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## Two groups celebrate Holi resulting in fun for all



Holi—the Festival of Colors—was celebrated with a burst of colors, fun, food and laughter on Sunday, March 24. Many enthusiastic Villagers came to experience the culture of the Indian subcontinent. This was the first event organized by the newly formed Villages Desi Club. (More on page 19)



The Global Village Community held its Holi celebration indoors on March 24 at Vineyard Center where about 40 residents participated in traditional dances. (More on page 19)

## Save the date: Piano Open Studio recital

The Villages Piano Open Studio, an affiliate of the Villages Music Society, will present a free matinee recital on **Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. Enjoy refreshments at the post-program reception in the Conference Room.



Evergreen Valley springs forth with new growth. Our foothills are alive with the sounds of music, featuring Broadway show tunes, traditional Celtic music, romantic songs from the 1930s and early '60s, solos and duets. Our pianists will be Larry Broderick, Karen Carlson, Celeste Di Genova, Ciel Duke, Vera Johnston, and Katherine O'Toole.

## Enjoy spring and art at Gazebo Park



## ART in the PARK

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association

Art in the Park is April 20! What better way to enjoy a sunny spring day in The Villages than the annual Art in the Park at Gazebo Park?

What could be better than a stroll through the park where dozens of Artisans display unique, hand-made creations representing their life's experiences, interests, and love for their craft? Some highlights on display include jewelry and scarves, wood and ceramics, paintings, cards, photography and much more! All this and homemade cookies! Do you need any more reasons to join the fun?

Come out to support your Villager artists and pick up a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or a special gift for a neighbor. See your friends, pick up some homemade cookies or popcorn and enjoy the day.

Join us **Saturday, April 20** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** See you there. (Sorry, no pets allowed at the park.)

## BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

We're hosting a special event honoring Villages volunteers...

**When: Monday, April 22**  
**Time: 9:30am**  
**Where: Clubhouse**  
**What: Volunteer Recognition Breakfast**

The Club, Association and Homeowners' Boards of Directors cordially invite all Villages volunteers to the annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.

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

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

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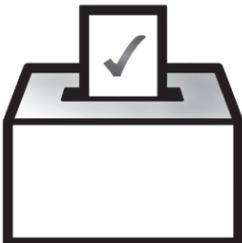
I applaud the Club Board's proposal to charge a "membership initiation fee" to incoming new residents. This revenue would provide a much needed source of funds for renovating aging facilities and crumbling infrastructures in The Villages. This policy offers some key advantages: 1) Fund the current underfunded reserves for capital improvements. 2) Curb rapid rising HOA fees which are simply not sustainable. 3) Align with best practices of other peer communities, Rossmoor, Silver Creek. Some non-profits establish an endowment fund and use the interests generated to fund ongoing capital improvements. A well-maintained community will score better rates with our insurance providers. As stewards of this wonderful community, we have a collective interest in sustaining the beauty and value of The Villages.

— Margaret Lam

### *Submit your questions for Candidates' Night*

This year's Candidates' Night is **Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask Club and Association director candidates about topics important to you.

Your questions will be curated and may be used at the live event. Please send your questions to the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, Nick Yannaccone, at nyannac@gmail.com or 408-219-9296.



## Villages 2024 Telephone Directory distribution

The Villages 2024 Telephone Directory was delivered in mid-March.  
 Missed or damaged books may be replaced without charge for a month until Friday, April 12.  
 Additional directories may be purchased for \$15 each in Building B.  
 To make changes to your directory listing come to The Villager office in Building B or contact Scott at 408-223-4655 or shinrichs@the-villages.com.  
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## IN MEMORIAM

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 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.

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 Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Homeowners' Board seeking Directors

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors (HBOD) is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages' life.

The Villages Homeowners' Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The mission of The Villages Homeowners' Corporation is to help to enhance and protect the value of our homes, neighborhoods, and the overall Villages' experience for single-family homeowners." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board.

There are three vacancies with three directors eligible to run again, Brooks Fuller, Morton Cordell and Glen Seidel. Because one position is to complete the term of former Director Larry Versaw who is now on the Club Board, there are two, three-year term positions and one, one-year term position. To apply, provide written notice of intent to run to Board President Teddy Morse, theodoramorse@outlook.com or Secretary Morton Cordell, morton@silkroadassociates.com no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY  
NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 7 & 24

## Questions for the Club Board?

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



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

## 'Ask the ABOD'

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



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## 2023 Villages Age Certification Survey Results

By Julia Meadows, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

Thank you Villagers for returning your age certification! As you know, in order to maintain our community's status as a senior community, The Villages must comply with the State and Federal laws that govern senior housing developments. To that end, Federal law requires that at least one person 55 years of age or older reside in a minimum of 80 percent of the occupied units. To validate the foregoing, Federal law requires The Villages Association and Homeowners' Corporation to conduct periodic surveys (every two years). Failure to satisfy the legal requirements could result in a determination that our community is not a lawful senior community and therefore mean that we must allow persons of all ages to live here.

The 2023 survey has determined that both The Villages Association and The Villages Homeowners' Corporation have satisfied the legal requirements to maintain The Villages status as a 55+ senior community.

Out of 2,309 units (condominiums) for The Villages Association, 2,285 are occupied, and 1,876 or **81.2 percent** of Association residents returned completed surveys certifying that at least one member of the household is 55 years of age or older.

The following are the results from the 2023 Villages Age Certification Survey for The Villages Association:

Condominiums by Village	Number of Units	Age 55 or Over Certifications	Percentage Returned (less vacant units)	Average Age
Sonata	102	94	93.1%	77.8
Del Lago	174	159	92.4%	77.2
Fairways	22	20	90.9%	78.7
Cribari	576	414	72.6%	73.0
Montgomery	351	275	78.8%	75.1
Verano	207	169	82.8%	76.0
Highland	210	170	82.1%	77.3
Glen Arden	120	98	83.1%	74.8
Hermosa	196	172	87.8%	76.5
Heights	72	58	93.1%	74.5
Olivas	207	180	82.1%	78.6
Valle Vista	72	67	91.1%	77.2
<b>Total Condominiums</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>82.9%</b>	<b>76.4</b>

Out of 227 single-family homes for The Villages Homeowners' Corporation, 225 are occupied, and 205, or 90.3% of the Homeowners' Corporation residents returned completed surveys certifying that at least one member of the household is 55 years of age or older.

The following are the results from the 2023 Villages Age Certification Surveys for The Villages Homeowners' Corporation:

Single Family Homes by Village	Number of Homes	Age 55 or Over Certifications	Percentage Returned	Average Age
Highland	49	45	91.8%	78.3
Hermosa	74	67	90.5%	75.1
Verano	28	27	96.4%	73.8
Mansion	1	0	0.0%	
Estates	75	66	88.0%	79.7
<b>Total Single Family Homes</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>76.7</b>

## 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](mailto:vivianbrown1328@comcast.net); Beverly Poellot [bpoellot@gmail.com](mailto:bpoellot@gmail.com) and Julie Wash [jwash191@yahoo.com](mailto:jwash191@yahoo.com)

# MANAGEMENT

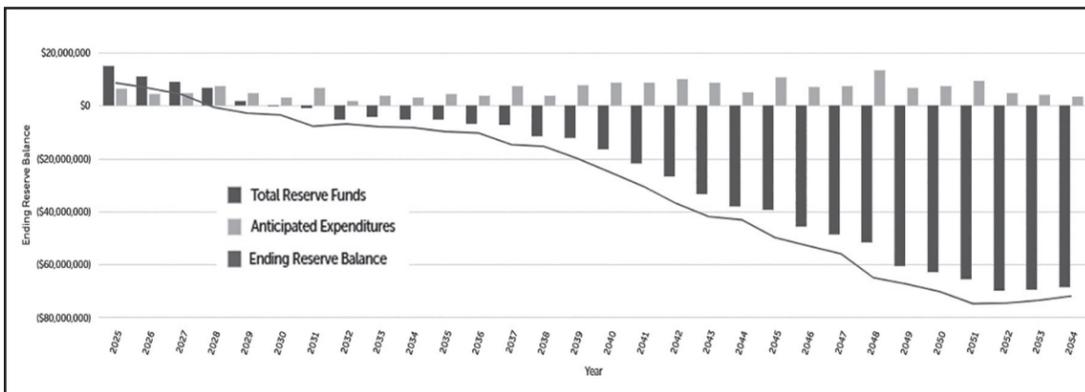
## Third Fireside Chat Covers Reserves Changes Impacting You

Continuing with her series “Getting on the Road to the 21st Century,” Villages General Manager Theresa Ostrander with the help of Assistant General Manager - Public Works Ryan Bell, covered upcoming changes in the Reserves and Capital budgeting process March 27 in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

“Gone are the days of net zero increases in Club Dues,” states Ostrander. Pointing to a key slide in the presentation (see graph below) she unfolds an important issue facing The Villages with regards to our capital funds. In this scenario, with capital funds standing at \$12.1M and monthly contributions at \$70.52, maintaining a mere 3% annual increase depletes our reserves by 2028/29. Bell is able to create these financial trajectories by utilizing a new Smart Properties tool. Bell went on to discuss this tool’s utilization to provide ‘what-if’ projections that reveal a pressing need to reevaluate our approach to capital replacement funds.

