NEWS

Bocce: A Fun and Health-Boosting Activity!

By Tom Hunt

As we age, staying active becomes increasingly important for maintaining both physical and mental well-being. While there are many activities to choose from, one that stands out for its accessibility, social aspects, and health benefits is the game of bocce. Originating from ancient Rome, bocce has evolved into a popular pastime enjoyed by people of all ages, particularly seniors. Let's explore why bocce is not just a game, but a valuable tool for promoting health and happiness among older adults.

Low-Impact Exercise—One of the greatest advantages of bocce for seniors is its low-impact nature. Unlike more strenuous activities that may strain joints and muscles, bocce involves gentle movements such as bending, walking, and tossing the ball. This helps make it a preferred form of exercise for seniors with mobility issues or those who are recovering from injuries.

Improved Balance and Coordination—Bocce requires players to carefully aim and throw a ball toward a target, which helps improve balance and coordination. As seniors engage in the game, they naturally work on their motor skills, spatial awareness, and hand-eye coordination. These benefits are helpful for older adults looking to maintain their independence and reduce the risk of falls.



Social Interaction and Mental Stimulation—Beyond its physical advantages, bocce offers seniors the opportunity to socialize and engage in meaningful interactions with others. Whether playing with friends, family, or fellow community members, bocce fosters camaraderie and creates a sense of belonging. The game encourages laughter, friendly competition, and shared experiences, which are all essential for mental well-being. Additionally, strategizing and calculating throws provide mental stimulation, helping to keep seniors' minds sharp and agile.

Bocce is much more than just a game—it's a holistic activity that promotes physical health, social connection, and overall well-being among Villagers. By incorporating bocce into their routines, we can enjoy the numerous benefits it offers, from improved balance and coordination to reduced stress and enhanced cognitive function. So, grab a ball, gather your friends, and head to the bocce courts for a day of fun, fitness, and friendship!

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

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

Monday, February 19 – President's Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play tee times 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 9 – Men's Club 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time starts

New Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps – Starting Sunday, March 17 and one Sunday per month we will be hosting a Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps game. Four-somes can consist of two couples, or any mix of residents who want to participate. All players must have a valid USGA Handicap Index in order to participate. Registration is simple – just tell us when you check in on Sunday that your group wants to play in the Sweeps game and you are in. You will take a standard scorecard and complete it with each player's gross scores on each hole, and turn the scorecard in when you are finished. The entry fee is \$5 per person for the Sweeps prizes. The format will always be 2 Net Best Balls. We will pay out the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams each Sunday. We hope you will enjoy this fun and casual addition to the golf events at The Villages!! Let us know if you have any questions. **Sunday Sweeps Dates:** March 17, April 14, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 10, December 15

Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf – Starting Wednesday, April 3, we will be hosting the Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf events. These will be open to anyone who wants to play. Golf will be a 4 p.m. shotgun and will be informal and casual. Enjoy the opportunity to play golf with your friends and partake in the camaraderie and some drinks after golf. These events promise to be great fun for all! If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Wagle at marylwagle@gmail.com or 408-829-4021. **Nine & Dine Dates:** April 3, June 5, August 28, October 30

TaylorMade Fitting Day—Friday, February 23 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. To sign up for a fitting from a TaylorMade professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension 1.

Cobra Fitting Day—Sunday, February 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and try firsthand they newest technology that Cobra has to offer!

Ping Fitting Day—Friday, March 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and get professionally fitted for you new Ping G430 clubs!

New in the Pro Shop—Odyssey AI-ONE Putters—All golfers miss the center of the face from time to time, and this can cause a loss of speed relative to the center hit, so your ball doesn't roll as far as you intended, making that next putt even longer. With the new Odyssey AI-ONE, they have leveraged Callaway's industry leading Artificial Intelligence design and super computing capabilities to create the most advanced insert in golf. The insert has unique contours on the back of the face that minimize ball speed losses on off center hits, and greatly increase the size of the sweet spot.

