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Get tickets for Concert Band's 'The Great White Way!'

On **Sunday, March 10**, at **2:30 p.m.**, come join the Villages' Concert Band as it presents a Broadway-themed concert in Cribari Auditorium. This concert is dedicated to the memory of Kathi Levin who left us on February 10, 2024. Her French Horn and her husband, Earl's Bari-Saxophone, were cornerstones of the Concert Band from its early inception. Kathi's presence will be with us always.

There are multiple ways to purchase the \$20 tickets:

- On the day of the performance—starting at 1:30 p.m.
- Ahead of time by going to the Auditorium lobby **Saturday March 9**, from **10 a.m. to noon**.

• **New:** go to <https://forms.gle/tE7XwyoDmov6Av8v7> (until March 10) and provide the requested information.

Tickets include a 10 percent off benefit at the Villages Restaurant main dining room on that day.

Some of the music the band will be performing: The James Christensen all-encompassing arrangement of "Broadway Journey: 25 Years of Golden Classics." An arrangement from Warren Barker of Gershwin! Rodgers and Hammerstein's selections from "Carousel." The jazz standard from Rodgers and Hammerstein— "Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise." "The Symphonic Duke," a captivating set arranged by Tommy Newsom. And Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" to capture your early Americana spirit. And maybe more...

Come cheer on the band's special guest conductor for one of the selections.

The band awards multiple fellowships to local students as part of each concert—and to help make that happen, there will be a gift basket drawing (or two)! Please help support the students and band with your purchase! If you are unable to drive, do not let that stop you from attending. Please contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at 408-238-4230 to schedule transportation.

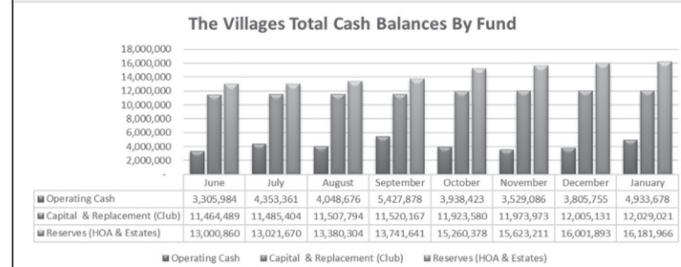
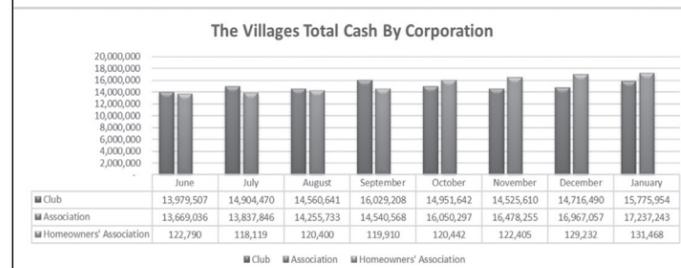
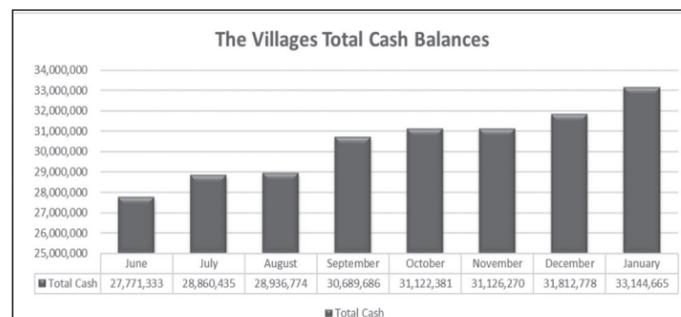
For more information about the Music Society, Inc. check out villagesmusicsociety.org



Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of January 2024

January 2024 (FY 2024) The Villages Cash & Overview:

Total Combined Cash Balance	\$33,144,665
Total Operating Cash	\$ 4,933,678
Total Replacement Fund	\$12,029,021
Total Reserves Fund	\$16,181,966



Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of January 2024

Club Operating Total Cash

Operating Cash	\$ 3,746,933
Capital Fund	\$ 511,230
Capital Replacement	\$11,517,791

Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,176,034	\$9,032,533
Total Assessments	\$ 778,298	\$5,448,089 (60.3%)
Total Other Revenue	\$ 397,736	\$3,584,445 (39.7%)

Operating Surplus/(Club Operations)

	MTD	YTD
Net Surplus	\$ -86,413	\$ -318,823
Budgeted Surplus	\$ -9,376	\$ -189,329

Variance to Budget \$ -77,037 \$ -129,494

Operating Total Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$1,262,448	\$9,351,356
Total Payroll & Benefits	\$ 852,264	\$5,817,145 (62.2%)
Total Operating Expense	\$ 410,184	\$3,534,211 (37.8%)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

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

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

There has been discussion regarding eliminating Villager home delivery in newspaper format as a means of reducing our HOA costs. Most people have electronic access to the online Villager site. Even commercial newspapers and magazines have moved to online sites. Eliminating paper delivery would help reduce our carbon footprint. Some including myself may still prefer a handheld version of the paper but cutting costs to make the HOA expense sustainable outweighs the nostalgia of the paper edition. Eventually, the paper edition will be eliminated and now is a worthwhile time to do it.

The Villages has an election coming up. This would be an excellent time to have the entire community vote on whether Villager paper delivery is still desired and the expense justified. Let's make a decision that the community decides on rather than the opinions of a few.

—John Brueck

EVF's Annual Document Shredding Event is April 20

It's that time of year again! If you've been sifting through your papers and receipts for tax filing and found yourself with a pile of sensitive documents to dispose of, worry not. The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) is here to assist.

On **Saturday morning, April 20**, between 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., a professional shredding truck will be available in the Cribari East parking lot. Instead of tossing your papers into the trash, where they might be seen by prying eyes, bring them to the EVF event. You can witness their secure shredding, leaving you confident that your sensitive information is thoroughly destroyed.

The donation for this service is \$10 per box or bag (approximately 20 pounds), payable on the spot in cash or by check only. Please make sure to exclude color paper, folders, and other heavy materials.

Additionally, if you have any flags you'd like to retire, you can drop them off. They will be disposed of during the Villages Veterans Club's annual July 4 event at Gazebo Park.

Proceeds from events like the shredding initiative contribute to the EVF's General Fund, which enhances Village amenities for residents' comfort and benefit. If you're interested in working with the EVF to improve the Villages lifestyle, visit evfsj.org and become a Sustaining Member for as little as \$5 per month. One-time donations can also be made via the website at any time.



Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation Scheduled for March 13

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, March 13**, at **3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

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

Note: For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-223-4674 before March 8 to confirm attendance.

Correction: The February 15 *Villager* featured an article titled "Voting reminders from the Villages Republican Club" that said "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." According to Ballotpedia and the California Secretary of State's website, an undervote occurs when the number of choices selected by a voter in an election is less than the maximum number allowed for that election. Voters have the right to undervote if they choose to do so. Properly marked votes on the ballot will then be counted. For more information, visit the California Trusted Information page at sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity/trusted-information

IN MEMORIAM

Marshall Ziock
December 25, 1946—February 15, 2024

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

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

POLICIES

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

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

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

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President's Message — Club President's Message — February 27, 2024

February has been a month of cold rain with everyone hunkering down to stay warm and do paperwork...taxes, budgets, reserves planning, project reviews. Even so, it's wonderful to see everything green and knowing the Sierra snowpack is growing, giving us a hedge against the dry weather of summer.

Our insurance committee, led by David Cook, spent several more meetings discussing possible insurance options, which are few and far between. We were amazed to hear that many California HOAs have had their property insurance cancelled or they were only offered partial insurance! We are so fortunate that The Villages has an excellent claim record so companies are still willing to offer full insurance to us—even though prices continue to rise dramatically. Our efforts in fire safety have also helped us be attractive to insurance companies.

The FLAME committee (Fire, Landscaping, Materials & Environment) including members from the ABOD, CBOD, HBOD and staff, met with Carol Rice for a review of the fire safety recommendations for each village and their implementation in the coming months and years. While The Villages is not in a high risk area, we can always improve our fire-hardening efforts. The priorities Rice mentioned at the meeting were repeated from the twelve DAC reports: 1) reduce the mesh in vents to prevent flying embers from entering our attics, 2) reduce the available fire fuel by trimming hedges and eliminating highly flammable plants such as juniper and rosemary, 3) reduce flammable structures such as decks and fences that touch the buildings. These efforts will be rolled into ongoing paint projects, landscape contracts, and maintenance plans to be as cost effective as possible. FLAME is also exploring becoming a FireWise community, a national designation for communities that have made wildfire safety a priority. For more information on FireWise, go to www.readyforwildfire.org.

The ABOD had a workshop with our senior staff to review the new tools being used to track our finances and reserves planning. Smart Properties will be managing Reserves.

MaintainX now manages our preventative maintenance and work orders. Cobalt is our ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning System)—managing financial, golf, food & beverage, website, and all other homeowner-related activities. While learning these new systems is challenging for many Villagers including your ABOD president, the staff is very familiar with them and will be able to give us far better financial reports in a more timely manner.

Finally, it is great fun to watch the progress being made on the new bocce court. Staying active is one of the best aspects of The Villages. More places to play will be wonderful!

—Diana Hallock, Villages Association President

Hello, Villagers! The beautiful hillsides that surround The Villages property are alive and have taken on a hue of verdant green. While we continue to celebrate the rainy season, the storms have generated a tremendous amount of clean-up work throughout The Villages and on the golf courses. Many large eucalyptus trees fell during the storms, thankfully with no personal injuries nor property damage. The downed trees have been successfully cleared by several arborist and landscaping companies. Please be careful out there if you come upon a fallen tree or any other dangerous situation, and file Work Orders as quickly as possible.

Many significant projects are underway all over The Villages. Most prominently is the development of the third bocce court at Gazebo Park. Many excited Villagers showed up onsite to see the project get started, and that same day I authorized the placement of a safety fence to protect everyone. We appreciate your excitement, and request that you please take care when approaching any construction site at The Villages. We want you to be in good shape to enjoy all new and improved amenities. As well, the Montgomery pool is now being resurfaced and will be ready when pool season opens on April 1. Reminder that both Cribari and Foothill pool areas were also updated during this winter season. Kudos go out to the Public Works department, as they have been very busy taking care of The Villages property, making improvements in several locations.

The Club Board has engaged in the process to develop the FY25 budget. The Club Board held its first detailed session with the General Manager and her team, reviewing the input from all Club Board Standing Committees, clubs, and organizations, plus reviewing the first look at capital replacement projects and the funds required to support that proposed work. Along with the Association and Homeowners' Corporation Boards, the Club Board also approved a portion of the annual insurance renewal this week, with the precise percentage increase still being worked. Several details of the FY25 budget need to be sorted out in a short amount of time, as the FY25 budget is scheduled to be approved at the CBOD monthly meeting on April 30, 2024.

The Policy Committee of the Club Board continues to revise the current Club Bylaws and several Club Policies. Reminder, that at a minimum, the newly revised Club Bylaws must comply with several updates to California Corporation Code. More revisions to Club Policies will be reviewed during Club Board meetings over the next few months, and two are planned for this month's agenda. This type of work by Boards is rarely seen as fun and exciting, yet it's very necessary work to ensure and maintain good governance. Reminder that all policy revisions are published in *The Villager* newspaper to allow Villager review, and we welcome your written comments and feedback.