Current efforts are focused on putting expenditures in the right three buckets, Operating Expenses, Capital Replacement (a.k.a. Reserves) and Capital Improvement prior to issuing the proposed FY2024-2025 budget. Ostrander and Bell addressed attendees’ questions that further underscored an infrastructure that has moved beyond aging to aged, and the imperative to adopt fiscally responsible stewardship that will help to ensure our community remains a desirable choice for future generations.

The fourth Fireside chat, featuring Elizabeth Park (AGM Communications & Public Safety), will be held on **Wednesday, April 24 at 3 p.m.** at the Clubhouse.



## Missed your Villager?

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

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or go online to the Villages website—[www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)—and download the current and past editions to your computer.





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## EVF’s 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 Veteran’s Club 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](http://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.

**More BOARDS & COMMITTEES  
and COMMUNITY NOTICES  
on pages 7 & 24**

The Villager Transition Ad Hoc Committee presents

### A Villages Writers Workshop By the Villagers and GM Staff

**Beginning Wednesday, April 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Foothill Center.**

RSVP to  
[comms@the-villages.com](mailto:comms@the-villages.com)

If unable to attend this date,  
come to our next one!

The next Writers Workshop  
dates are April 24 and May 1.  
More details to come.



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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors FY 24/25 Proposed Budget Presentation is **Tuesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 966 2648 7821, Passcode: 995358, Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors FY 24/25 Proposed Budget Presentation is **Tuesday, April 16 at 11 a.m.** via Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 969 2490 0831, Passcode: 350778, Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

### *More than half of Americans failed this SS quiz*

An online poll about Social Security retirement benefits commissioned by MassMutual was conducted from January 23 to January 30, 2024, among 1,500 Americans nearing retirement (age 55-65) who had not yet filed for SS retirement benefits.

There were 13 True/False questions. Five or more incorrect answers was considered a failure. Below are the scores of the 1,500 participants: <1 percent answered 0 incorrect; 2 percent answered 1 incorrect; 7 percent answered 2 incorrect; 13 percent answered 3 incorrect; 17 percent answered 4 incorrect; 20 percent answered 5 incorrect; 41 percent answered 6 or more incorrect.

Below is the quiz including the answers and the percent of people who answered the question **correctly**. SRS believes far more than 10% of Villagers will not miss more than two of the questions:

1. In most cases, if I take benefits before my full retirement age, they will be reduced for early filing. (TRUE) 92 percent
2. If I am receiving benefits before my full retirement age and continue to work, my benefits might be reduced based on how much I make. (TRUE) 84 percent
3. If I have a spouse, he or she can receive benefits from my record even if he or she has no individual earnings history. (TRUE) 75 percent
4. If I have a spouse and he or she passes away, I will receive both my full benefit and my deceased spouse's full benefit. (FALSE) 70 percent
5. Generally, if I am in a same-sex marriage, there are different eligibility requirements when it comes to SS retirement benefits. (FALSE) 70 percent
6. The money that comes out of my paycheck for SS goes into a specific account for me and remains there, earning interest, until I begin to receive benefits. (FALSE) 65 percent
7. If I get divorced, I might be able to collect SS benefits based on my ex-spouse's SS earnings history. (TRUE) 59 percent
8. Under current law, SS benefits could be reduced by 20 percent or more for everyone by 2035. (TRUE) 58 percent
9. Under current SS law, full retirement age is 65 no matter when you were born. (FALSE) 55 percent
10. If I file for retirement benefits and have dependent children age 18 or younger, they also may qualify for SS benefits. (TRUE) 53 percent
11. If I delay taking SS benefits past the age of 70, I will continue to get delayed retirement credit increases each year I wait. (FALSE) 48 percent
12. SS retirement benefits are subject to income tax just like withdrawals from a traditional IRA account. (FALSE) 38 percent
13. I must be a U.S. citizen to collect SS retirement benefits. (FALSE) 23 percent.

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

### **SRS Reminder:**

## **Property tax due April 10**

Don't forget that Wednesday, April 10 is the last date for paying your second installment of your Santa Clara County real estate tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

You may pay online at [payments.sccgov.org/propertytax](http://payments.sccgov.org/propertytax). There is no fee for paying electronically. Just have your checkbook in front of you so you can record the routing and account number. Paying this way means you don't have to worry about your check getting lost in the mail. You will quickly receive a payment receipt by e-mail if you give them your e-address.

There is a 2.25 percent fee for paying with a credit or debit card rather than from your bank account.

If you pay with a paper check, your payment envelope needs to be postmarked by April 10.

## THE DACs

### *Highland DAC to meet April 11*

The next Highland DAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 11** at Foothill Center. We will have a potluck with appetizers beginning at **4:30 p.m.** followed by the DAC meeting beginning at **5 p.m.**

Major new items of discussion are the initiation of a Firewise committee as a standing committee of the DAC and some guidance/requirements for the Decorating and Social Committees. Updates will be provided as needed for items previously discussed at our prior meetings. Watch your mail tubes for an upcoming flyer for more info on the potluck. If you have questions before the meeting, contact Jim Ware at 530-919-1246 or [jameswware@outlook.com](mailto:jameswware@outlook.com).

### *Cribari DAC to meet April 22*

The next Cribari DAC meeting will be held on **Monday, April 22**, from **6:30-8 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room.

### *Olivas DAC to meet May 6*

There will be an Olivas DAC meeting at **4 p.m.** on **Monday, May 6** at Foothill Center.

### *Club Rules Committee to meet April 9*

There will be a Club Rules Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Voyage Room.

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of May are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **Friday, April 19**.

Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, May 4 at 9 a.m.** at Montgomery Center.

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **Friday, April 19**.

*Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)*



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

## ***Facility Reservations update and exciting changes ahead!***

Heads up! The online tool to view our facility availability will be offline for two to three months starting April 1, as we gear up for an exciting upgrade. By July 1, we'll unveil a sleek new reservation and billing system designed to make your life easier.

Need to check facility availability in the meantime? No problem! Just drop us an email to [recreation@the-villages.com](mailto:recreation@the-villages.com), call us at 408-223-4643, or swing by in person at Building B. The Villages' Recreation Services staff is here to help.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause in the meantime. We're as eager as you are for the new system, which will bring our reservations and calendar functions straight to your smartphone and web browser.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We are excited about the improvements and look forward to making our club experience even better!

## ***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.

## ***Don't delay—2024 Club and Committee Expo registration now open!***

Join us for the annual Club and Committee Expo, a premier event showcasing board-recognized organizations and board-appointed committees to all residents. The Expo takes place from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 4**, at Cribari Center. We're looking forward to a fantastic turnout and can't wait to welcome you to an event that promises connection, exploration and growth for everyone involved.

Your organization can register for the event and highlight your contributions to The Villages. If your group wants to participate, visit the Resident Portal at [tinyurl.com/5dcvryk3](http://tinyurl.com/5dcvryk3) for all the details you need to register. You can also reach out to us at [recreation@the-villages.com](mailto:recreation@the-villages.com) or call 408-223-4643 for more information. **The application deadline is April 11**, so don't delay!

Resident attendees will discover a diverse offering of activities, committees and clubs, sparking interests and igniting passions. Whether you aim to deepen your involvement in our community, meet individuals with similar interests, or start a new journey, the Expo promises a wealth of opportunities to connect, explore and grow.