High School Golf—February through May, the Evergreen High School boys golf team will be holding golf practices and matches here at The Villages. As part of our giving back to the community, we permit Evergreen High School the privilege of using our golf facilities for their team practices and matches. Their practices will be Mondays-Thursdays after school hours between 3:30-4 p.m. until dusk. They will primarily use the Driving Range, practice putting green, chipping green, and the Par-3 Course on Mondays, because the range closes early on Mondays. Their competitive matches will start at the end of February and run through May; and all matches will be played on Wednesdays at 3:30-4 p.m. using the first tee and the front nine. Once determined, we will provide you with a list of match dates so that you can plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and support of local high school junior golf!

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!

Winter Weather & Daily Golf Course Conditions—This time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it's cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible). Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408-223-4663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. The flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag = Open for Play / Yellow Flag = Frost Delay / Red Flag = Carts on Paths Only / Black Flag = Golf & Practice Facilities Closed**

Tips from the Pro— Short but Sweet...Our Par-3 Course is a Great Test!

How often have you played our Par-3 Course? My guess is that unless you are a Shoni or an Ironman, that you haven't played the Par-3 Course very often. But if you want some solid direction on what to practice and where your strokes are coming from, go play the Par-3 Course once a week. You will then see, in real time, with real numbers, how good your golf game is from inside 100 yards. If you shoot 30 or better with lots of pars, then your 100 yards and in game is solid. But if you find yourself making 4s, 5s and 6s, then you know you need to work on your 100 yards and in game; meaning wedge shots, chipping and putting. In this game, everyone is enamored with distance, but really the difference is 100 yards and in. So, I challenge you who think that the Par-3 Course is too easy for you, to go play it, and see what you shoot. It is tougher than you think. If you shoot 30 or better on average, your short game is good. If you shoot 33 or higher on average, I suggest that you work on your short game. And don't forget to post your score! **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini kurt.pagnini@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com
The Winners of the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Presidents Day Tournament are:

Flight 1

1. Hands, Rob + Mendoza, Tomas
2. Bernal, Arnold + Angel, Larry
3. Garcia, Mark + Pagnini, Kurt

Flight 2

1. Krinard, Clayton + Beltrano, Marlo
2. Townsend, Len + Tomei, Steve
3. Gutierrez, Dave + Kaczmarek, James

Flight 3

1. Seeger, John + Tobler, Rick
2. Wagle, Mickey + Moore, Doug
3. Valenti, Jim + Olson George

Flight 4

1. Castillo, Victoriano + Pinson, Jay
2. Morefield, Bill + Kim, Chulho
3. Manson, Dave + Lingofelter, Don



Thanks go out to **Tom Morse, Clayton Krinard, Scott Steele and the Pro Shop** for their guidance and expertise in setting this up. They do a great job for us!

Upcoming events:

2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club St. Patrick's Tournament— The next tournament in the queue will be the 2023 Patrick's Day Tournament. This is scheduled for Saturday, the 9th of March. The four man team signups started on February 24.

The 2024 Men's Golf Club Handbooks ("Green Books") will be available online through the website to conserve resources. Hard copies will be distributed to all new members. This is the reference booklet that the MGC follows and adheres to. It is full of useful information like schedules of upcoming events, rules and by-laws. Please give it a read.

Remember if you record a **Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age**, please notify Donald Chaisson at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager and on the Men's Club website.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be March 5, 2024.

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

PICKLEBALL

By Anahid Gregg

Have you signed up yet for the big Pickleball Party being held on March 2? It's been several years since our last big party, and we're going all out!

We have the award-winning band Phil 'n The Blanks playing for our '70s affair. You may have heard them at Guglielmo, the Cupertino Concert Series, Los Altos Festival main stage or Clos La Chance Winery, as well as other local events. We're featuring a '70s themed dinner for your dining enjoyment!



We hope that you are able to join us, and dance the night away! '70s attire is not required, but we feel free to join in the spirit!

You can sign up on our website at villagespickleball.vgcc.club

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

As February Pinseekers dates began on Ground Hog Day, the weather was not cooperative. With heavy winds and rain pelting the course and trees coming down golf was not an option. Moving up a week, February 9, most of the previous damage and obstruction had been cleared from the fairways, however, the rain kept coming and the red flag was up indicating "Cart Path Only" for carts. Since many of our members are averse to slogging through the marsh-like conditions of a very wet course, only eight of our members came out for a fun, sociable day. We are eager to get back on the course for our regular Friday mini tournament, Friday the 16th. The current forecast for the 16th is mostly sunny skies with high temperatures in the low 60s.