Many Villagers have written to the Club Board expressing their thoughts about the "membership initiation fee" that is proposed in the revision of Club Board Policy CPo 302: Dues, Assessments, Charges, and Fees. This concept was discussed and agreed to during a Three-Board strategic planning session last fall. The Villages has several aging Club facilities and amenities that if not updated or replaced will eventually negatively impact property values if investments are not made. This fact drives the need to accumulate a higher level of capital funds that is not 20 years out but is much nearer. We know that at least 20% of the property value for each home at The Villages is determined by the value of the Club facilities and amenities. The Club Board has been reviewing benchmarking data from successful clubs and their facilities to calibrate where The Villages should invest, how much, and when. This is a work in progress that is also dependent on a pending legal review and opinion. More information will be shared in an "Ask the CBOD" article that is planned for next week's edition of *The Villager* newspaper.

Finally, we are very happy to continue our positive engagement with the hard-working Villages Executive Staff, and most importantly with our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander. The Club Board recognizes the super heavy workload you and your staff are currently carrying and sincerely appreciate the extra efforts and highest levels of professionalism exhibited by the entire team. Thank you, Theresa, and Team, for your support of the Club Board and all you do for The Villages!

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Fairways DAC to meet March 5

The Villages Fairways DAC will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, March 5** from **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

Glen Arden DAC to meet March 18

Glen Arden will hold a DAC meeting on **Monday, March 18** at 4 p.m. at Montgomery Center. Note the different location and date.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES** and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages **4, 5, 6, 9, 21 & 24**

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, March 26 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, March 26 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

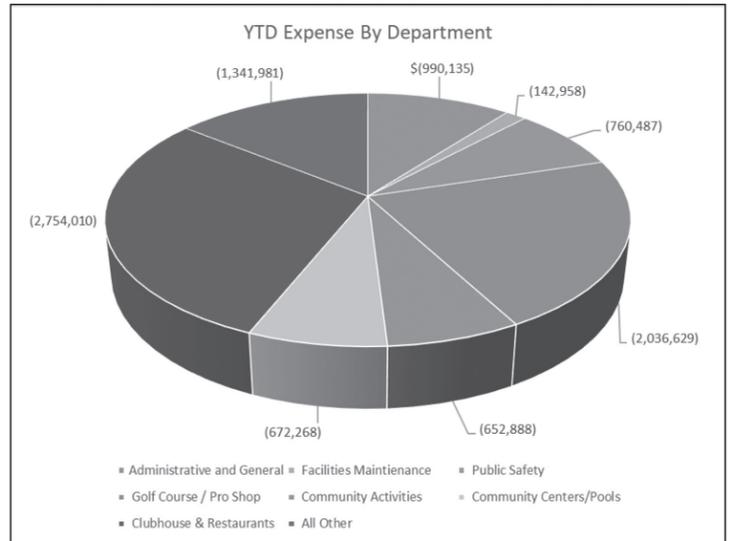
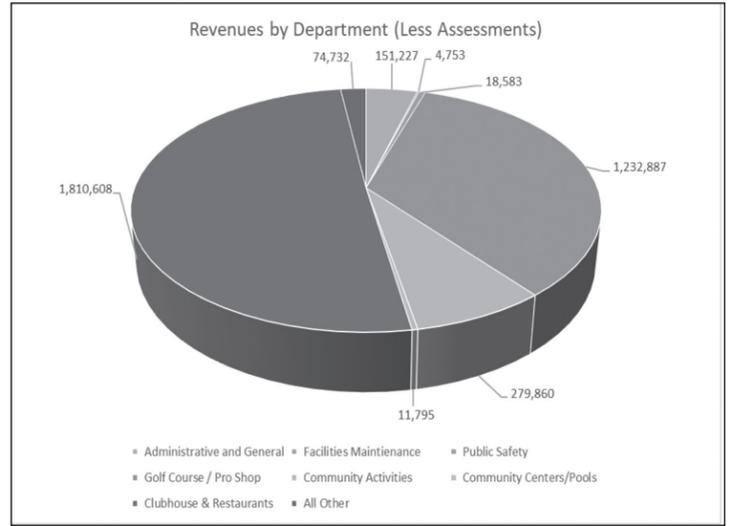
Homeowners

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

Operating Financial Commentary...

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- **Revenue (Less Assessments):** \$397,700, resulting in a \$ -15,800 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$413,500, YTD \$245,000 favorable variance to a budget of \$3,339,000.
 - **Golf Services, including golf course:** \$117,700, resulting in a \$ -20,400 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$138,000, YTD \$55,800 favorable variance to a budget of \$1,177,000.
 - Golf Cart Rentals \$ -1,600 unfavorable, YTD \$10,800 favorable.
 - Greens Fees \$ -20,100 unfavorable, \$38,900 favorable.
 - Driving Range Fees \$1,000 favorable, \$3,400 favorable.
 - **Community Activities:** \$37,900, resulting in a \$2,600 favorable variance to a budget of \$35,000, YTD \$ -10,700 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$290,500.
 - Advertising Income \$2,400 favorable, YTD \$1,100 favorable
 - Lessons & Classes \$3,400 favorable, YTD \$ 21,200 favorable.
 - Activities Income \$ -1,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -50,900 unfavorable.
 - **Public Safety:** \$9,000, resulting in a \$ -3,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$12,000, YTD \$ - 9,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$28,000.
 - Fees & Other Income \$ -3,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -9,900 unfavorable.
 - **Administrative and Business Activities:** \$9,500, resulting in a \$ -5,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$15,000, YTD \$11,800 favorable variance to a budget of \$139,000.
 - Rental Setup Fees \$ -1,600 unfavorable, YTD \$ -1,000 unfavorable.
 - Resale Admin Fees \$ -1,800 unfavorable, YTD \$ -6,000 unfavorable.
 - Other Business Activity Income \$ -3,800 unfavorable, YTD \$ -1,600 unfavorable.
 - Interest/Late Fees \$2,100 favorable, YTD \$20,800 favorable.
 - **Expenses:** \$1,262,000, resulting in a \$ -61,000 unfavorable variance to the budget of \$1,201,000, YTD \$ -374,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$8,976,000.
 - Employee Expenses \$ -39,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -192,000 unfavorable.
 - Services Expenses \$ -23,600 unfavorable, YTD \$ -198,900 unfavorable.
 - Legal Fees \$ -5,300 unfavorable, YTD \$ -64,400 unfavorable.
 - Professional Fees \$ -29,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -120,000 unfavorable.
 - Credit Card Processing Fees \$ -3,800 unfavorable, YTD \$ -29,500 unfavorable.
 - Utilities \$ -5,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -57,000 unfavorable.
 - Electricity \$ -4,000 unfavorable, YTD \$ -35,000 unfavorable.
 - Budgeted at a 4.3% increase as of January 1, 2024, the rate increased by 12.8%. Rates were announced before the 2024 fiscal year budget completion.
 - Water was natural for the month, YTD \$ -14,400 unfavorable.
 - Currently, a dispute on the reading for recycled water for the Golf Course is pending of approximately \$106,000.
 - Telephone \$ -1,500 unfavorable, YTD \$ -15,000 unfavorable.
 - **Board of Director Expenses:** YTD \$35,700 resulting in a \$ -25,900 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$9,800.
- No other major variances to report at this time.



January 2024 – Investment Overview – Club

Total Combined Cash Balance:	\$12,029,021
Total Money Market:	\$ 284,436
Total CDs:	\$11,443,000
Total Government Treasuries:	\$ 301,585

Association Operating Statement Review

For the month of January 2024

Association Cash Balance **\$16,026,000**

Association Operating Total Cash

Association Operating Cash	\$ 1,152,546
Association Reserves	\$16,084,697

Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,130,813	\$7,923,276
Total Assessments	\$1,125,309	\$7,877,165
Total Other Revenue	\$ 5,504	\$ 46,111

Operating Surplus/Assoc. Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus	\$ 79,068	\$ -21,695
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 109,235	\$ -78,291
Variance to Budget	\$ -30,167	\$ 56,596

Operating Expense

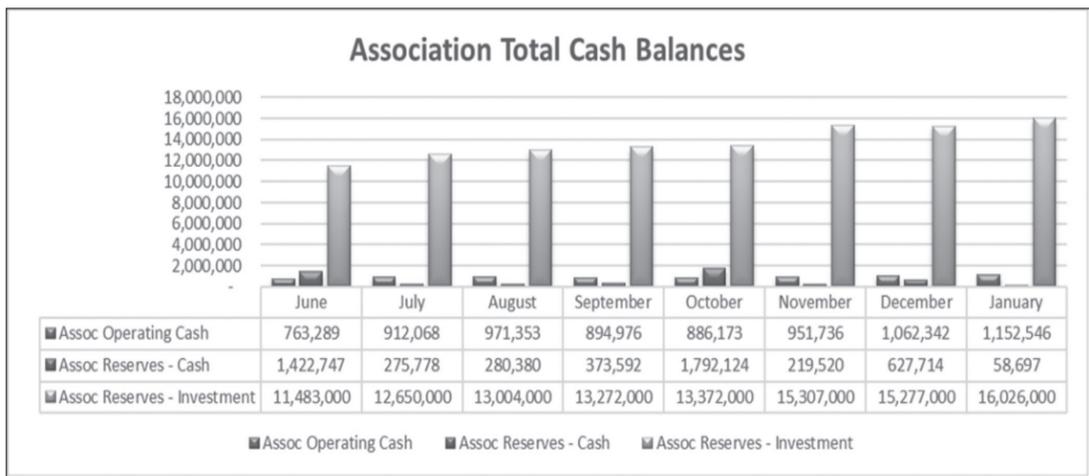
	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$1,051,745	\$7,944,971
Total Operating Expense	\$ 903,360	\$6,912,898
Total Inter-Co. Transfers	\$ 148,385	\$1,032,073

- **Revenue:** Was \$ -98 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,131,000, YTD \$6,800 favorable to a budget of \$7,916,000. No significant variances to report at this time.
- **Expenses:** For the month were \$ -30,000 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,021,000.

Departmental Statement of Activities							
MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var	
\$ (86,410)	\$ (1,769)	\$ (84,641)	Administrative and General	\$ (298,606)	\$ 4,591	\$ (303,197)	
(2,722)	(2,963)	241	Facilities Maintenance	5,106	3,674	1,432	
14,787	4,729	10,058	Public Safety	34,207	(2,960)	37,167	
(6,288)	21,520	(27,808)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	(100,788)	(106,920)	6,132	
17,701	(26,776)	44,477	Community Activities	35,443	(20,261)	55,704	
(6,141)	(4,255)	(1,886)	Community Centers/Pools	7,971	5,249	2,722	
(28,836)	(12,495)	(16,341)	Clubhouse & Restaurants	(8,447)	(13,097)	4,650	
11,495	12,633	(1,138)	All Other	6,292	(59,605)	65,897	
\$ (86,413)	\$ (9,376)	\$ (77,037)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations	\$ (318,823)	\$ (189,329)	\$ (129,494)	