## ***Free demonstration of Nirvana® Fitness***

The Villages is considering offering Nirvana® fitness classes. Instructor Barbara Bitonti will provide a free demonstration at **10 a.m., Monday, May 6** in Cribari Auditorium. Nirvana® Fitness is an exercise technique that combines the fluid movements of Yoga and Pilates with music designed to improve state of mind. This unique combination provides the ideal rhythm for breathing throughout the entire session. The result is an enhanced mind-body connection.



Movements are done standing and down on the floor. You will need to physically get down to the floor and back up unaided. The class requires the purchase of a yoga mat independently before the first class.

Barbara Bitonti is a Certified Wellness Health Coach, a Nirvana® Fitness instructor and immunologist. She has a strong background in the medical field and remains up to date on health and wellness practices. She encourages focus on holistic well-being. She invites you to discover the benefits of this cutting-edge exercise technique.

You must sign up for the free session in Building B during regular business hours as space is limited. **Registration begins Monday, April 8 and ends Friday, April 26 or sooner if spaces fill up.** Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: The demonstration is scheduled to allow as many people as possible to get a feel for this exercise technique. The actual class will take place on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. in Cribari Conference Room if we have enough interest. Please provide any feedback about the class to Recreation Services by emailing [recreation@the-villages.com](mailto:recreation@the-villages.com) or calling 408-223-4643.

## ***Take Intro or Beginner-Plus Line Dancing***

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching two different line dancing classes in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays, April 16 to May 28** (six dates)! Choose from one of the following:

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

- **Beginners-Plus line dance class** - These fun line dances will increase your skills with more advanced moves to faster music. This class is held **9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Please note: there is no class on April 9 between sessions and we are skipping May 14.

The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for each six-week class. Register in Building B. The deadline is Friday, April 5 or sooner if class fills up.

## ***Last chance: Cooking with Dayna!***

Join us for a cooking class on **Monday, April 15**, from **2 to 6 p.m.** in Montgomery Center with chef Dayna Pawlowski of Simple!CIOUS! No experience required. Ingredients and materials needed to prepare your dishes are provided.

The menu for this class will be:

- Brie Persillade with Apricot and Pecan
- Chilled Watermelon, Cucumber and Feta Salad
- Moroccan Crusted Flank Steak with Black Olive Couscous

Once the appetizer is complete you can nosh on it while continuing cooking. Enjoy the rest of the meal family style while clean up takes place. When the class ends, you get the recipes to practice more at home. Please note this class is four hours long.

Registration ends Friday, April 5 or sooner if spots fill up. The cost per attendee is \$120 (ingredients and other materials included).

## ***Pools and spas now open***

The Foothill and Cribari pools and spas are now open. The Vineyard pool and spa will remain open. The Montgomery pool and spa are still undergoing maintenance work and will reopen later in mid-April. Pool and spa hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### **Children's swimming hours:**

Cribari Pool: 10 a.m.–Noon

Vineyard Pool: 2–4 p.m.

Note: Foothill Pool is for adults only.

For a refresher, please review Rule 1.17 Swimming Pool Areas for regulations at the swimming pools and surrounding areas. All Club rules can be found on the Resident Portal when logged in. Go to the Governance menu, then choose The Villages Golf and Country Club, then Club Rules.

## **RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How to view the eclipse on April 8

On Monday, April 8 you can go outside (weather permitting) and see the moon cover over a third of the sun. The greatest portion of the eclipse will be viewable at 11:13 a.m. A syzygy (si-zuh-jee) occurs when three objects in space (like the sun, moon, and Earth) line up. To help you enjoy this event safely here are instructions to create a simple eclipse viewer:

**Note:** It is **not safe** to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. Viewing any part of the bright sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter will instantly cause severe eye injury.

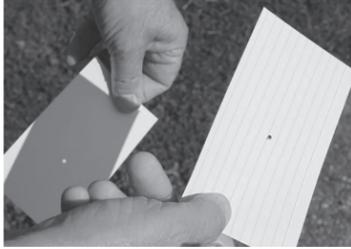
### What you will need to make your viewer:

- Index card
- Hole punch (or another tool to create a hole)

### Instructions for the viewer:

1. Make a hole in the index card of any size. Try to make a clean hole for easier viewing.
2. In the direct sunlight hold your card up so you can see its shadow against a light-colored surface.
3. Adjust the card so you can see the light from the hole within the shadow forming a circle. Only look toward this circle, not directly at the sun!
4. Watch as the eclipse progresses. The lighter part of the circle (the sun) will appear in a crescent-like shape as the moon moves across it.

If possible, send a picture of you enjoying the eclipse to [recreation@the-villages.com](mailto:recreation@the-villages.com).



## Trip to see 'Funny Girl' sold out

Our trip on **Wednesday, May 22** to the Orpheum Theater to see "Funny Girl" is sold out! This is a musical comedy about the tough and determined Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side of New York City who dreams of a life on the stage. After the performance we will enjoy an early dinner at Fog Harbor Fish House, a family-owned San Francisco institution at Pier 39.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 11 a.m. with an estimated return time of 7:30 p.m.

Activity Level: Light (mostly seated). Due to the Bay Area weather, attire is casual and warm. The cost includes round trip transportation, ticket, meal and escort. Gratuity for the driver and guide is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

### —NOTICE—

## The Villages Association 2024 Annual Meeting Board of Directors Election IRS Resolution Vote

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – 4 p.m. at The Villages Clubhouse**  
(California Civil Code Section 5115 (b))

**Candidate Registration List:** As certified by Diana Hallock, President of The Association Board, the following Candidate Registration List contains a full and complete list of qualified candidate nominations received by the Association on or before March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m., the deadline established by the Board of Directors for receipt of nominations for the annual election of directors of the Association.

#### List of Candidates:

David Dimmick  
Deb Gordon  
Patrick Barber  
Kat Contento

**Notice of Election Information:** The Villages Association will hold a vote this May and June to elect directors and to vote on Association Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members.

Ballots will be sent to all Members indicated on the Voter List on May 9, 2024. Ballots may be mailed or delivered to the following so long as the ballot is received no later than Monday, June 10, at 8 a.m.

The Villages Association, Bldg. A  
5000 Cribari Lane  
San Jose, CA 95135

The ballots are scheduled to be opened and tabulated at an open Association Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Vineyard Center, 9100 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135. The results of the vote will be announced at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Members, Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Villages main Clubhouse, 2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

The Villages Association maintains a **Voter List**. Members are permitted to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Voter List (California Civil Code Section 5105(a) (7)). The Voter List is available for review in Business Administration Building A upon request. Please contact the General Manager's office at 408-223-4634.

## ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org)

**Monday and Fridays:** Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink and Taf Tafaroddi beginning at 10 a.m. All Arts & Crafts members and all media welcome!

**April 3 – 24:** Open Studio for Watercolorists (and all other media) with Doug Canepa. 2 – 5 p.m. in the Art Room. All Villagers and all media welcome!

**April 8 – 29:** Open Studio for Assemblage (and other artwork) with Michael Sunzeri. 2 – 5 p.m. in the Art Room. All Villagers and all media welcome!

**April 9:** Free Art Film: "Vermeer: Beyond Time." 2 p.m. in Cribari Conf. Room with Marion Rose.

**April 18 and 25:** Open Studio with Ruth Keiser, Thursdays, 2 – 5 p.m.

**Register for all Art Classes at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)**

**April 30, May 2, May 7 and May 9:** Fun with Pastels with Terri Ford. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$75.

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

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

## HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

**Rambler Hike Wednesday April 10:** Jim Koski (408-313-4848) will lead a hike at Rancho San Antonio in Cupertino. It's flat to Deer Hollow Farm and then we continue on the Wildcat Loop Trail. Total distance is less than 5 miles. We'll stop for lunch afterwards. Meet at the Cribari bell at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. departure. Distance to Rancho San Antonio is 22 miles.

**Rambler Lite Hike April 10:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Larkspur Hill. We'll walk through the Villages' gate to San Felipe Road where we'll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the slow long hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite the public safety at 9 a.m.

**Rambler Hike April 17:** Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a rambler hike from Oak Meadow Park, 233 Blossom Hill Rd, along Los Gatos Creek to downtown Los Gatos. Those interested can have a cup of coffee there or walk around downtown then head back to Oak Meadows Park. The round trip will be about 4 miles and mostly shaded along the way. There will also be an option to dine at a nearby Panera on the way back home. R/T mileage is about 36 miles. Bring water, a hat, sunscreen and a snack. We will meet at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure because of anticipated heavy traffic.