We are always happy to welcome fresh players. If you enjoy golf and don't have time or energy for 18 holes, I encourage you to contact a member of our board and join us for nine holes, alternating weekly between the front nine and the back nine.

Pinseekers, 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.

SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, February 5:

1. Claude Ashen
- Jane Michaels
2. Mary LeGrand
- Jonna Robinson
3. Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho

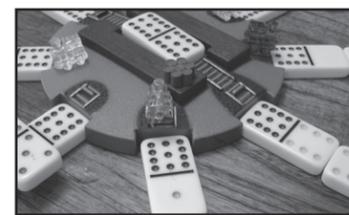
Wednesday, February 7:

1. Barbara Waldman
- Mel Waldman
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho

Friday, February 9:

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

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



Wednesday, February 7

Bev Waller-Wharton	135
Dennis Webb	212
Remy Pessah	264

Friday, February 9

Joanne Cooke	164
Shirley Bellavance	209
Gjo Bennett	230

Men's 18-Hole Golf Club St. Patrick's Day Tournament

When: Saturday, March 9, 2024

What: Shamrock Green Ball + 1 Net BB
MGC Members *only*. No Guest or Spouses.

Format: Four-Man Teams, 2BB, Shamrock Ball + 1 Net BB of other three Players. Rules will be provided at check-in explaining how the Shamrock ball is played for the Tournament.
Optional Pot O' Gold Cash Pool - \$10 Cash – Individual two low gross and eight low net scores.

Signup: February 24 through March 7 – Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 100% of March 7 Handicap

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

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

Tee Times: 8 a.m. Shotgun.

Scorecard: Turn in signed and attested scorecards to the Pro Shop.
The Pro Shop will post the scores.

Cost: \$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps
Coffee and Donuts from 6:45 to 8 a.m.

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
5500-5576—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/19-2/23.
5052—Willow tree stump removal in planning.
5086 and 5387—Patio cement replacement, in progress.

Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
3316-3366 and 3401-3431—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/19-2/23.
Fallen tree removal and debris cleaning in progress throughout the district.
E1 Lake—Jet circulator pumps off, service for replacements in planning.
Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.
Plum tree stump removal at various locations, in planning.
Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1/24.

Glen Arden

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

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.
Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.
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 2/26.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.
6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Waiting for permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/19-2/23.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.
Trash enclosure light installations in progress throughout the district.
8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Sonata

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, in progress.
2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Valle Vista

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
9048-9066—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/19-2/23.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Verano

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/19-2/23.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), Tuesday.
Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.
Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.
Annual Crape Myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the districts.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.
Landscape drainage repairs in progress in various districts.

Club Centers

Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.
Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.
Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.
Chardonay lake—Circulator pump out of service for repairs.
Montgomery Pool and Spa—Replastering project in progress.

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

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

Del Lago	February 12 through February 24
Glen Arden	February 26 through March 2
Heights	March 4 through March 9
Fairways	March 11 through March 13
Verano	March 11 through March 23
Highland	March 25 through April 6

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

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

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

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

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Please remember the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) when you are considering a memorial gift in honor of a loved one. The EVF sends a lovely acknowledgement from you. www.evfsj.org

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

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

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Here's how it works: Take along a copy of *The Villager* on your next vacation—it's not heavy—and have your picture taken holding up the paper with a well-known landmark or celebrity. Just tell them it's for the folks back home. (And be sure to get your camera back!) Then after you unpack and process your pictures from your vacation, e-mail your *Villager* picture (in Jpeg format) and perhaps a couple of "zingers" from your vacation and e-mail the files to shinrichs@the-villages.com. We'll publish your smiling face with your favorite local paper for all to see.



Manoli Kelly, Maryann Haggerty and *The Villager* visited Costa Rica on a Caravan tour. The tour highlights included hiking, visiting the rainforest and the Nicoya peninsula. They encountered many species of birds and animals and got to experience Costa Rican food and culture. Pura Vida!

Slice of Humor



The math teacher caught little Johnny day-dreaming in class.

She called on him and asked, "Johnny! What are 4, 2, 28 and 44?"