Departmental Statement of Activities - Revenue/Expense

MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ 778,298	\$ 778,299	\$ (1)	Assessments	\$ 5,448,089	\$ 5,448,093	\$ (4)
9,859	15,050	(5,191)	Administrative and General	151,227	139,350	11,877
336	1,050	(714)	Facilities Maintenance	4,753	7,350	(2,597)
9,114	12,305	(3,191)	Public Safety	18,583	28,535	(9,952)
117,762	138,170	(20,408)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	1,232,887	1,177,040	55,847
37,924	35,230	2,694	Community Activities	279,860	290,580	(10,720)
85	160	(75)	Community Centers/Pools	11,795	6,220	5,575
213,323	201,200	12,123	Clubhouse & Restaurants	1,810,608	1,617,100	193,508
9,333	10,382	(1,049)	All Other	74,732	72,814	1,918
\$ 1,176,034	\$ 1,191,846	\$ (15,812)	Total - Revenues	\$ 9,032,533	\$ 8,787,082	\$ 245,451
\$ (173,455)	\$ (94,005)	\$ (79,450)	Administrative and General	\$ (990,135)	\$ (675,061)	\$ (315,074)
(23,531)	(24,486)	955	Facilities Maintenance	(142,958)	(146,987)	4,029
(105,200)	(118,449)	13,249	Public Safety	(760,487)	(807,606)	47,119
(224,471)	(217,072)	(7,399)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	(2,036,629)	(1,986,914)	(49,715)
(78,576)	(120,359)	41,783	Community Activities	(652,888)	(719,312)	66,424
(101,718)	(99,907)	(1,811)	Community Centers/Pools	(672,268)	(669,415)	(2,853)
(375,724)	(347,260)	(28,464)	Clubhouse & Restaurants	(2,754,010)	(2,565,152)	(188,858)
(179,773)	(179,684)	(89)	All Other	(1,341,981)	(1,405,964)	63,983
\$ (1,262,448)	\$ (1,201,222)	\$ (61,226)	Total - Expenses	\$ (9,351,356)	\$ (8,976,411)	\$ (374,945)
\$ (86,413)	\$ (9,376)	\$ (77,037)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operatic	\$ (318,823)	\$ (189,329)	\$ (129,494)



- Operating Supplies were unfavorable by \$ -2,800, YTD unfavorable by \$ -1,400.
 - Utilities Expenses were unfavorable by \$ -2,000 due to an unfavorable variance in electrical expenses of \$ -3,000. Electric was not budgeted for the 12.8 % rate increase on January 1, 2024. YTD \$ -6,000.
 - Insurance expenses remain unfavorable to the budget as reported in the prior months; January's unfavorable variance was \$ -44,000, and YTD, the unfavorable variance is \$ -307,600.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance for January 2024 was \$56,500. This favorable variance is contributed to by the favorable water expense of \$341,000. (Water Bills are received every two months, the first month is accrued to budget and trued up in the following month when the invoice is received.)

No other major variances to report at this time.

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Club Board Voting Record for February 27, 2024

February 27, 2024 Monthly Meeting										
Board Members*										Costs
	AGENDA ITEMS	LL	JO	BK	RZ	LK	LV	AA	COMMENTS	
1	Proposed Changes to VGCC Policies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved for 30-day notice proposed changes to VGCC Policies <u>Cpo 101 VGCC Policies</u> and <u>Cpo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees</u> .	\$0
2	Cattle Grazing in the Villages Hill Lands (Fencing)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the allocating of a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000 from the Capital Fund for the installation of barbless fencing along a 1,020 or 1,070 LF of the fence line adjacent to the stables, as recommend by Villages staff. This project will be awarded to Sturdy Fencing Company, based on their comprehensive proposal and competitive pricing. This decision underscores our commitment to effective land management, fire safety, and environmental conservation within the Hill Lands grazing area.	\$60,000
3	EPC Sheds	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the purchase of 25 Tuff Shed units for the EPC Sheds Capital Replacement Project at a total cost of \$50,080 through Home Depot Store #1842.	\$50,080
4	Approval Consideration of Annual Meeting Schedule	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved June 12, 2024, for this year's Annual Meeting of the Members; approved May 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. as the Record Date for the 2024 Election; and appointed Kathy Weatherford, Janelle Marines, and Anahid Gregg as Inspectors of Elections for the 2024 Director Election and any other Club Vote of the Members that may take place in 2024.	\$0
5	Phase 2 of Bocce Courts Renovations (Ancillary Items)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved Bocce Court Additions at Gazebo Park - Phase 2 which includes 1) the addition of planter with concrete borders, 2) the installation of a shed with concrete pad for a kiosk, 3) the extension of concrete for additional seating, 4) new walkway railing, 5) the installation of ball holders, tables, and scoreboards, 6) the construction of a storage shed, and 7) the implementation of trellises and arbors at a cost not-to-exceed \$274,000.	\$274,000
6	Bocce Club Request for Engraved Brick Pavers per VGCC Policy Cpo 805	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the Bocce Club's request to utilize engraved brick pavers to acknowledge donations per <u>Cpo 805 Donations, Gifts, and Memorials Policy</u> for the ancillary items for The Villages Bocce Courts.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$384,080
A = Absent AB = Abstained N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) N/A = Not Applicable C = Consent R = Recused										
* LL = Leslie Lambert JO = Judy Owen BK = Bob Krattli RZ = Richard Zahner LK = Liz Kung LV = Larry Versaw AA = Andy Altman										

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

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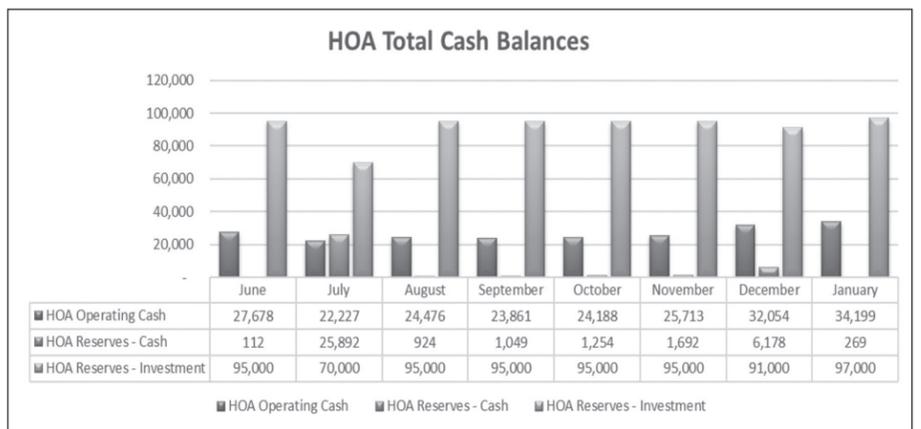
Departmental Statement of Activities						
MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ 11,585	\$ 15,486	\$ (3,901)	Cribari District	\$ (2,367)	\$ (6,265)	\$ 3,898
10,455	15,623	(5,168)	Montgomery District	6,540	908	5,632
2,877	3,907	(1,030)	Heights District	5,535	(2,054)	7,589
11,207	12,648	(1,441)	Hermosa District	19,182	(872)	20,054
6,496	9,537	(3,041)	Verano District	(14,111)	(30,037)	15,926
6,127	8,461	(2,334)	Del Largo District	5,521	5,940	(419)
8,576	12,226	(3,650)	Highland District	(24,650)	(11,534)	(13,116)
1,878	3,830	(1,952)	Glen Arden District	(6,228)	2,469	(8,697)
12,214	16,299	(4,085)	Olivas District	(4,060)	(27,129)	23,069
1,394	1,591	(197)	Fairways District	684	(4,004)	4,688
1,286	3,159	(1,873)	Sonata District	(17,059)	(11,827)	(5,232)
4,974	6,468	(1,494)	Valle Vista District	9,320	6,114	3,206
\$ 79,068	\$ 109,235	\$ (30,167)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations	\$ (21,695)	\$ (78,291)	\$ 56,596

Departmental Statement of Activities - Revenue/Expense						
MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ 1,125,309	\$ 1,125,292	\$ 17	Assessments - All Districts	\$ 7,877,165	\$ 7,877,044	\$ 121
2,742	3,093	(351)	Cribari District	26,396	21,651	4,745
508	541	(33)	Montgomery District	3,982	3,787	195
160	80	80	Heights District	1,120	560	560
254	225	29	Hermosa District	1,813	1,575	238
400	560	(160)	Verano District	2,720	3,920	(1,200)
240	240	-	Del Largo District	1,680	1,680	-
400	160	240	Highland District	2,720	1,120	1,600
240	320	(80)	Glen Arden District	1,760	2,240	(480)
160	80	80	Olivas District	1,120	560	560
80	80	-	Fairways District	560	560	-
240	160	80	Sonata District	1,680	1,120	560
80	80	-	Valle Vista District	560	560	-
\$ 1,130,813	\$ 1,130,911	\$ (98)	Total - Revenues	\$ 7,923,276	\$ 7,916,377	\$ 6,899

(191,917)	(188,359)	(3,558)	Cribari District	(1,434,082)	(1,433,180)	(902)
(145,487)	(140,344)	(5,143)	Montgomery District	(1,085,483)	(1,090,861)	5,378
(34,946)	(33,835)	(1,111)	Heights District	(259,223)	(266,248)	7,025
(99,815)	(98,347)	(1,468)	Hermosa District	(758,006)	(777,837)	19,831
(109,583)	(106,702)	(2,881)	Verano District	(826,587)	(843,710)	17,123
(92,216)	(89,882)	(2,334)	Del Largo District	(682,880)	(682,461)	(419)
(103,038)	(99,149)	(3,889)	Highland District	(805,867)	(791,159)	(14,708)
(51,712)	(49,838)	(1,874)	Glen Arden District	(381,434)	(373,207)	(8,227)
(120,900)	(116,734)	(4,166)	Olivas District	(935,864)	(958,360)	22,496
(11,456)	(11,258)	(198)	Fairways District	(89,262)	(93,947)	4,685
(47,288)	(45,335)	(1,953)	Sonata District	(357,079)	(351,285)	(5,794)
(43,387)	(41,893)	(1,494)	Valle Vista District	(329,205)	(332,413)	3,208
\$ (1,051,745)	\$ (1,021,676)	\$ (30,069)	Total - Expenses	\$ (7,944,971)	\$ (7,994,668)	\$ 49,697

\$ 79,068	\$ 109,235	\$ (30,167)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operatic	\$ (21,695)	\$ (78,291)	\$ 56,596
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Homeowners' Operating Statement Review
 For the month of January 2024
 Homeowners' Cash Balance: \$131,468



Non-Estates Operating

Total Cash

Non-Estates Operating Cash \$5,524

Non-Estates Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$4,686	\$32,803

Operating Surplus/Non-Estates Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus	\$ -1,153	\$ 840
Budgeted Surplus	\$ -121	\$ -847
Variance to Budget	\$ -1,032	\$1,687

Non-Estates Operating Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$5,839	\$31,963

* Legal Expenses of \$ -1,000 unfavorable, YTD \$1,700 favorable variance to budget.

No other significant variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of January 2024 was \$1,600.

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Association Board Voting Record for February 27, 2024

Association Voting Record for February 27, 2024											
		Board Members*								Comments	Costs
		DH	MS	PR	JW	DC	JE	SG			
1	Review to Approve - AC Solar Conditionally Approved Application: 7044 Via Valverde	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the installation of solar systems on common area sloped roof located at 7044 Via Valverde pending alternative proof of receipt of revocable easement recordation, including a copy of the signed and notarized document and owners submitting required insurance and city permit paperwork including comments to AC prior to starting construction.	\$0
2	District Advisory Committee (DAC) Resignation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board accepted with appreciation of service the resignation of Gabriele Ondine from the Glen Arden DAC.	\$0
3	Approval Consideration of Geese Egg Addling Contract (Montgomery, Del Lago, Hermosa, and Verano)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	The Board approved to contract with Dog & Whistle Goose Control - Option A which includes four site visits over a three-month period, March - May in the amount of \$4,800 with costs allocated according to the appropriate time spent addling eggs within each corporation (Club or Association) funded from the appropriate corporation's pest control operating fund account, and moving forward that egg adding and the funding of egg addling be a part of the regular pest control operating budget for the affected districts.	\$4,800
4	Approve Resolution to Record Lien: 665-40-XXX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the recording of a lien on APN # 665-40-XXX, for unpaid assessments totaling \$5,943.71.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2023 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$333,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$1,669,000 used to help pay the 2023 property insurance premium renewal in June 2023 with balance of \$1,336,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2024.	\$333,000
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting											\$337,800

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

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Building B business hours

The Recreation Services office in Building B is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us April 9 at the elegant Graton Casino and Resort

On **Tuesday, April 9**, join us for a chance to win big at the Graton Casino and resort in Sonoma County. We will depart from the Cribari East Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 7 p.m.