**Rambler Lite Hike April 17:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

## RV CLUB CALENDAR

More information and photos on [villagesrvclub.org](http://villagesrvclub.org)

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

**May 9** - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**August 4** - Club Barbecue at Vineyard Center

**August 19, 20, 21** - Moss Landing KOA

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

**Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24** - 49er Village, Plymouth

**Nov. 14** - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30 p.m.

**Dec. 11** - Holiday Party at Clubhouse



# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com)

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 4/8 to 4/14

**Monday, April 8**

Cream of Broccoli

**Tuesday, April 9**

Potato Leek

**Wednesday, April 10**

Carrot and Ginger

**Thursday, April 11**

Steak and Mushroom

**Friday, April 12**

Clam Chowder

**Saturday, April 13**

Chef's Choice

**Sunday, April 14**

Chef's Choice

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

### The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!

Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.



**Clubhouse – Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
**Two Seatings – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

### Mother's Day Brunch Buffet Menu



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



**Display Stations**  
Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display  
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display

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

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

**Carving Stations Featuring**  
Roasted Turkey and Prime Rib

**Under the Chafers**  
Scrambled Eggs  
Country Fried Potatoes  
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon  
Eggs Benedict and Pancakes  
Grilled Mahi Mahi with a Tropical Salsa  
Chicken Marsala  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable Medley

**Desserts Display**  
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macaroons,  
Assorted Churros, Petite Cheesecakes and Petit Fours

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

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

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

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 4/8 to 4/14

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 4/9 to Sunday 4/14

**Villager Breakfast Slam:** Eggs Any Style, Bacon and One Pancake  
\$14.95

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/8 to Sunday 4/14 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Trout Amandine:** Idaho Trout with Lemon Butter Sauce and Toasted Almonds served with Rice and Vegetables **\$17.95**

**Barbequed Ribs:** St. Louis Style Ribs in a Tangy Barbeque Sauce served with French Fries and Coleslaw **\$17.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/9 to Sunday 4/14 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Piccata Seafood Linguini:** Prawns, Scallops and Green Mussels with a Wine, Garlic, Caper, Lemon and Butter Sauce **\$28.95**

**Chicken Saltimbocca:** Sautéed Chicken Breast with Prosciutto, Gruyere Cheese and Artichoke with a Dash of Cream with Choice of Sides **\$26.95**

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

### Monday

**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

### Tuesday to Friday

**Breakfast:**  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu:**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)  
**Dinner Menu:**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

### Saturday and Sunday

**Saturday Breakfast:**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Sunday Breakfast:**  
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu:**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)  
**Dinner Menu:**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

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

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

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

### Online

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

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

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




**Whole Rotisserie Chicken**

Order between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **New Price \$9.95** plus Service Charge & Tax

For pickup between 5 and 7:30 p.m. **408.223.4687 opt 2** or online at [clubhouserreservation.com](http://clubhouserreservation.com)

Click for more information

### Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

### Single Diners' Night



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

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



**Buy One Appetizer\*, Get One Half-Off!**

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

**5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour**  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All Day on Monday



**\$5 House Cocktails**  
**\$5 House Wines**  
**\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.**  
Price subject to service charge and tax

### Online Meal Ordering

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



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

## Cinco de Mayo Patio Concert With Jerry Saucedo



Sunday May 5th, 2024  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Reservations Required*

### Cinco De Mayo Mexican Buffet

Chicken Fajitas  
Peppers, Onions, Soft Tortillas  
Soft Beef Tacos  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Soft Tortillas  
Black Refried Beans  
Mexican Rice  
Chips & Salsa  
\$28.95 Plus Service Charge & Tax

### Drink Specials

\$4 Plus Service Charge & Tax  
Draft Modelo Especial & Negra Beers, Margaritas,  
Bottled Domestic & Import Beers  
House Wine & House Cocktails



Limited Seating. Reservations Include the Buffet and will be Billed to House Accounts

For Reservations  
e-mail: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)  
Call: 408-754-1337

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



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

**Or see all menus on the Resident Portal: [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com)**

### The Villages Golf & Country Club

Dear Customer – **Effective March 7, 2024**, a 3% service charge will be applied to all credit card purchases.\* This surcharge helps The Villages manage costs associated with credit card transactions more responsibly and fairly.

**You may avoid this extra fee by paying with check or using your house account.**

\* Only debit cards with the Visa or Mastercard symbol can be accepted.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, April 5

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

## Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Rossmoor Challenge	PC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
10:30 a.m.	Dancers Cast Party	FC
3 p.m.	Mens Tennis 7.0 55+ USTA	TS

## Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
5 p.m.	Fairweather Friends	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Tech Talk	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ

## Monday, April 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Sector Chiefs	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	MC
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	U-Jam	A
10:30 a.m.	Tennis Club USTA (A)	TS
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ

### EVENT LOCATIONS

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

1 p.m.	Painting Exhibits	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
4 p.m.	Valle Vista Potluck	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

## Tuesday, April 9

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Evergreen Invt. Cmte	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Club Rules Cmte	VR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
1 p.m.	VMA Care for Caregivers	SEQ
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Tuesday Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	PR
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:15 a.m.	VMA Board	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Writers Workshop	FC
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Lecture	FC
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	A

6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers 3	VC

## Thursday, April 11

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Swimming Pool Cmte	VR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Comm Advisory Cmte	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Homeowners Arch. Cmte	F
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Cmte	MC
4 p.m.	Highland DAC	FC
4 p.m.	Pickleball Club	PR
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

## Friday, April 12

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
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
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



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**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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### April Programs

**Care for the Caregiver** – Dr. Judith London, a licensed psychologist and author will address the needs of all caregivers at her presentation on **Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia room. Seating is limited, please register.

**“Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention”** – Suicide Prevention Program from SCC Behavioral Health Services is offering a workshop on suicide prevention for community and family members in distress. This workshop will teach community members to act as eyes and ears for suicidal distress and to connect individuals to help. **Wednesday, April 17 from 1:30-3 p.m.** in the Sequoia room. Seating is limited, please register.

### Support Groups

**Grief Support Group:** Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will meet **Monday, April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to noon** in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

**Caregiver Support Group:** Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn on **Thursday, April 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](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

**Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group:** This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **April 18 at 10 a.m.** in the **Forum Room** (note room change). No need to register, all welcome.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Come to Dog Club 'Pawty' on April 6



Toby and Buddy Sunseri will be waiting for you!

By Barbara Sunseri

Let's get ready for a picnic! Bring your own lunch and drinks. The Villages Dog Club Picnic Pawty is **Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m.**

Test your intelligence with dog trivia, word search and word scramble. Prizes will be awarded. Hope to see all of you at Evergreen Park near the swing sets on top of the hill. Get there by going behind the Evergreen Community Senior Center at 4860 San Felipe Rd, San Jose.

You do not have to be a dog owner to come to our events—just love our furry friends!

## Senior Academy Tech Explorers to show 'Live from the Deep Sea'

By Arlene Versaw



In the quest to respond to the insidious reality of climate change, scientists are seeking any and all solutions to mitigating its impact. One such exploratory effort involves Earth's seas, which absorb carbon dioxide and excess heat from our atmosphere. Can ocean technology save the planet?

Join Senior Academy Technology Explorers for an inside look at how that might be accomplished on **Monday, April 8, 1:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center and via Zoom. We'll present "Live from the Deep Sea: The Next Frontier for Knowledge and Action"—a movie featuring experts Mattie Rodrigue, a Director of OceanX, a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating ocean exploration and sharing knowledge and Diva Amon of the Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory, University of California, Santa Barbara. Mattie and Diva will join a panel discussion from a state-of-the-art research vessel, OceanXplorer, that was held during the 2024 Davos World Economic Forum. The panel also includes two very wealthy philanthropists who were inspired by Jacques Cousteau when they were young.

Here's a rare chance to view an eye-opening introduction to one of the important activities in ocean technology that could help save our planet. Register at [villagesSA.org](http://villagesSA.org). This is a free event to all Villagers.



## VMA to present 'Care for the Caregiver' with Dr. London

By Barbara Zahner



Dr. Judy London

"You cannot pour from an empty cup," according to a wry adage. Judy London Ph.D., licensed psychologist, and facilitator of the monthly Villages Caregiver Support Group agrees. On **Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room, Dr. London will present, "Care for the Caregiver."