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network!"

Your Words of Wisdom



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Village Voices 'Showcase'...

(Continued from front page)

The "Going Places Showcase" will feature fabulous dancers, musicians and vocalists including The VMS Dancers, Trillium, VMS Piano Open Studio, Wicked, and the VMS Village Voices. Ticket sales are as follows: Monday February 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday February 24 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Monday February 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All ticket sales are in Cribari Auditorium Lobby. \$20 each pre-show and \$22 at the door on show days.

For more information on the Going Places Showcase, please email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com

For more information on VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy, President of the Village Dancers is the producer of this show. Should you need help getting to the Auditorium, please call VMA to arrange a free ride 408-238-4230.



In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

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“The Summer of Songbirds” by Kristy Woodson Harvey. Nearly 30 years ago June Moore bought Camp Holly Springs and turned it into a thriving summer haven for girls. Now she is in danger of losing the place she has sacrificed everything for. June’s niece, Daphne, met her two best friends, Lanier and Mary Stuart, during a fateful summer at camp and they are still inseparable. When a big secret comes to light, they find themselves at odds. But in spite of their personal problems, nothing is more important to these songbirds than Camp Holly Springs. Fiction, 2023.

“The Last Ranger” by Peter Heller. Ren is a park ranger, attempting to broker an uneasy peace between the wealthy vacationers who tromp around with cameras and the locals who want to carve out a meaningful living amid this western landscape. When Ren discovers his friend Hilly, a biologist and wolf expert, nearly dead in the steel jaws of a wolf trap, he hopes it’s just an accident, but the small red ribbon tied to the stake makes him fairly certain that it wasn’t. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“Happiness Falls” by Angie Kim. “We didn’t call the police right away.” Those are the first words of this extraordinary novel about a biracial Korean-American family in Virginia whose lives are upended when their beloved father and husband goes missing. Mia isn’t initially concerned when her father and younger brother Eugene don’t return from a walk. They must have lost their phone. Or stopped for an errand somewhere. But when Mia’s brother runs through the front door bloody and alone, it becomes clear that their father is missing and the only witness is Eugene, who has the rare genetic condition Angelman syndrome and cannot speak. Mystery, 2023.

“Everyone Here is Lying” by Shari Lapena. William Wooler is a family man, on the surface. But he’s been having an affair, an affair that ended horribly this afternoon at a motel up the road. So when he returns to his house, devastated and angry, to find his difficult 9-year-old daughter, Avery, unexpectedly home from school, William loses his temper. Hours later, Avery’s family declares her missing. Suddenly Stanhope doesn’t feel so safe. And William isn’t the only one on his street who’s hiding a lie. Large Print, Mystery, 2023.

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Real Estate

The Village home sales activity is surprisingly active!

Today at this writing, there are only 15 active listings, down from 21 two weeks ago. There are 12 Pending sales. Almost as many went into contract as there are currently for sale! There are still only 2 Cribari homes on the market with 2 coming soon. There appears to be almost as many buyers as there are sellers. This is keeping the prices up. Now through April is traditionally the best time of the year to sell a home here inside or outside the Villages.

Can I sell my home while my dog and I are in it, and no future home yet?

Understand that selling a home can be a complex process. Most often the more complex the access and transfer of the property, the harder to find a buyer that can work with the complexities. Add the buyer’s loan to the equation and there become hurdles to overcome that some buyers and sellers can’t work with. The easier it is to show and transfer the home to a home buyer, it will most likely be shown more often and most likely get more money than the property that is hard to show. The more hurdles to go through to purchase, the smaller the pool of buyers willing to work with it. A house can be sold in just about any condition or situation. It just means the sales price may end up lower with less willing buyers looking at it. It is just another version of supply and demand. If the supply is low, the buyers will do what they need to in order to get a house. If you are the only home on the market at the time, buyers may just jump through those hoops. Strategic timing helps as well.

Let’s talk about toilets: In the world post pandemic, it’s all about keeping it clean! For purposes of sanitation and convenience, we now have the smart toilet. There are toilets that can be programmed for things like heated seats and lids that lift when you approach it. This is so you never have to touch a toilet seat lid. The problem now becomes electricity to run it. Next...wireless toilets?



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