Graton is the largest and most elegant casino in the region. It holds 3,000 state-of-the-art slots, over 100 tables games and a live poker room. Non-smoking play areas are

available, if preferred. When not playing, you can enjoy their variety of casual and fine dining options. Fine diners can partake in restaurants like 630 Park Steakhouse, Tony's of North Beach (Italian) and the Boathouse Asian Eatery. More relaxed diners can enjoy the options of the Marketplace, which includes pizza, a grill, a Starbucks, and so much more.

If interested, a no-cost special rewards membership is on offer where you can get \$25 free slot play. This membership entitles you to a discount at the gift shop among other perks. Additionally, on Tuesdays, people aged 50 and up earn an extra \$10 reward after earning 100 rewards points.

Participants must show valid photo IDs to sign up for a rewards membership and to claim any winnings. If you are unsure if your ID will be accepted, please contact Recreation Services at 408-223-4643. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Activity Level: Light activity (mostly seated, long bus ride).

The cost per person is \$63 and includes round trip transportation and escort. Register in Building B during business hours. The deadline is Friday, March 15 or sooner if spots fill up.

Learn about 'Building Your Immunity!'

Join Natsuko Tsuji on **Wednesday, April 4 from 10–11:15 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room for "Building Your Immunity!" Are you getting sick more frequently? Would you like to strengthen your immune system? This class will cover what the immune system is, which nutrients play a role in supporting it, the differences between prebiotics and probiotics, and three ways to boost your defense system through diet. You will also learn cooking and menu planning tips. At the end of the class, Natsuko will share her favorite immunity-boosting recipes.

The cost is \$41 per person. Register in Building B during business hours starting Monday, March 4. Registration deadline is Friday, March 22 or sooner if spots fill up.

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

Take a trip to see Fashioning San Francisco and Irving Penn Exhibits

Explore the history of San Francisco through fashion with two amazing exhibits at de Young Museum! On **Wednesday, April 17**, join us for one of the most iconic collections of 20th- and 21st-century women's clothing in the United States. The first major presentation of de Young's costume collection in over 35 years, plus local loans of high fashion and haute couture. It showcases designs from pillars of the fashion industry such as Christina Dior, Alexander McQueen, Comme des Garçons and more. Many items have never been shown before!

Also, you can try on some amazing looks from the collection using the Snapchat Augmented Reality Mirrors. Have you ever wanted to wear a Yves Saint Laurent piece or Valentino gown? Step right up for this virtual experience and get a good look at your fabulous self!

But wait, there's more! Fashion fans will also enjoy an exhibit of Vogue's longest-standing contributor, Irving Penn's revolutionary fashion photography in the postwar era. He is widely recognized as one of the 20th century's greatest photographers. Using neutral backgrounds, he emphasized models' personalities through their gestures and expressions. The exhibition includes about 175 photographs spanning Penn's nearly 70-year career.

Activity Level: Light to Moderate Activity (benches may or may not be available).

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

The cost is \$80 per person and includes admission, escort, and round-trip transportation; \$46 for Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco (FAMSF) Members.

Admission for the Fashioning San Francisco exhibit, Irving Penn exhibit, Snapchat Augmented Reality Mirrors, and general collections is included in the price. An optional self-guided audio tour for both exhibits is available for an extra \$6. Lunch options include the museum café and outdoor food stands in the area. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Register in Building B during business hours starting Monday, March 4. Registration deadline is Friday, March 22 or sooner if spots fill up.

Sign up for Mat Pilates!

Sign up for the next set of Mat Pilates classes, being offered **10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 2 to May 7** (six classes) in Cribari Conference Room.

The cost per student is \$68.50 (yoga mat purchased independently as needed, more details below). Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, March 4. The deadline is Friday, March 22 or sooner if the class fills up.

Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training your arms and legs. It is a mind and body practice that improves posture, coordination, balance, focus, body awareness, stress management and injury prevention. Participants should be comfortable performing exercises on a mat on the floor and able to get up from the floor without help. A yoga mat is required for this class and must be purchased on your own. Natsuko Tsuji will be your instructor for most of the classes. She is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor with 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over eight years teaching Pilates.

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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.

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 3/4 to 3/10

Monday, March 4

Tomato Bisque

Tuesday, March 5

Shiitake Mushroom with Chicken

Wednesday, March 6

Chicken Noodle

Thursday, March 7

Beef Fiesta

Friday, March 8

Clam Chowder

Saturday, March 9

Chef's Choice

Sunday, March 10

Chef's Choice

HAPPY Easter 

Clubhouse – Sunday, March 31, 2024
Two Seatings – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Easter Brunch Buffet Menu

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

Display Stations
Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display
Easter Egg Candies

Salad Stations
-Baby Spring Mix, Baby Arugula, Romaine Leaves and Baby Spinach
-Assorted Cherry Tomatoes, Assorted Radishes, Cucumbers, Sprouts
Beets, Red Onions, Herbed Croutons, Strawberries, Artichoke Hearts,
Mandarin Orange Segments, Chopped Walnuts,
Feta Goat Cheese, Shaved Romano Cheese and Tri Color Peppers

Seafood Display
-Smoked Salmon with Capers, Cream Cheese, Bermuda Onions,
Egg Whites and Mini Bagels.
Bay Shrimp Gazpacho Shooters, Peel and Eat Prawns

Carving Stations Featuring
Bone-In Virginia Ham and Prime Rib

Under the Chafers
Scrambled Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon
Eggs Benedict and Cheese Blintz
Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce
Rosemary and Thyme Braised Leg of Lamb
Wild and Herb Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley

Desserts Display
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macaroons, Eclairs,
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Weekly Specials

For the week of 3/4 to 3/10

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 3/5 to Sunday 3/10

Country Fried Steak & Eggs: Breaded, Pan-Fried Steak and Country Gravy with Two Eggs Any Style with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$17.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 3/4 to Sunday 3/10 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monte Cristo Sandwich: Turkey, Ham, Cheddar Cheese and Swiss Cheese on Brioche French Toast with Powdered Sugar and Cranberry with Choice of Sides **\$16.95**

Crispy Chicken Wrap: Crispy Chicken, Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon, Cheese and Ranch Dressing in a Flour Tortilla with Choice of Side **\$16.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 3/5 to Sunday 3/10 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Filet Mignon, Bearnaise: Center Cut 6-oz. Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$42.95**

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

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)

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Operating Financial Commentary...

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Estates Operating

Total Cash	
Estates Operating Cash	\$28,675
Estates Reserves	\$97,269

Estates Total Revenue

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Revenue	\$16,814	\$117,695

Operating Surplus Estates Operating

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Operating Surplus	\$3,298	\$ 5,681
Budgeted Surplus	\$4,264	\$ -4,386
Variance to Budget	\$ -966	\$ 10,067
<i>PY Surplus</i>		\$ 22,994
Total Surplus		\$ 28,675

Estates Operating Expense

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Operating Expense	\$13,516	\$112,013

No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of January 2024 was \$10,000, w/Prior Year Surplus \$28,600.

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




Whole Rotisserie Chicken

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

New Price \$9.95 plus Service Charge & Tax

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Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

Single Diners' Night



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

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



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

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

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

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



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

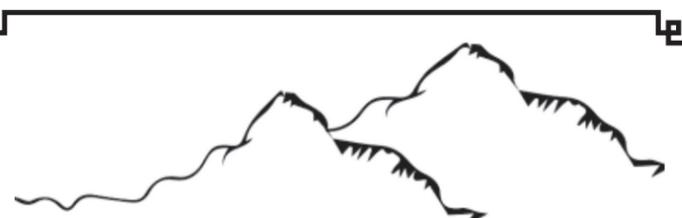
Price subject to service charge and tax

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.



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**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	SRS Tax Prep Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Music Committee	SEQ
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Republican Board	F
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, March 2

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi 2	CR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
1 p.m.	Village Dancers Showcase	A

Sunday, March 3

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
12 p.m.	Bluegrass Music Jam	VC
2 p.m.	Village Dancers Showcase	A

Monday, March 4

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Cmte.	F
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Assoc. Mtg	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	MC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	18-H Women's Golf Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Desi Karaoke	CR
7 p.m.	Chess Study Group	SEQ

Tuesday, March 5

8:30 a.m.	Mens Golf Exec Cmte.	MC
9 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
11 a.m.	9-H Women's Golf Board	SEQ
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness Class	A
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Veterans Club	FC
4 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
5 p.m.	Primary Election Results	CR
5 p.m.	Fairways DAC	PR
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amateur/Radio Astronomy	FC

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	SAFE: Sugar & Slavery	FC
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	MC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers 3	VC

Thursday, March 7

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Association A/C	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Ladies Golf Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	Highland Ladies' Lunch	FC
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Homeowners A/C	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
7 p.m.	Catholic Choir	VC
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR

Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	VMA Funeral Planning	SEQ
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

**Fire Safety
Town Hall (2023)**
Daily
12:00 & 6:00

**The Villages
Landscape &
Functional Turf
(2023)**
Daily
1:45 & 7:45

**Aerial Views of
The Villages (2015)**
Daily
2:30, 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30

**Avoiding Senior
Scams (2014)**
Daily
3:00 & 9:00

**Welcome to
Our Website (2021)**
Daily
5:15 & 11:15



**Club Events
& Notices**



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Upcoming 2024 Programs

For these events, register online at vmavillages.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.

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.

Clear Captions – Pizza & Learn, Elli Tehrani will show how one can see on the Clear Caption's phone, captions of what your caller is saying, this at no cost to qualified users. Join her for pizza on **Monday, March 25** at 1 p.m. in the Sequoia Room.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will have a two-week break and resume **Monday, March 18**, 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. **Note date change—Thursday, March 18** 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—note room change—Sequoia Room. No need to register, all welcome.

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)

CLUBS & EVENTS

Travel the world with 'Going Places Showcase'!

By B. Brown

It's here! Your weekend of imaginary travel to Paris, Hawaii, New York, London and Hollywood! Travel with us this weekend as we visit these places, and more through dance, song and music.



The "Going Places Showcase" is in town and we have your tickets for **Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 at 2:30 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium.

The exciting lineup of performers includes: The VMS Dancers, Trillium, VMS Piano Open Studio, guest performers Wicked, and the admirable Village Voices.

General Manager Theresa Ostrander said this about last year's show: "Having experienced the magic of the Villages Music Society's 'Let's Us Entertain You' last April, I eagerly await their next production, 'Going Places Showcase (GPS).'" It is surely designed to not disappoint! This year's journey will take the audience around the world through dance, song, and music. Last year I left the performance with a skip in my step and a song in my heart. The Villages Music Society continues to enchant and transport the audience, making each show a truly unforgettable experience. March 2024's anticipated voyage will take us to places beyond imagination, I'm already counting down the days until this spectacular performance!"

Tickets are \$22 each and sales start at 2 p.m. at the door on Saturday and Sunday (pending availability). House charge or cash only please.

Your travel experience awaits you. To learn more about VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy, President of the Village Dancers, is the producer of this show.

The Clubhouse offers a 10 percent discount on show days. Reservations are recommended.



Village Dancers get ready for the "Going Places Showcase."

Jam with the Bluegrass Music Club

By Alan Rich

Yes, The Villages has had a bluegrass band for some time now, but on **Sunday, March 3**, it will have its first Bluegrass Music Club "Jam." It will be held in the Vineyard Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be free. It will be performed by the members of the Scotch Creek Band! You are invited to bring your acoustic instruments, voices and ears to enjoy some bluegrass and vintage country music. Come play, sing or just listen to the music.