In 90 interactive minutes, Dr. London will address the needs of caregivers, whether you care for a loved one with memory and/or physical conditions. With both professional and familial experience, Dr. London says, "Caregiving is an act of love." However, to be an effective caregiver, you must also care for yourself. Otherwise, you may experience physical, mental, and emotional depletion— an empty cup.

Dr. London will cover how to care for yourself by learning a basic relaxation exercise, practicing a brief meditation, • recognizing the do's and don'ts of caregiving, and discovering simple ways to nurture your mind, body and spirit. Dr. London will provide handouts and answer questions.

Dr. London is author of "Support for the Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers: The Unsung Heroes," "Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer's Advances" and "How to Keep Your Brain in Tip-Top Shape."

Refresh your cup of strength and joy. Join Dr. Judy London in "Care for the Caregiver" on April 9. There is limited seating, so RSVP online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or by calling 408-238-4029.

## Art Film: 'Vermeer Beyond Time'

On **Tuesday, April 9 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present "Vermeer: Beyond Time." The film explores the life and work of one of the most loved, influential and well-known artists, Johannes Vermeer. The documentary adopts an imaginative and sensitive approach, focusing not only on his work, but also his family life, his conversion to Catholicism, his artistic contemporaries and the wider world of the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th century.

In 1675 Vermeer died at the age of 43 overwhelmed by poverty. Soon afterward, his paintings were sold to cover his debts and Vermeer disappears from memory. He is rediscovered some 200 years later and we have seen his popularity soar claiming our hearts and our admiration.

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



## Senior Academy: Wildlife Photography Up Close and Personal

By Arlene Versaw

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! There is nothing like wildlife in their natural habitats, but unfortunately city dwellers lack access to Mother Nature's amazing creatures.

That's why we must depend on nature photographers like Joan Sparks. And on **Wednesday, April 10 at 2 p.m.** at Foothill Center, you can explore some of this part of the world right here in The Villages—specifically brown bears in Alaska, and raptors. That's when Joan Sparks takes us to view the beauty of Cooks Inlet in Alaska to explore the brown bears and their behavior, learn of four active volcanoes in the "Ring of Fire," see adorable 3-month-old cubs, salmon frenzies, puffin and glorious sunrises.

Next, Joan will introduce us to raptors—the warlords of the air. These birds—owls, hawks, falcons, vultures and eagles are superbly equipped for their lives as predators and they swiftly carry out the roles bestowed upon them by nature. Explore more about these amazing birds that might call your backyard home.

Joan Sparks is an avid nature photographer. Although she has no formal education in photography, several years ago she was invited by a friend to shoot brown bears in Alaska with National Geographic photographer friends. That adventure went so well, it led to similar adventures and ultimately her work being shown at Filoli, the California Coastal Commission and various other Bay Area organizations. She has been published in "Birds and Bloom" magazine and several local newspapers, is a past president of several of the local photo clubs and has served on the Silicon Valley Open Studios Board of Directors for several years. **Register for this event at [villagesSA.org](http://villagesSA.org).**



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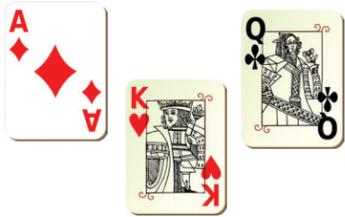
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## Come play with us on Game Night!

On **Monday April 15** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., bring your friends and your favorite games to Foothill Center! This event is sponsored by the Villages Jewish Community.



Enjoy a fun evening of canasta, bridge, mahjong, Mexican train, poker or board games. We ask each table to bring a dessert to share.

Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408-440-4940 for reservations and additional details. We welcome all Villagers to join us.

Space is limited; reservations get priority.

## Dust off your boots, get on the dance floor

By B. Brown

"Know when to hold 'em. Know when to fold 'em." No, not Kenny Rogers but...Beyoncé? Yee-Haw!

"Texas Hold 'Em" is an up-tempo country pop, western, and soul song featuring elements of folk. This brand new #1 song written and sung by Beyoncé will be the basis for the April, Just-For-Fun dance on Monday nights in Cribari Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.



Many different dances are done to country-western music including two step, waltz, cowboy or traveling cha cha, polka ten step, square dance, and other western promenade dances. Perhaps you can share your dance floor moves with us!

Come and enjoy a solo choreographed dance, which is different from line dancing. No partner needed. This is your time to dust off your boots and/or cowboy hat and come out to dance, socialize and exercise. (There may also be chocolate involved.)

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

## VMA to present 'Mental Health & Suicide Prevention'

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education Programs

Your friend isolates himself. Your granddaughter locks herself in her room connecting only with her iPhone. You experience a prolonged, teary sense of "feeling sad."

What to do? How to talk with your loved ones without shutting them down? Learn tips, techniques, facts, and confidence at "Be Sensitive, Be Brave, a Mental Health Interactive Workshop," presented with Santa Clara Department of Behavioral Health Services. This event will be held **Wednesday, April 17** in the Sequoia Room from **1:30 to 3 p.m.** By the end of the hour, you will learn how to:

- Identify someone in mental distress
- Practice being sensitive and brave in helping others
- Build resilience for yourself
- Be aware of local mental health resources
- Decrease stigma in talking about mental health

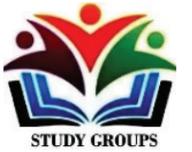
Presenters will be Alexandra Velazquez and Jen Kang. Alexandra leads the Youth Program at Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) and Jen works as Program Analyst in County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services. She serves as co-chair of Older Adults Suicide Prevention Work group.

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## Join Study Groups Club's first membership meeting

Formed in 2023, the Villages Study Group is hosting its first Membership Meeting on **Sunday, April 14** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Foothill Center.

Most clubs and organizations in the Villages are single-focused: tennis, golf, cats/dogs, politics, and theater/musical arts to name a few. Not the Villages Study Groups Club. It offers a menu of topics as diverse as the interests of Villages residents themselves, including movie and book groups, history, world events, chess, folk dancing, Mah Jongg, men's and women's separate discussion groups about life's issues and day trips to local places of interest. Its members connect, share, and build community while engaging in social activities and a wide range of topics.



## Jam again with Bluegrass Music Club!

By Alan Rich



The Bluegrass Music Club will be hosting its second Jam of the year on **Sunday, April 14** at Vineyard Center from 2 to 4 p.m. The first hour will be devoted to bluegrass gospel music. The second hour will be bluegrass and vintage country music. All Villagers and guests are invited to attend. Bring your acoustic instruments, voices, and ears to play, sing or just listen to an afternoon of music. The jam will be led by members of the Scotch Creek Band, a Villages Bluegrass group. The event is *free!*

Bluegrass music was derived from old time and mountain music from Appalachia and popularized by Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys. Lester Flat and Earl Scruggs further popularized it with their theme song for the "Beverly Hillbillies" television show and the movie "Bonnie and Clyde."

## Macintosh Users Group to meet

The Macintosh Users Group will have a Zoom meeting at **3 p.m. this Wednesday, April 17**. We will be meeting by Zoom until July. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be given the link to join our meetings. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.



## 'Patagonia Redux: Voyage to the Bottom of the World'

By Arlene Versaw

He's *back!* Last September, Senior Academy sponsored a voyage to Patagonia, presented by Villages resident John Trudeau, who explored the region. The demand for his event exceeded the capacity of the Foothill Center, and reluctantly, we had to turn people away. **If you missed the presentation, or would like to see it again, join us on Wednesday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at Foothill Center.**

John's tour of southern Patagonia, including parts of Argentina and Chile begins with a short visit to Buenos Aires, then heads for the Argentine pampas, the Andes mountains, the Chilean fjords, south to Cape Horn. We'll see a lot of wilderness area, and some flora and fauna unique to this region of South America, along with penguins, sea birds, and dolphins. The landscapes will provide us with views of rugged mountain peaks, different kinds of glaciers, and glacial lakes and lagoons, all amid some very active weather.



We'll travel to the towns of El Calafate, Puerto Natales, Punta Arenas, and Ushuaia, where we'll visit with locals and some native populations. And, of course, we'll hike up to the weathered monument to seafarers on the southernmost island of Cape Horn. We will end with a side trip to the northeast corner of Argentina, where it borders with Paraguay and Brazil, for a visit to the immense Iguazu Falls. If you missed it last time, or would like to see it again, join us Wednesday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at the Foothill Center. Register at villagesSA.org.