For a little history, bluegrass was developed in the 1940s in the Appalachian region of the United States. It derives its name from Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys. Like Jazz, bluegrass allows performers to improvise and take turns playing the lead. The Bluegrass capital of the world is Owensboro, Kentucky, but for us, we will pretend for an afternoon that it is our own Villages!

Arts and Crafts: You've never seen rocks like this!

By Michael Sunzeri

On **Monday, March 4**, Arts and Crafts invites you to a very interesting form of art—rock painting. It's fun, relaxing and mind settling. In the Cribari Conference Center at 1:45 p.m. we will welcome a demonstration by one of our newest members, Barbara Orlando. After a short Membership meeting of our current information, we will introduce Barbara and let her amaze you with her fine painting achievements netting beautiful, finished pieces. Her painted and inked river rocks of all sizes depict landscape, cartoonish, solemn, and even thoughtful lettered works of art.

A 15-year resident, and a high-profile volunteer in many clubs over all this time, Barbara notes she has always been involved in art. Who knew? Her work with ceramic glazes started back in Iowa in a business her mom had. After moving to Santa Clara while raising a family, she worked as a bookkeeper, never straying far from doing many forms of artwork. Glazing, painting, ink work and even sewing helped to keep her very busy.

You might think that painting rocks is easy. Apply a couple bright colors then draw the face of a cat or something. Barbara's work steps well above that. The vibrant colors are there, but there is more thought put into it. There is prepping, layering, detailing, and finishing, not to mention what it is she wants to depict in the first place. Did I mention that she has quite an array of brushes and pens to work with?

We get to watch her process, see many beautiful, finished pieces Barbara has completed and you will be amazed at the fine craftsmanship. Invite your friends to join us and see on the live screen something you may be interested in pursuing in your own free time. We encourage your presence.



Senior Academy: Preview future with futurist Ray Kurzweil

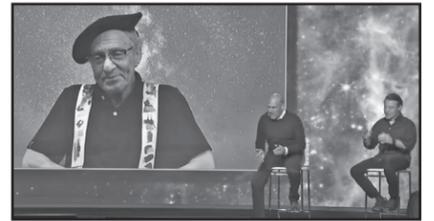
By Barry Sardis

Embark on a journey into the future, via Zoom, featuring a video with the visionary Ray Kurzweil on **Monday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.** This footage from the 2023 Abundance 360 Summit, a flagship event of Singularity University, showcases Kurzweil's groundbreaking insights into technology, artificial intelligence, and futurism.

As a celebrated inventor, he has consistently predicted technological advancements with uncanny accuracy. Kurzweil's 15-minute introductory comments offer a unique perspective on the future, drawing from his legacy of transformative contributions to text-to-speech synthesis and his groundbreaking book, "The Singularity Is Near." As a recipient of prestigious honors, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, Lemelson-MIT Prize, and Edison Medal, Kurzweil's influence extends far beyond the tech industry.

Abundance 360, where forward-thinking leaders converge, is moderated by Peter Diamandis, co-founder of Singularity University. Diamandis, known for the X Prize Foundation, guides discussions toward impactful solutions for the future. This organization catalyzes innovation by awarding prizes for boundary-pushing achievements.

This event is sponsored by Senior Academy Technology Explorers. Register now at VillagesSA.org for this transformative experience, delving into the visionary world of Ray Kurzweil, Peter Diamandis, and Abundance 360 Summit attendees. Join us on a journey where tomorrow becomes today!



Make your images pop in our Mixed-Media Painting class

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



Doug Canepa

Join Doug for this interesting class, Thursdays, **March 7 through April 4, 10 a.m. – noon** in the Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

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

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

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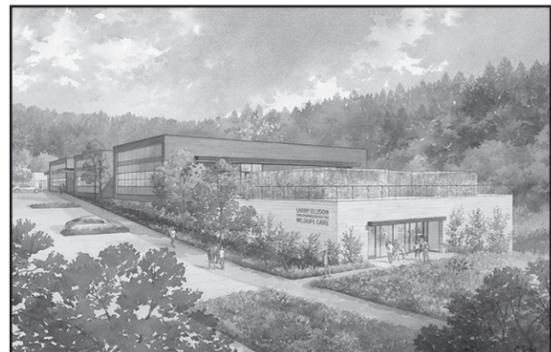
Learn about new Center for Wildlife Care

By Bob Dando

On **Tuesday, March 5**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will host a presentation by Holly Comer and Michael Chen on the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley.

Social Club members should make lunch reservations a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend the presentation and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:30 p.m.**

For 30 years, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (WCSV) has been a local leader in providing sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with exceptional care rehabilitation and the opportunity for release. It also educates the public about coexisting peacefully with wildlife. The Center provides compassionate care for a variety of animals including birds, squirrels, raccoons, deer, coyotes, foxes, bats, rabbits, snakes, turtles and even the occasional mountain lion or bear cub. The mission is to rehabilitate and release these animals back to their natural habitats whenever possible.



The Wildlife Center hosts various events and programs to engage the public and raise awareness about wildlife conservation. They also encourage volunteering that can play a crucial role in the animal care and rehabilitation.

Just this January, the Wildlife Center merged with the Peninsula Humane Society. This collaboration allows both organizations to combine their expertise and resources in caring for local wildlife. This year the new Larry Ellison Conservation Center for Wildlife Care (LECCWC) will be opened in Saratoga to provide state of the art care for the sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife. The Center, costing approximately \$50 million dollars, will serve San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

Holly and Michael from the Wildlife Center will tell us about some of the work the organization has done and their plans for the future. We encourage you to attend this presentation covering the very interesting care of local wildlife rehabilitation care.

Take Intermediate Drawing with Ciel Duke

Spring is in the air, and it's time to brush up on your drawing skills! This intermediate class will focus on a continuation of all the basics...composition, proportion, drawing techniques, value, creating realism, etc...as you experiment with a variety of mediums. Classes include working in pencil, charcoal, scratch board, and pastels. All work is done from actual subjects, not photos. Each class allows time to learn about, experiment with, and fully complete a project based on the lesson of the day.

This is an intermediate level class, suitable for people who have basic drawing skills and who want to expand their expertise in skill, subject matter, and varying art mediums. All supplies are included in the cost of the class. You need only to bring your enthusiasm!

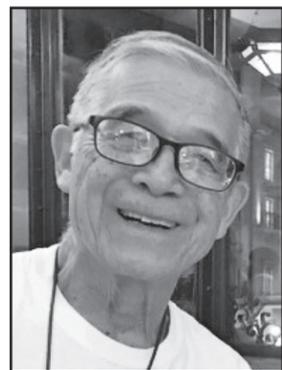
Ciel Duke is a popular art teacher here in the Villages, with years of teaching experience. Her structured classes are casual, friendly, and fun...so don't wait to register, as they fill up quickly!

Four **Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20 and 27**, from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. All materials included. \$120. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com



VMA: When speaking up becomes your best advocate

By Barbara F. Zahner



Byron Chan

You know what you want if you are critically ill or unable to speak for yourself. Now you want to let your family know your desires, but how to start the conversation and keep it going without handwaving, denial or hiding behind false humor? Byron Chan, volunteer with the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association (bafca.org), can help you find the first words and maintain the conversation. In this VMA workshop called "Aging Together & Family Conversations" on **Friday, March 8** from 1- to 2 p.m. in the Sequoia Room, Byron will cover:

- Questions to help you determine what matters most to you when it comes to your health care.
- Forms that you can use to express in writing your health care wishes including dementia care, end-of-life option, tube feeding, intubation, and other life-sustaining technologies.
- Differences between Advance Medical Directives, POLST and DNR.
- Value of an Ethical Will.

In one hour of down-to-earth conversation with you, Byron will draw upon his volunteer and familial experience. He will also answer your questions and offer practical resources.

This event is limited to 45. Register online at VMAvillages.vgcc.club or call VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029.

Wondering about the Big Bang? Astronomy Club to meet March 5

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Astronomy Club, at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5** at Foothill Center. At the March meeting we will cover two topics. The first will be the full story of the evidence of the Big Bang along with new data from the Webb telescope regarding Interoperation of the event. We will also explore Kepler's three laws of planetary Motion: Elliptical orbit of planets, time of the orbit, and planet orbital period. Masks are optional. Questions? E-mail Barry Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com



Global Village to present wellness talk by Dr. Parikh

By Pradeep Sonawala



The Global Village Community Club takes pleasure in inviting all residents to hear our guest speaker Dr. Neesheet Parikh, a family practitioner and sports medicine doctor on **Wednesday, March 6** in Cribari Conference Room, from **7 to 8:30 p.m.** He will speak to us on "Wellness through Yoga and Spirituality." Dr. Parikh has over 16 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from A.T. Still University of Kirksville College, Osteopathic Medicine in 2007 and is affiliated with O'Connor Hospital.

Open game night with your hiking friends

Have fun! Greet old friends! Meet new friends! Play some games and enjoy some delicious snacks and desserts! Please join The Hiking Club on **Monday, March 11**, for our fantastic Game Night at Foothill Center beginning at 7 p.m. Members and Guests are asked to bring their favorite board or card game(s) to play with their tablemates.



Apple pie with ice cream will be served, along with tea and coffee, and if you wish, bring an "adult" beverage of your choice. To help save the environment, please bring your own cup or glass from home. No RSVP needed. Any questions, please direct to Linda Arbaugh at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

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!

Lunch is \$30. Sandwich selections are:

- Avocado/Turkey on a Croissant
- Apple/Chicken on a Croissant
- Albacore Tuna on a French Roll

All sandwiches are served with a fruit cup and a brownie.

Coffee, Lemonade, and Iced Tea
You and your guest's lunch will be charged to your house.

RSVP by March 12 to Sally Dubbin at sallydubbin@gmail.com or call 408-531-9066

Senior Academy: ‘Sugar & Slavery: How our Lust for Sugar Impacts our Health and History’

Sugar—without the sweetener, for many of us coffee, tea and chocolate would not be quite as enticing. Nor would Wonder Bread, Campbell’s tomato soup, Quaker Oats oatmeal, Goldfish crackers, Eggo waffles, Ritz crackers, Shake ‘N Bake chicken coating, Oscar Mayer bacon, sodas, and many more foods. Manufacturers add sugar to all of these foods.



A lot of history lies behind the innocent-looking bowl of granulated white sugar on your table. Indeed, our love of sugar ignited some of the ugliest conflicts and oppression in human history. Countries launched military campaigns and wars over sugar, planters destroyed vast forests, and most significantly, Africans were kidnapped and enslaved by the millions to harvest sugar cane in the Caribbean and Latin America. All that, just for one much-loved and ubiquitous staple of our modern diet.

Adam Tanner will return to Senior Academy on **Wednesday, March 6**, at 10 a.m., on Zoom and at Foothill to present “Sugar & Slavery: How Lust for Sugar Impacts Our Health and History”—how sugar has affected world history and how it continues to affect our health and bodies. Adam has appeared on the BBC, NPR, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and VOA and has written for Scientific American, Forbes, Time, and Consumer Reports. He is an associate and fellow at Harvard’s Institute for Quantitative Social Science. Please register at VillagesSA.org. If you need assistance to register for Foothill you may call Susan Dooley at 408-528-8881.

Senior Academy: ‘Trash Punx—Going Beyond’

What are punx, you ask? In short, punx is the plural of punk—people who often reject mainstream culture and capitalism in favor of community-based activism and self-sufficiency. Which provides some insight into Trash Punx—a San Jose nonprofit organization dedicated to cleaning up the world—one piece of trash at a time. Yes, Trash Punx has already removed more than 78 tons of trash from our waterways and collected tons of electronic waste, but it is its collaboration with Sabore’s Well, a local organization dedicated to improving life in Africa, that is the basis for our program.



Vanessa Rogier from Trash Punx

Vanessa Rogier from Trash Punx will share the story of this inaugural clean-up project, its achievements, failures and the lessons learned that transcend borders. Growing up across the globe, Vanessa experienced life in remote natural environments which served to fuel her passion for protecting the Earth. Join us for this enlightening experience showcasing the transformative power of global collaboration.

This presentation will be offered in Foothill Center at **2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12**. Please register for it at villagesa.org or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-912-5594. If you leave a message, be prepared to provide your first and last name, email address and the name and date of the event. **This event is free to all.**

Meet friends with Lunch Buddies!

By Liz Adams

March 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.—mark it on your calendar! It’s the next Lunch Buddies luncheon at the Clubhouse. It’s a time to make new friends, to renew your friendships with those you met last year, to have something to look forward to, and to get out of the house.



We’ll enjoy lunch (a salad, a half sandwich, ice cream for dessert, and iced tea, coffee, or lemonade to sip throughout lunch) together. And because VMA supports Lunch Buddies, we’ve managed to keep your costs the same; it’s still only \$11 for lunch. So if this works for you, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation and book a ride to and from your home if you need transportation.

Remember, make your reservation before noon on **Monday, March 11**. See you for lunch on **Wednesday, March 13!**

Dog Club outing—rain or shine

Rain or shine—the Dog Club’s dogs are going on an outing! On **Saturday, March 2 at 11:30 a.m.**, Villager dogs and their



owners will still have lunch at **11:30 a.m.** Rain is no problem for lunch on as there will be an enclosed patio at Palermo Italian Restaurant, 791 Auzerais in San Jose. Seating up to 40 People. Please text Barbara Sunseri at 408-500-2129 if you’d like to attend. Remember you do not have to have a dog to join us. Just the love for furry friends.

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!

Monday and Tuesdays: Open Studio with Pat Andrade, 2 – 5 p.m. Pat will teach people one on one who want to learn his graphic style. Bring your own materials. All Villagers welcome!

March 4: Monthly Membership Meeting and Free Artist Demonstration. Monday, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Mandy Book presiding. Michael Sunseri, Programs Chair, presents Barbara Orlando: Painting Rocks.

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

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.

March 7 – April 4: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa, Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70.

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

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



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler/Long Hike March 6: Bob Bogdanoff (408-834-9657) will lead a hike at the newly opened Mayyan Ooyakma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve. The hike will be a 5.1 mile circular trail which consists of the Serpentine Spring Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet), Tule Elk Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change less than 50 feet) and the Bay Checkerspot Trail (2.5 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet). You will experience stunning views of the Santa Clara Valley. One Butterfly Pass is required for each group of hikers. If you only want to do a portion of the hike, you will need to obtain your own, free Butterfly Pass at Máyyan ‘Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Cribari Bell for a 9 a.m. departure. The address is 9611 Malech Rd, Morgan Hill. Drive south on Hwy 101, exit Bailey Avenue and head east crossing over the highway. Continue a short distance on Malech Road and the parking lot with a restroom is on the right.

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 Hike Wednesday, March 13: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike to Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. There is a \$5/car parking fee via an automated machine at the entrance. Drive about a mile to the Visitor Center where there is plenty of parking. Optional lunch after just outside the park at a nearby shopping center for those interested. R/T mileage approx. 50 miles. We meet at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. and depart at 9:15 a.m. **More information in next week’s Villager.**

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

“The Traitor Among Us: An Elena Standish Novel” by Anne Perry. Not far from the sprawling grounds of Wyndham Hall, the body of longtime MI6 agent John Repton is found, shot dead with a single bullet to the heart. The corpse’s proximity to the estate sends ripples of concern through the intelligence community because Repton was killed while surveilling the members of a household with alleged ties to fascists who threaten the security of the country, as Hitler’s influence spreads across Europe. Elena Standish is assigned the case to covertly investigate Repton’s murder and dig deeper into the Wyndham family’s nefarious connections. *Mystery, 2023.*

“Jackie” by J. Randy Taraborrelli. Based on hundreds of interviews with friends, family, and lovers over a 30-year period—as well as previously unreleased material from the JFK Library—Kennedy historian J. Randy Taraborrelli paints an unforgettable new portrait of a woman whose flaws and contradictions only serve to make her even more iconic. Jackie told a former lover “I have three lives, public, private and secret.” In this revealing biography, readers will become intimately familiar with all three. *Non-fiction, 973.922, Kennedy, Administration of John Fitzgerald, 2023.*




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See woodworking whizzes at Crafters Club Boutique!

By Tere Barbella

Maple, oak, cork, acacia—these aren’t just trees, these are the materials that three of our talented crafters find inspiration from to fashion into amazing wood products!

Alan Waltho has always enjoyed working with wood and he often collects interesting pieces from his travels. By examining each piece to determine what design would best utilize the natural grain and texture found in the wood, Alan uses nature’s own beauty to create stunning wooden products. He makes bowls, trays, clocks, jewelry boxes of all sizes, small tables and footstools. He recently travelled to Hawaii and Canada and his latest creations will feature local wood that he found there.



Find the latest creations by Alan Waltho at the Crafters Club Boutique.

Ed Knott started collecting corks for years before he turned them into unique trivets and bulletin boards. Neighbors would leave bags of corks on his doorstep for his exclusive creations. Around 2015 Ed added lamps and bottle art to his repertoire, created in a unique Steampunk, industrial style. Today Ed has included bolo ties, bracelets and other lights to the array of cork, wood and glass items that he makes and sells.

Larry Lohman joined the Crafters Club in December. A former custom cabinet maker, Larry got interested in woodworking as a teenager through his father. His work reflects both seasonal and utilitarian items including beautiful charcuterie boards, cutting boards, tea light holders, lazy susans, iPad stands and a variety of holiday items such as pumpkins, snowmen, and Christmas trees. For the upcoming March boutique Larry is planning to introduce a new model cheese and cracker board with stone in the center. Larry also takes orders for custom pieces.

All of these gentlemen derive great pleasure from taking pieces of nature and turning them into magnificent, well-crafted works of art. You won’t want to miss any of their fine work so come early to the Crafters Club Boutique—**Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center.

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Montgomery Ladies Luncheon
Saturday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Clubhouse Fairway Room

\$35 per person. One guest welcome per Montgomery resident

Choice of:
 Chicken Crepe, Wild Rice, Asparagus with Red Bell Pepper Garnish
 Spinach, Mushroom and Cheese Crepe, Wild Rice,
 Asparagus with Red Bell Pepper Garnish
 Vegetable Quiche with Fruit Cup
 All entrees include Butter Lettuce with Mandarin Oranges
 & Almonds Salad and Creme Brulee
 Complimentary Mimosa

Life Coach Kim Silverman will give a presentation on
 “Transforming Your Mindset: Practical Tips for Positive Change”
 Kim will guide us through four crucial steps to shift from negative self-talk to a more positive and balanced way of thinking.

RSVP with entrée choice by March 19 to Celia Schiffner at
 montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com

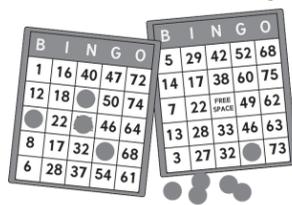
Include names of all attendees, house number for payment, and phone number.
No refunds after March 15.

VMA Bingo to start in April!

VMA Afternoon Bingo will begin in April, not March as previously stated. The first Afternoon Bingo will be **Wednesday, April 3!** Held in Cribari Auditorium, doors open at 3, and games begin at 3:30 p.m.

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

VMA Afternoon Bingo is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month: April 3, May 8, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4 and October 2. Come join the fun!



Chinese Club celebrates Year of the Dragon *Get funky and learn a new routine!*

By Valerie Smith

The Year of the Dragon was celebrated in fine style by the Villages Chinese Club, with 151 members and their guests attending the Chinese Lunar New Year luncheon where they enjoyed many, many courses of traditional Chinese cuisine. After lunch there was an opportunity drawing and 30-plus lucky attendees won lovely gifts to take home.

The Lunar New Year luncheon celebration is one of three major banquets sponsored by the Chinese Club every year. In June the Dragon Boat Festival dinner takes place followed by the Mid-Autumn Festival dinner in Gazebo Park in September.

The club also organizes many other types of activities—from morning exercise sessions to cooking demonstrations, and from tech talks to ballroom dancing. If you're interested in finding out more, or if you want to join, please visit the club website at sites.google.com/site/villageschineseclub/home



Villages Music Society Dancers at a just-for-fun session.

By Bernice Toy

Come dance with us! Join the VMS (Villages Music Society) Dancers every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Each month we pick a new song and learn a new choreography. For March, we will get down and funky to "Lil Boo Thang" by Paul Russell. Once you hear the song, you will not be able to stand still. So come and join the fun!

I am the Club President and choreographer for The VMS Dancers and can be reached at VMS.Dancers@gmail.com. For more information, see the Villages Music Society website at villages-musicsociety.org/about-us-3. The Club charges an annual \$20 membership fee. All monies go toward the support of the club.



Daylight Savings Golf Course Pedestrian Walking Hours

Please remember that the golf course is strictly for golfers only during all golfing hours; and pedestrians and pets are not allowed on the golf course during times of golf play.

Here are the allowable times for pedestrians during DST months starting March 10:

- Monday – Before 1 p.m. and after 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday – Before 8:45 a.m. and after dusk
- Wednesday – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk
- Thursday – Before 8:20 a.m. and after dusk
- Friday – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk
- Saturday – Before 6:42 a.m. and after dusk
- Sunday – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk

Please be safe! Thank you for your cooperation.

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SPORTS NEWS

PICKLEBALL

Group Play

By Anahid Gregg

Visit our website, villagespickleball.vgcc.club for more information, and click on the yellow icon “Group Play Signup” for the full schedule and information on how to sign up. Signing up on yourcourts.com helps us to keep metrics and add additional sessions to meet demand.



The Pickleball Club has several “Group Play” sessions blocked for the enjoyment of current and new pickleball players here at The Villages. The purpose of these sessions is to have fun meeting and playing with other club members around your level, and learn to play different opponents with different styles. This is a *great* way to form regular groups with new people as well! Many of the people you see on the courts started out in group play.

There are three levels of group play: Novice/Advanced Novice (includes skills training), Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate. These levels, as defined in the following link, can be used as a guide for which level is appropriate for your skills at villagespickleball.vgcc.club/group-play/. For the Novice/Advanced Novice Group, we have wonderful leaders available at each session. Larry, Donna, and Liz help guide participants into rotations. Our leaders use skill guidelines to determine which group is your best fit, allowing for varied play opportunities. It’s a great way for members to meet people, improve their play, and most importantly—have fun!

If you are new to pickleball, you should first contact Mike Walias (email mjw0275@yahoo.com) to schedule a demo session to learn how to play. You will then be ready to join the fun in the Group Play sessions!

Members can attend unlimited Group Play sessions, non-member residents are welcome to attend a session to see if they enjoy the sport before joining as a member.

18-HOLE WOMEN

Mixed with Love

By Diana Hallock

Mary Wagle planned a delightful 18 Hole Ladies and 9 Hole Swingers Valentine’s Mixer. Ninety-five ladies played, yes, 24 foursomes! The course was a vibrant green, most of the downed trees had been cleared, the sun was shining, and it was perfect weather for golf. We played from the #1 tees, a first for many of us. The format was a Step Aside Scramble which meant we all hit a drive but one person stepped aside on each of the subsequent shots. It was a really fast fun format for teams of mixed, 9 hole and 18 hole players. Adding to the fun was Closest to the Pin on Holes 4 and 11. Mary Wagle at won Hole 4 and Lolivic Shaw won Hole 11 at 11”, yes, less than a foot! The First Place Team was Kay Gray, Linda Lamanno, Laura Rodriguez and Lolivic Shaw with a team net 58. That’s great golf! Chip ins were won by Rita Karlsten, Kay Gray and Diana Flanagan but the format did not allow for Birdies.