## Sign up for 'Safari Supper'!



The Hiking Club will hold a Safari Supper on **Saturday, April 20** at Montgomery Center starting at **5:30 p.m.** This will consist of a Reception (BYOB), Appetizer Course, Entree, and Dessert. Each pair taking part will host one course for six people at their home and they will be hosted at two different homes for the other courses. You will meet different people at each course, and each pair will have a unique itinerary for the evening. This format has been used in other clubs to create a fun evening. Please contact Carmel Smith to sign up or if you have questions, at carmel.smith@att.net or call/text 408-621-1467.

## Join 'The Electoral College—an Open Discussion'

By Tony Berg

The Villages Democratic Club is hosting an open discussion evening on **April 18 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center, guided by Democratic Club board member Rich Robinson, to explore the background and legitimacy of the Electoral College. Register for this event on our website at VillagesDemClub.com.

Rich is founder and CEO of a political campaign support and guidance company and has worked with and for politicians from Bill Clinton to Joe Biden as well as helping local political campaigns and projects. Rich specializes in electing women and those from under-served communities.

There are compelling reasons, according to Rich, for eliminating the Electoral College in favor of a direct popular vote for the President and Vice President of the United States. His presentation will discuss how eliminating the Electoral College could help every vote carry equal weight, enhancing fairness, and voter engagement.

Remember to register at VillagesDemClub.com to join us on April 18 at 7 p.m. for this event.

## Calling all bakers!

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association needs your cookies. Please donate two dozen homemade cookies for our cookie sale fundraiser at Art in the Park. If you're a baker, please make your best cookies (not cupcakes, not brownies) and bring them to the Terrace Room in Cribari on **Friday, April 19** between 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will package them in cute cellophane bags and sell them at Art in the Park on **Saturday, April 20**. The Villages Arts & Crafts Association is a non-profit organization that supports the arts in The Villages. Your cookies will help support the free events hosted by the club. Please and thank you in advance. For more information, contact Suzanne Ferris at sferris@stanford.edu



## Sign up for next Cat Club meeting on April 22

By Bette Loomis

A very successful Cat Club meeting was held on March 25 with over 75 Cat and Dog Club members attending. Med/Vet, a local emergency and critical care hospital, spoke about their services. The team brought in a number of items for our members: litter, scoops, pill cutters, magnetic clips, and more.

The next Cat Club meeting will be held on **Monday, April 22** in the Vineyard center at 2 p.m. Please know that we are back in the Vineyard Center. There will not be a guest speaker because we have so many feline topics to discuss amongst ourselves. Please come ready to discuss types of litter, food, brushing tools, and techniques, insurance and other cat concerns. **You need to be ready to share/discuss these issues if we're going to have a productive meeting.**

Please continue to collect and bring in your cat's fur for the abstract art piece.

The Cat Club website is up and running. Please check for updates on the website.



## Montgomery ladies hold lavender-themed luncheon

Spring abounded for the Montgomery Ladies Luncheon. The Social Committee (including Chair Marie Dillon and members Pam Watson, Carol Hoffman, Celia Schiffner, Arlene Holmboe and Susan Howe) hosted the annual event on Saturday, March 23 in the Fairway Room.



Eighty-five guests were greeted with a gift of English lavender sachets, calming lavender dark chocolate and chamomile and lavender tea. Each table was adorned with a trio of fragrant stems including lavender, olive branches and rosemary in clear vintage style vases, nestled on a rustic tray. These centerpieces were made by the committee and available for purchase.

A choice of several delicious seasonal lunches was followed by handcrafted crème brulee.

Bestselling author and Villager, Kim Silverman, was the guest speaker for the event. Ms. Silverman shared an enriching presentation, "Practical tips on Transforming Mindset for Positive Change."

Sabrina Malcolmsen took fabulous photographs of the event. These photographs and more may be viewed on the bulletin board at the Montgomery Center in a creative collage, fashioned by Arlene Holmboe. Arlene also designed all the beautiful print material for the event.



## ADVERTISEMENT

### Real Estate

**It is a sellers' market, for the moment anyway.** At this writing, there are 19 homes in contract and only 12 active listings on the market for sale. When there are more pending sales than active listings, it means that it is a sellers' market. It means buyers have bought more homes than sellers are putting on the market for sale. This is in spite of the fact that 4 homes came on the market this past week. I am putting 3 homes on the market this next week. See below. That means there is a lot of activity in general. This is "par for the course" (market) at this time of year.

**Insurance, a potential problem.** I just want to give you a "heads up" on the insurance situation. The insurance industry in California is running scared. This is from an article from the California Association of Realtors this week: A major insurer said it is pulling out of 72,000 home insurance policies—and the insurance industry's steady retreat from the state could have a serious effect on home prices and sales, experts say. Insurance giant State Farm, which stopped accepting applications for homeowners insurance in California last May due to increased wildfire risk, went a step further this week and said it would not renew 72,000 existing insurance policies in the state, citing rising costs.

Starting July 2, State Farm will no longer cover 30,000 homes in Ca. that currently have policies with the company. If you have State Farm insurance, you probably know this already. If not, you might want to renew your insurance in advance, just to ensure you are covered for the next year. It is my hope that the fires will be less due to the quantity of rain last year and this year. We can hope.



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More CLUBS

## Global Village to present 'The Healing Room'

The Global Village Community will present "The Healing Room" on **Thursday, April 25 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** in the Montgomery Center.

The April 2024 topic will be "Spring Cleaning Our Minds." What clutter has accumulated in your mind? What have you been fixated on that has led to emotions that don't feel good or serve your higher purpose? The "Spring Cleaning of the Mind" invites us to engage in introspection, to examine the thought patterns and beliefs that are no longer serving us, and to release them with compassion and gratitude. Come join Global Village this month with Intuitive Healer and Life Coach, Kim Silverman, as we let go of the mind clutter and embrace a peaceful mind.



**There is no cost to attend this event.** You must pre-register. To register, text or call 408-827-8860 or email [kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com](mailto:kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com) and provide your name, phone number and email address. Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis.

For more information about the Global Villages club, visit the GVC Club website at [sites.google.com/view/gvcclub/home](https://sites.google.com/view/gvcclub/home) or email [globalvclub@gmail.com](mailto:globalvclub@gmail.com).

## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

**"What You Are Looking for is in the Library"** by Michiko Aoyama. What are you looking for? This is the famous question routinely asked by Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi. Like most librarians, Komachi has read every book lining her shelves—but she also has the unique ability to read the souls of her library guests. For anyone who walks through her door, Komachi can sense exactly what they're looking for in life and provide just the book recommendation they never knew they needed to help them find it. Each visitor comes to her library from a different juncture in their careers and dreams, from the restless sales attendant who feels stuck at her job to the struggling working mother who longs to be a magazine editor. The conversation that they have with Sayuri Komachi—and the surprise book she lends each of them—will have life-altering consequences. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

**"Fourteen Days"** co-edited by Margaret Atwood and Douglas Preston. In March 2020, as New York locks down in the pandemic, the rich flee the city. For the "left-behinds," a group of residents in a run-down Manhattan apartment building, the only fresh air is on the rooftop, where the tenants begin gathering nightly to tell their stories. This is an irresistibly propulsive collaborative novel from the Authors Guild, with an unusual twist: each character in this diverse, eccentric cast of New York neighbors has been secretly written by a different, major literary voice—from Margaret Atwood and Celeste Ng to Tommy Orange and John Grisham. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.



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## Try the Broadway Hits Brain Game!

Music adds pep to your step and life to your brain. The Village Voices performance "Spring On To Broadway" challenges you with a pre-show brain tease. **BROADWAY**



**Village Voices singers strike the right note. Seated: Tammy Welsh, accompanist and standing (left to right): Walter Hlavacek, Bass, Catherine Ellacer, Director, Peter Groot, Bass, and Karen Carlson, Alto.**

To find the answers: Buy a ticket (\$20 each) from any Village Voice member or at pre-sale **April 20** at Art in the Park (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) or Cribari Lobby (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) for "Spring On To Broadway" on May 2 at 7:30 p.m.; May 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Answers will also be available in next week's *Villager*.