Winners Kay Gray, Laura Rodriguez, Golf Pro James Rogers, Linda Lamanno and Lolivic Shaw.

After golf we filled the banquet rooms for luscious lunches at tables “heartfully” decorated in pink and red by Debbie Moore. Captain Patti Bell reviewed many of the upcoming events for the 18 Hole ladies and Mary Wagle did the same for the Swingers. There will be open events on Wednesday nights, Friday nights and some Sundays plus the many tournament planned for members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Four Saturday tournaments have been planned for 18 Hole ladies. The goal for both of our clubs it to fill both golf courses as often as possible. Yes, it is important for revenue but more important, it is important for us...socially, physically and mentally.

Watch your club blasts, FastLane on Mondays and club websites for details and reservation information. Visit villageswomensgolf.vgcc.club or womens9holegolf.vgcc.club

TENNIS TALK

Annual Prescott Tournament

By Joy Rem

It’s time to sign up for the annual Prescott tournament. This is a way of having fun playing tennis and hanging with friends while donating to a great organization, The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA). Your registration fee is a tax-deductible donation as the VMA is recognized as a 501(c)3 organization. We would love you to play, but if you can’t, please feel free to donate through our tournament. We would love to raise a huge donation from the Tennis Club. Also, spectators are welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Prescott tournament was founded in honor of Phil Prescott who helped raise funds to build courts 5 and 6. In addition, he was also a big supporter of VMA. So now is the time to sign up.

There are numerous ways to sign up. You can go to the tennis club website, VillagesTennis.vgcc.club or YourCourts.com or go to the courts and check out the QR code on our flyer.

Here’s the details, time to sign up and stay involved with the tennis club: **Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Fun round robin format, with no partner needed. Wonderful food and beverages supplied by our hardworking food committee. Registration is \$15, but feel free to donate more.

Any questions, contact Joy Rem at jkr1787@gmail.com or 818-620-7642.

MEN’S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini kurt.pagnini@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming events:

2024 Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club St. Patrick’s Tournament— This is coming up next week— March 9 with an 8 a.m. Shotgun. The four-man team signups end on March 7. If you want to participate in this event you must sign up in the Pro Shop. The format is 2BB, Shamrock Ball + 1 Net BB of the other three Players.

April 13 - Spring Open - Team Play, Stableford, four-man, 2BB, Flighted

May 3-5 - Member-Member Championship (3-Day Event) - Match Play. Two-man teams, Horserace on Sunday.

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

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. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

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.



WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli



Lolivic Shaw and Maxine Amundson

A resilient person is defined as having the ability to deal with adversity in a constructive way, adapting and becoming stronger and seeing the positive side of things.

Many of us signed up to play on Tuesday, February 20 but the wet, red flag conditions sent most of us to our warm couch for the day. Maxine Amundson and Lolivic Shaw showed their resilience and took their walking carts out on the front nine, enjoying the warm weather and fun golf. Both ladies parred the sixth hole, a major accomplishment in the wet conditions. Congratulations, ladies, next time more of us will brave the conditions and play with you.

February 27 should be sunny and March 5 is our next Captain's trophy so let's plan on playing and staying for lunch to enjoy the camaraderie of Swingers' golf.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, February 22, 2024, was sunny and warm, another great day for some golf. Twelve Ironmen played.

There was a four-way tie for **Third Place** between Dave Hathaway, Dave Cook, Lee Thompson, and Bill Travis, each with a net 30; Mario Silva won **Second Place** with a net 27; and Jerry Juracich won **First Place** with a net 25.

There was one **Birdie** by Dave Hathaway on hole 4. Walter Lucas won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 4 at 9 feet, 10 inches. Dave Hathaway won **Low Gross** with a 33.

Golfer of the Day honors go to Dave Hathaway with a birdie, third place finish, and low gross. Excellent work Dave.

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

Deep Thoughts:

"Got more dirt than ball. Here we go again." - Alan Shepherd commenting on his first golf shot on the moon on February 26, 1971. Shepherd used a club with a Wilson Staff Dyna-Power 6 Iron head attached to collapsible tool designed to scoop lunar rock samples.

"Then I thought, with the same club head speed, the ball's going to go at least six times as far. There's absolutely no drag, so if you do happen to spin it, it won't slice or hook 'cause there's no atmosphere to make it turn." - Alan Shepherd commenting on his second golf shot on the moon that day.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Once again, the golf gods blessed the Pinseekers with a fine day for golf. February 23 wraps up this month's mini tournaments and moves us closer to our season completion in mid-June. Fourteen members joined the "festivities" by playing the back nine.

At the risk of redundancy, Martin Hoek captured the top position for the fifth time in 2024, with a one under par Net 35. Lawrence Chin snagged second, scoring a Net 36. Jumping into the number three slot was Walter Lucas, with his first competition after earning his Index, at one over par, Net 37, and squeezing onto the podium in the fourth spot, carding Net 39 were Don Lee and Jerry Juracich. A huge prop to Walter Lucas for playing so well after the many weeks of struggle to play enough nine-hole rounds and being rewarded a handicap rating with his GHIN.

Catching up on our putting competition, Friday, February 16, John Mueller finished the front nine with 16 putts. John's consistency on the greens helped to keep him solidly in the lower half of the Pinseekers handicaps.

After many years of study, which was mostly unsuccessful, I have found advice from several teaching professionals that focus on just a few things that can improve your scores. While the list can be ten to twelve items, the most mentioned two are: improve your "short game." Excessive shots from inside 100 yards are a key to minimizing wasted shots. A second is to practice your putting, your putter is the most used club in your bag. I'm going to add a third—visit your pro to get real help in fixing what is wrong with your swing. The staff at The Villages are all highly skilled and ready to help.

BOCCE NEWS

Help us—become a Bocce Referee!

By Tom Hunt

Calling All Bocce Enthusiasts: Become a Referee and Shape the Game!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 16, is an important date for our Bocce community as we are excited to announce our annual Referee Training session, scheduled for 11 a.m. near the bocce construction site.

As the Bocce Club gears up for another exciting season of tournaments, we're reaching out to our dedicated players and community members to join our team of referees. Your help is invaluable in ensuring fair play and maintaining the integrity of our games.

This training session isn't just about officiating matches; it's a chance for you to deepen your understanding of the game. By officiating matches, you'll gain valuable insights into gameplay and rules that you might not have noticed otherwise. Your keen eye and fair judgment will contribute to smoother, more enjoyable matches for everyone involved.

If you're new to refereeing, don't worry! We have plenty of support from experienced referees who will guide you through the learning process. You can even request to shadow a seasoned referee during your initial matches to gain confidence and skill.

We provide printed guidelines and hands-on training to ensure you're well-prepared for your new role. Embrace the opportunity to contribute to the Bocce Club while expanding your knowledge of this beloved sport.

There's no need to sign up in advance; simply mark your calendar for Saturday, March 16, at 11 a.m. and show up at the courts ready to learn and participate. Current referees are encouraged to attend as well, for a refresher and to lend their expertise and support to our new recruits. Let's make this season our best one yet by coming together as a community to support and elevate the game of Bocce!

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!

SEARCH THE WEBSITE

HOT TOPICS

Suggestion box

Approved Paddle List

Group Play Signup

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

We just finished that extra day we get from leap year and now we're into March. 2024 just keeps marching on. Hopefully the weather will keep improving so we all can get in some more golf rounds. And welcome to Women's History month.

Last week we didn't cancel but still didn't have a lot of golfers willing to tromp through the wet grass to hit that little ball. Nine golfers showed up, just one more than we needed for sweeps.

This week is our monthly birthday game so hoping for good weather for their games.

Our first general meeting of 2024 was last week and we enjoyed snacks while looking forward to some upcoming golf events. We also introduced the membership to the plans for getting our USGA GHINs and handicaps. It will be an ongoing process for us all.



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
March Golf Schedule

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

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time starts

Saturday, March 16 – 18-Hole Women’s Tournament 8:30 a.m.-9:42 a.m. tee times

New Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 10. At that time the Monday shotgun will shift to 1 p.m., the Driving Range will be open until 3 p.m. on Mondays, and the last tee time Tuesday-Sunday will move to 5 p.m. for the month of March. Due to a later sunrise initially the first tee time on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will move to shortly after 7 a.m.

Spring Aerification

Monday, March 18 – Back Nine *closed* all day for greens aerification – Montgomery and Vineyard Chipping Greens *closed* all day for aerification – Front-9 Open for a 12pm Shotgun – Putting Green Open

Tuesday, March 19 – All golf facilities *closed* all day for completion of aerification including the 18-Hole Course, the Par-3 Course, all practice greens, Putting Green - the Driving Range and the Pro Shop are *closed* all day

Wednesday, March 20 – Par-3 Course *closed* all day for greens aerification

Tips from the Pro—Rain, Rain Go Away

Here are 5 quick tips for playing golf during or after inclement weather on a wet golf course:

1. Be sure your shoes have soft spikes and not just the summertime nubblies on the sole. Good traction is essential, and the soft spikes will limit the potential for slipping during your golf swing.

2. Loft up your driver...most of us have an adjustable driver that allows us to vary the loft...so notch your driver up 1-degree to 2-degrees in loft so that your ball will fly higher and carry further in the air. Don’t expect a low drive to roll out like it does when the course is dry.

3. Play more club...when the atmosphere is cold and wet and humidity is high, the golf ball will not go as far. So play 1-2 more clubs on your approach shots to offset the conditions. Try to carry your ball to the green and do not expect it to roll on landing 10 yards short.

4. Move the ball back in your stance 1-2 inches. This will help you hit the ball first and make more solid contact. When it is wet, anything struck slightly behind the ball will go nowhere and will simply lay the sod over the ball.

5. In a greenside sand bunker with wet compacted sand, do not open the clubface and expose the bounce on your sand wedge. Instead keep the clubface square so that the leading edge will strike the sand first and dig into the compacted sand to get under the golf ball.

To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, February 14

Shirley Bellavance 185
 Aloma Lazetera 227
 Kitty Heston 295

Friday, February 16

Audrey Osuna 199
 Earl Magoun 200
 Aloma Lazetera 227

BRIDGE

Monday, February 19:

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
 2. Louann Partridge – Guest
 3/4. Bosh Singh - Bonnie Taylor
 3/4. Claude Ashen - Jan Kiernan

Wednesday, February 21:

1. Mary LeGrand
 - Jonna Robinson 2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami 3. Ed Logg - Guest

Friday, February 23:

1. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
 2. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels
 3. Cathy Struck - Ray Struck

SHONIS

Tuesday, February 19

All Nets

Flight One:

1. Pauline Robertson 25
 2. Marty Blinde 27
 3. Teddy Morse 28

Flight Two:

1. Judy Rogers 25
 2. Leslie Ingham 26
 3. Julianna Wahlgren 30

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE & 18 HOLE MIXER

18 Hole/9 Hole Mixer Mixed the Love Step - Aside Scramble
 Thursday, February 22

1st Place: Kay Gray, Linda Lamanno, Laura Rodriguez, Lolivic Shaw - Net 58
 2nd Place: Monica Saneholtz, Ann Bassford, Helen Varenkamp, Gail Tuft - Net 61
 3rd Place: Diana Flanigan, Margaret Davies-White, Sylvia Rozewicz, Barbara Weisend - Net 63

Closest to Hole:

4 Mary Wagle
 #11 Lolivic Shaw

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RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Called to Love'

By Jean Gillette

In this week's Gospel of John 4:5-42, Jesus came to a town in Samaria. Being thirsty He sat down at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. Her name was Photini, meaning "the Luminous one." She was a female in a society where women were both demeaned and disregarded. She was also a Samaritan, a race traditionally despised by Jews. She was marginalized in her own community because she came to the well at the hottest part of the day—noon—to avoid meeting people.