## All metal cans are recyclable too

By Maxine Amundson

It does not matter if cans are aluminum soda cans or tin, steel, bi-metal or dual metal. These cans are not trash. Bi-metal cans are made of two metals usually steel and tin and dual metal cans are made of two or more metals. It is better not to crush the aluminum or other types of cans. They clean better if not crushed when they are rinsed at the recycling center. Empty cans completely and rinse them out well before you put the individual cans in the recycle bin. Do this for our children, grandchildren and our planet.

For more information about the Sustainable Villages Community, visit [sustainablevillages.vgcc.club](https://sustainablevillages.vgcc.club)



## Learn Jewish history through the ages

The Villages Study Group is offering a Jewish History course that will cover Jewish history from the beginning of time to the present. We are going to start in biblical times, continue through the occupation of Israel (Canaan) by the various empires and the expulsion of the Jews from Israel.



We will continue with Jewish history during the Middle Ages and end with the creation of the State of Israel from its beginning in 1948 to the present time. While we are learning the history, we will also learn about the many ways Jews all around the world practiced their religion.

The group will meet every fourth Wednesday of the month, and the first meeting is on **Wednesday, April 24, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room.

If interested, contact Israel Littman at 201-573-0747 or [irl856@gmail.com](mailto:irl856@gmail.com)

## Opera Lovers to show 'Arabella'

On **Thursday, April 18** at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "Arabella" by Richard Strauss.

This is a Metropolitan Opera production of the lyric comedy "Arabella," with Kiri Te Kanawa in the title role. Dame Kiri is renowned for her Mozart roles, but later in her career, her lustrous (often described as creamy) soprano voice lent itself to the lighter Strauss roles in "Arabella" and "Capriccio." Other singers in this production are known for their Strauss and Wagnerian roles: Helga Dernesch, Donald McIntyre, Wolfgang Brendel. We also get to see a very young Natalie Dessay.

"Arabella" tells the story of Count Waldner and his family, who are on the brink of financial ruin. For this reason, the elder daughter Arabella is to be married as quickly as possible to some rich admirer, while her younger sister Zdenka is forced to disguise herself as a young man. Although the wealthy landowner Mandryka seems to be the ideal match for Arabella, an amorous entanglement between the officer Matteo (who is head over heels in love with Arabella) and Zdenka causes great confusion, until finally resolving in peace and harmony.

The opera is sung in German with English subtitles and lasts approximately three hours. We look forward to welcoming you on April 18. No registration is required; all Villagers are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](https://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for information about other VMS events.

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

# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

### Weekly:

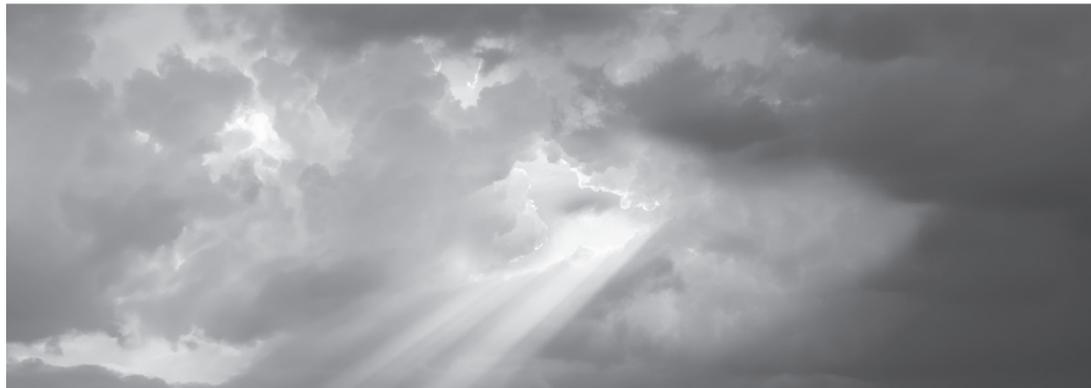
Sunday	8:15 a.m. <b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cribari
	Contact: Kathy Schlosser	408-677-4770
Sunday	9 a.m. <b>Episcopal Service</b>	Montgomery
	Contact: Leslie Bailey	408-270-9022
Sunday	10 a.m. <b>Community Chapel</b>	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

### Regularly Scheduled:

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

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

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL



### ‘Making A Difference’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

For April, our Villages Community Chapel Missions Team will focus on providing the necessary resources to City Teams for people experiencing homelessness and families in transition. City Team Ministries has been providing hot meals, shelter beds, showers, clothing, and limited medical care since the late 1950s. Each Sunday morning, beginning April 7 (and 14, 21, and 28), two barrels will be located at Cribari Center outside of the auditorium from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Items needed are either new or “gently used and cleaned” jackets, sweaters, shirts, pants, dresses, blouses, men’s and women’s gym shoes, new white socks, hygiene items, cans and dry goods, and baby pampers. Please contact our Missions Chairman, Ron Speer, at 408-223-2025 if you have any questions or concerns.

When our days of caring for others are over, and we arrive in Heaven, something extraordinary will happen to us. A final transformation will have occurred from earth to glory...we will be just like Jesus with a glorified body! Each day, we are reminded of this earthly body and its fading glory that we desperately try to hold on to. 1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Of all the blessings of Heaven, one of the greatest will be you! Once a sinner and now a saint. You will be God’s magnum opus, His work of art created in His image and likeness. The angels will gasp because you reflect God’s completed work in you. Finally, you will have a heart as pure as Father God’s, and your words will be like jewels, and your thoughts will be treasures. You will love it, with a perfect symphony of music in your heart. You will worship without restrictions, and your face will be radiant. You will hear the voice of God with clarity. You will, at long last, have a heart like Jesus.

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

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘The Resurrection Fifty’

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

Easter isn’t over! In fact—by the standards of our historic church calendar—it’s barely even begun. One of the ironies of our commercialized Christian holidays is that the marketing push happens before the date, and then the baskets of candy go on sale the day right after. Well then, stock up. There’s still plenty to celebrate!

In the calendar of liturgical churches—Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutherans and others—the Paschal (Easter) Feast is but the first of 50 days in which we remember the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In our Sunday worship, we will continue to dress in celebratory white or gold throughout the season, and tell stories of a resurrected Jesus showing up in unexpected places and ways. His post-resurrection appearances were—according to the Biblical accounts—rather curious. But they assured his followers that his presence and his ministry of teaching and healing continued. As it continues through us, even now. In what way do you live an Easter faith? All the time, I hope—as is good and right—but most especially in these great 50 days?

If your Lenten disciplines included letting go of bad habits, maybe it’s time to take advantage of those post-holiday sales and share some chocolate and some celebration. Which is actually a good habit, at the right time and place. And you’ve got 50 days to do it!

There will be *no* Episcopal service on April 7, however, please join us on April 14 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### ‘Come to Believe’

By Patricia Galli

“It’s not the result. It’s the journey.” This is a statement heard in many forms. We are a result-oriented culture. We look for cause and effect in our lives, relationships, and environments. However, the search for the answer is really found in the journey or process that happens to us. Most of us have lived long lives and have experienced that reality. What we experience as we move through our life shapes us and brings us to a deeper wisdom. Most of us might seek improvement in our physical condition as our bodies age but we don’t want to lose the wisdom we have gained.

Belief is a concept that expresses the deepening of wisdom. Belief is about the journey. In the gospel of John that is the wisdom reading for the Sunday after Easter. We hear the authors say, “these signs (stories) are written so that you may come to believe...” (John 20:31). The authors are reminding us of the journey that leads to a faith in a power greater than themselves. This faith is the peace that surpasses all understanding. It is the peace that holds us in our most difficult times. It is the peace we can know even amid great difficulty and sadness.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

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



We meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. Our next meeting is at **10 a.m., April 8 at Vineyard Center.**

# SPORTS NEWS

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and David Cook

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.

Here are the results for the Ironmen on March 28, 2024.

We had seven golfers on a wonderful, clear day. The rain stopped just in time and the sun came out. **Victor Hong swept the day with Low Gross, Low Net, Closest to the Flag, and the only Birdie!** Victor for the win and **Golfer of the Week!**

We played regular golf, no two-put rule, even though the greens were punched and unpredictable, so all scores are post-able. Since we only had seven golfers, the only Championship points accrued are for participation, birdies, and holes in one.

**Announcements:** I'm filling in for Jerry Juracich this week. Note that the starting tee time changes next week to 10 a.m. If every Ironman at every game would take the time to fill in all divots and green damage noticed during each week's game, we would be making a big contribution toward maintaining our own course!