Jesus asked her for a drink of water. She was shocked and asked Him, how could he, a Jew, speak to her, a Samaritan. By speaking to her, Jesus demonstrates his care for us all regardless of our social standing. Here Jesus breaks through the barriers of gender, ethnicity, and holiness to have the longest conversation with anyone throughout John's gospel. When He asked her for water to drink, Jesus had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her faith, he awakened in her heart the fire of his love. Even though she answered Jesus' questions with short, deterring answers, He recognized her spiritual thirst and continued to talk with her. He told her that He could give her a kind of water, after which she would never thirst. He explained that he was the Savior. The water he would give was the "living water" of eternal life. Jesus also told her that she could stop looking to others to make her happy and fulfilled. Instead, she could let Jesus fill her Heart and soul. When she realized that Jesus was indeed the Messiah she left her water jar, much like the disciples left their nets and she became an effective evangelist to her community.

The moral lesson of this Parable is that God wants us to love one another even if we're tired, busy, late, don't know them, or don't really like them, or their religious beliefs.

We are still **called to love**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 13
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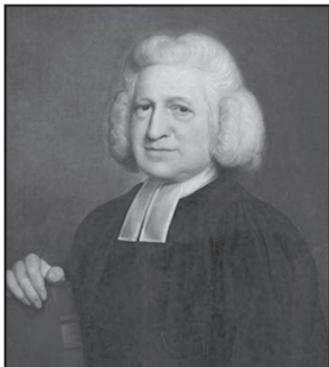


EPISCOPAL

The Brothers Wesley

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

What's your favorite Charles Wesley hymn? So ubiquitous is his music that—regardless of what Christian denomination or tradition you claim—chances are you've sung one (or many) of them in church. Myself, I'd be hard-pressed to choose among the 6,500 hymns he wrote during his lifetime as a minister and evangelist in 18th century England. But I confess partiality to "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." His hopeful vision almost allows me to see that heavenly kingdom where we are—"changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise."



Charles Wesley

His well-known commitment to what became the Methodist movement (which eventually broke away from the Church of England) notwithstanding, Charles and his older brother John remained Anglican clergymen until their deaths in 1788 (Charles) and 1791 (John). As a priest in the Anglican tradition myself, it is a privilege to remember them this week. Far ahead of their time, the Wesley brothers advocated for abolition and women preachers, and based much of their ecclesiology on both early church models—insofar as they were aware of them—and their own conversion experiences. They trusted that God spoke directly to their hearts, and thus, trusted that God was calling others into ministry as well. On the assumption that any and all of us might—by grace—be changed from glory into glory.

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

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



We are currently studying the Book of Jeremiah. Have you ever wondered about this astonishing Old Testament Book? Come join us!

We meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. Our next meeting is at **10 a.m., March 11 at Vineyard Center.**

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'He is All Wise'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

You may say that you believe in God if things happen according to how you think they should. When it doesn't work out according to what you hoped for, then *what?* Do you stop believing or start blaming God, or others, for what happened or didn't happen?

Life is an ongoing adventure because our plans sometimes seem to go in a different direction. For example: you have a navigational system on your cell phone or car to locate a point of interest. It may include several roads, miles, and the time to reach your destination. Your navigational system may not tell you there are potholes in the roads, or a hailstorm ahead for the next five miles or to prepare for a detour.

Sometimes, events that seem to go awry and spiral out of control can be the best thing to get us back on track to achieving our goals. Our first response is usually to blame it on something or someone rather than thank God for His providence and the gift of life. From your perspective, you can't comprehend how or why this is happening to you. The answer may not be forthcoming, but if we stay open-minded, the answer will become crystal clear after we have stopped blaming and complaining.

We often fail to understand that God is constantly at work in the good, the bad, and the ugly things that happen in life, to lead us to trust in His wisdom. So, if we know He will bring good out of our unfortunate experiences, why worry, blame, or complain about His methods?

Have you ever looked at a situation you feared because you imagined the worst scenario and allowed your mind to run away with fear? Finally, in the end, when it turns in your favor, you will feel as if a ton of bricks were lifted off your shoulders, and you will wonder why you ever worried so much. God is always teaching us to have faith and trust in His wisdom.

Psalms 37:5 NKJV says, "Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."

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 or villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5077-5089, 5154-5209, and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

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 3/4.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.

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

Estates

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

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

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 3/4.

Glen Arden

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

Roof replacement throughout the district, in planning.

Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Heights

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

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, 3/4-3/9.

Hermosa

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

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

Montgomery

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

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

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Trash enclosure light installations in progress throughout the district.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

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

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.

Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

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

Annual Crape Myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the districts.

Landscape drainage repairs in progress in various districts.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, throughout the districts, in progress.

Club Centers

Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

Upper and lower gardens—Electric perimeter fence weed clearing in progress.

Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

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.

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

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

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.



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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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

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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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Upcoming Comcast/Xfinity Preventative Maintenance

Our Comcast/Xfinity representative Deisy Gomez relayed a service message for all her Villages customers:

I want to thank you all for your continued patience. I have enjoyed talking to each and every one of you. I wanted to give you an update Comcast/Xfinity the Network Team will be on site between **7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, February 26 to Friday, March 1**. We will be conducting preventative maintenance on the nodes throughout The Villages with little to no service interruption. Preventative maintenance is crucial for keeping equipment and systems running smoothly. Regular inspections and cleaning can help identify and address potential issues before they escalate, reducing the risk of unexpected breakdowns. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns: Deisy_Gomez@comcast.com

The network team is going to work hard not to cause any disruptions, and any service interruption, if it occurs, will only last a few minutes of being offline.

For outage details, visit the Resident Portal. Deisy has created Google Maps interface that shows the affected addresses on a per-day basis for the nodes they'll be working on.

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.

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Villages Business Directory

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Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose

By Dianne Doughty, Sustainable Villages Community



Recently I received an email from one of our Sustainability members introducing me to a way she saves money and is an environmentally sustainable practice. She uses a rack that she purchased to dry all her plastic bags. She had mentioned that she couldn't remember the last time she bought closed plastic bags. I've used this method over the years but I have my counter "chickens" whose heads and tails

provide the necessary drip drying function.

Another simple repurpose practice is to cover a bowl with another flat dish. You do not need to use plastic wrap.

If you don't recycle a product, then reuse it or repurpose if possible. We can all look back to our parent's practices and realize that they functioned very well without plastics. We need to move back to this direction. Please send your "recycle, reuse or repurpose" practice to share with our community. Send your practices to doughtydianne@gmail.com.

Do this for our children, grandchildren and our planet. For more information, visit sustainablevillages.vgcc.club

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

How to get senior exemption for school district parcel tax

You may file for an exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel tax on your principal residence if you are at least age 65 or will be age 65 by May 31, 2024. If there are joint owners of your principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

If you had the exemption from the parcel tax for 2023/2024, your exemption will be automatically renewed by the School District. There is nothing more you need to do. This article is about new exemption requests.

If you would like to apply for the exemption for the 2024/2025 tax year, you may file online at www.eesd.org. Click on "Community" and then click "Senior Parcel Tax Exemption". You will need to upload documents to prove three things.

1. Proof of ownership: Your current property tax bill
2. Proof of residence: Your current PG&E bill (within 45 days)
3. Proof of birth date: Your driver license, passport, or birth certificate

You may also apply in person for the exemption at the School District Office at 3188 Quimby Road, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 30, 2024. No appointment is required. Hint from the office: There is a lot of traffic during 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. (These are drop-off and pickup times for students at Quimby Middle School).

If you are new to The Villages and the address on your driver's license does not match your property tax statement, bring your Villages residency card and a second bill showing your address to substantiate your residency.

Also, if you do not yet have a property tax statement, take your escrow purchase statement and related papers to the district office. Before the appointment go to www.sccassessor.org and enter your address in the Property Record Search box to find the Assessor's Parcel Number. The district needs the APN for your application.

Not sure whether you have the exemption? Go to your last property tax bill. Look on the back page under the section labeled "Parcel Tax / Special Assessments". If a line item is "Evergreen Measure EE 2018 \$125" you are paying the tax. If you can't find this listing, it means you are currently exempt from the tax and the exemption will continue.

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. in the Cribari Center. 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.

Exploring Sustainability at The Villages

Special Projects and Sustainability at The Villages is developing exciting programs and initiatives. Special projects are just that—short-term and long-term assignments including compliance, permitting, safety, contract review and oversight, and researching and exploring opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents.

The wealth of sustainability information available to individuals and businesses is staggering. We plan to partner with civic and private sector organizations, provide resident education initiatives, and re-think some business strategies. Our focus includes economic, environmental, and social goals that will include better recycling practices, optimizing the use of existing resources, and developing a well-thought-out targeted plan. We believe that by working together as a community, we can create a more sustainable and vibrant Villages for generations to come.

Your feedback and involvement are crucial to our success. We welcome ideas, suggestions, or questions you may have as we begin on this journey together at mtatum@the-villages.com. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for building a more sustainable and prosperous Villages.

—Mary Tatum, Director of Special Projects & Sustainability

SRS Information:

SF Bay Restoration parcel tax

SRS has been asked about a possible exemption for the SF Bay Restoration Authority parcel tax. Unfortunately, there is **no Senior or Low Income** exemption for this parcel tax.

There is an exemption available for this parcel tax for Contiguous Parcels. This would be a residence that is on more than one parcel—such as a house on one parcel and a portion of the yard or garage on another parcel. The homeowner could request an exemption for the second parcel.

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Real Estate

Homes are rolling on and rolling off the market!

Today at this writing, there are still only 15 active listings and now 14 Pending sales. This is a "one comes off and one goes on" again market. It is a seller's market. One property comes onto the market and then one goes into contract. This has happened in the last 2 weeks despite the torrential rain and cold weather. Buyers don't usually like shopping in the cold rain, so I am a bit surprised. There are now 3 Cribari homes on the market but I have had very good interest in my Cribari listing. I expect that both of my listings will be in contract soon. Most likely by the time you read this article.

What is staging and is it really needed? The Definition of Staging is to depersonalize a home so potential buyers can picture themselves living in it. I set up the interior and exterior in a way that emphasizes the good qualities of the home. If you are living in the home and need to have it look staged, not lived in, it is called Redesign". This is where I take what is in your home and add or subtract furniture and props to make it look staged. The results are always amazing.

Here is a new one! For those of you that watch HGTV and the home remodel shows, you will have seen more remodeled homes with the large center island becoming even larger. The eat in kitchen island is now the gathering spot for friends and family. The island where everyone can gather to talk and eat while you cook has taken over kitchen design (The ones that have the room for it). Now, introducing the Double Island. The second island is now taking the place of the formal dining room. I figure that this might just work since the new generations coming up is way more casual than our older generation. It seems that the traditional formal dinner is not considered useful according to the designers. With the new Double Islands, you can pass your food right over the 1st island to the 2nd island/ dining table. You never have to leave the kitchen. I think this would put a lot of pressure on the dishwasher. Dinners served so close to a working kitchen? Looks good on TV when the kitchen is clean, but practical? I'm not so sure. Soon we will see 80" TV's in the dining rooms.



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