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and play basically pressure-free golf. And the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283. You can also visit our website at [ironmen.vgcc.club](http://ironmen.vgcc.club)

**Deep Thoughts:**

"Half of golf is fun; the other half is putting." - Peter Dobereiner, sportswriter

"When you start driving your ball down the middle, you meet a different class of people." - Phil Harris, actor and comedian

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

The Shonis hope that everyone had a joyful Easter. And hopefully not too many April fools pranks pulled on you. Can't believe that March is already over. A quarter of 2024 is gone. But with April here, hopefully we'll have some better golf weather.

Before March went away, the Shonis had another end of the month birthday game. We had four birthdays, but only one birthday golfer came out. The weather wasn't great, cold and drizzling but Joyce Baptiste took advantage of getting to drop her worst hole and grabbed the top score and sweeps in her Flight.

The Shonis are looking forward to two fun events coming later this month. On April 16, we will be golfing with the 9 hole ladies in the annual mixer. They are the hosts this year so we will be joining them on the Championship course for 9 holes. And then enjoying a sociable lunch.

Then on April 23, we start our 8-week Eclectic group event where we try to improve our scores each week to get the lowest overall gross and net.

## PICKLEBALL

### *Fun to be had in The Villages*

By Terry Holmquist



Duke Kahanamoku said, "The best surfer out there is the one having the most fun." This writer claims the same is true of Pickleball. Whether it be windy or still, hot or cold, sunny or drizzly, one cannot miss the laughter on the courts. If you are not a Pickleball player, come down just to watch. Sit on one of our lovely benches or the picnic table and savor the environment.

We are extremely lucky to have courts in our community. Some walk, some drive their golf carts and others drive their cars but rarely does it take more than five minutes to get to the courts. The price is right—membership to the club is only \$20. That is for a year! Included with your dues you can take part in all the fun activities such as tournaments and our "dink & drink" socials.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and quickly becoming international. So much so that both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts are sprouting up everywhere. Unfortunately for indoor courts, one might pay monthly fees anywhere from \$99 to \$165 plus an initiation fee as high as \$125. Some outdoor courts you pay as you play or have to be members of a club. Money may not be a hindrance for some but having to drive in traffic...ugh!

This is just one more reason to appreciate our amenities and the variety of activities available to us due to many hard-working volunteers in our community. Stayed tuned next week for more about just one more of those volunteers: our first court manager.

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



By Chris Leisy

Our first guest day was amazingly successful, thanks to everyone that helped me. On March 28 we had a field of 84 women. They came from many of the local golf clubs in the Bay Area. The weather did not cooperate and we did have a few showers but everyone finished and had a wonderful lunch in the Fairway room.

In the Guest Member flight, the first place winners were the amazing team of Mazie Rice, Janis Mahoney and their guests Trisha Kennedy, Laura Atherton with a net of 125.

The Member Member flight first place winners were Hyong Pau, Jane Hong, Michelle Chung and Bock He Kim with a net of 126.

Closest to the hole for guest was Laura Atherton on #11 and member Bock He Kim on #4.

**To see the full list of winners, see the Scoreboard page.**

My goodness there were a lot of birdies. Monica Saneholtz #1 and #15. Lisa Westerinen #2, Michelle Chung #2, Millie Ann Schwerin #9 and #15, Camille Giuliobarri #18, Jan Mahoney #6, Priscilla Piper #15, Susan Anderson #8, Miya Shigemoto #7, LoAnn Rube #11, Sheila Highe #14, Meredith Ross #7.

The people in the money with chip-ins: Lisa Westerinen #2, Michelle Chung #2, Auralie Citrigno #17, Carol Zaccheo #5, Won Cha #18, Barbara Bailey #14, Susan Anderson #8, Gisele Barber #14.

It was a great day and we all had a great time. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else for enduring the weather.

A friendly reminder to sign up for future events.

Beat the Pro is April 18. Get a partner and sign up in the posting room.

May 2 is Captains Trophy and handicap Qualification.



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# MEN'S GOLF CLUB



## Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament

### Two-Man, Match Play And Horserace

May 3, 4, and 5 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Flights consist of Six 2-Man Teams – Format - 4-Ball Match Play - 1 Net Best Ball. Each team will play 9-hole matches with the other five teams in your flight.

- **Friday, Day 1** - 2 nine-hole matches and Team Virgilio's putting contest after matches
- **Saturday, Day 2** - 2 nine-hole matches
- **Sunday morning, Day 3** – 1 nine-hole match on to determine the Flight Champion
- **Sunday morning, Day 3** – HorseRace – Following nine-hole match

- All Flight Champions will compete in the Championship Horserace.  
**Added Bonus:** If your Flight Champion finishes in the top position, everyone in that flight will be paid! On Sunday, after the Horserace, a Catered Taco Bar Lunch at Foothill Center to celebrate all the winners and Virgilio's Door Prize drawings. Included in entry fee: Coffee and Donuts served each day, Snacks and Beverages in between matches, Taco Bar Lunch and Awards at Foothill Center on Sunday after the Horserace.

**Entry Fee:** \$90 per player plus green fees (3rd day is 9-hole rate)

**Registration:** Sign up at the Pro Shop *in person*, no phone tee time reservations. **Registration ends** Tuesday, April 30. Field limited to first 48 teams, so get your partner *now!*

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

### Upcoming events:

**2024 Spring Open** - There is still to sign up For the Spring Open. So get a group of guys together that cause you the least amount of grief and let's have some big fun! Stableford, 2BB, Four-Man Teams, Flighted 4/13 Shotgun-8 a.m. Registration through April 11. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

**2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament**—See Poster above.

**2024 Evergreen Invitational:** This year's Evergreen Invitational is scheduled for July 11-13. This is a MGC Major, so plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! Also, should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to Bill Morefield, The Evergreen Chairman at bill\_morefield@yahoo.com. **Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.**

**Do the right thing:** Our greens were recently punched and sanded, and you know they will be back in pristine condition in no time. So let's make sure to keep them that way by repairing our pitch marks. Just some food for thought:

- A fresh ball mark repaired by a player take only 5 seconds
- A freshly repaired ball mark will completely heal in 24 hours
- A fresh ball mark left unrepaired for 1 hour, takes 15 days before the ball mark completely heals

• **Please repair your ball marks**  
 Please let's take a little more pride in our track... it really deserves it

**Hey, have you seen the Green Books?** We are not printing them out anymore. You can find them posted online now. The **2024 Men's Golf Club Handbooks** ("Green Books") are available online through the Men's Club Site, villagesgolfers.com. Now come on, how simple is that?

**MGC E-mails:** Are you receiving notification emails from the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club? If not, there is a simple fix. You may have accidentally unsubscribed from the scheduled emails. Please just let us know if you think you are one of those and we will send you an email to reconfirm you and get you back on track.

Remember to visit our website at [villagesgolfers.com](http://villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

# TENNIS TALK

## Celebrate Villages Tennis Scholarship's 20th Anniversary



By Claire Hintergardt

Since 2004, fifty-four Silver Creek High School students have earned Villages Tennis Scholarships! The scholarships are awarded to students who have excelled academically and have been members of the Silver Creek High School tennis team for a minimum of two years.

This year, on **April 27**, four scholarships of \$4,000 each will be awarded to deserving and outstanding students. Biology, medicine, computer science and education have been among the students' varied fields of study. To register for this event, please use this QR code (to the left) on your mobile phone.

Wendy Ferguson, a Villager and a Tennis Club member, has led a team of committed Villagers since the inception of the scholarships. The team focus is fundraising for the Villages Tennis Scholarship. The sources of funds have included direct donations, tennis tournaments, dinners, raffles and auctions of local merchant donated services and goods. The local community and businesses have been generous with their support.

Donations are welcome (made out to "Villages Tennis Club Scholarship") and may be sent to: **The Villages Tennis Club ATTN: Wendy Ferguson, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135**



# WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Pam McCarthy

Old Man Winter must love our cold weather fashions because he keeps showing up on golf days! The crisp winter morning had 72 players signed up and only 45 ladies showed up at the tees. Birdies and Chip-ins also evaded the scene. Fortunately, cheers and levity were ever present and were not defeated by the challenging elements of the early spring day.

A simple and perfect description of the love/hate relationship we have with this fine sport was penned by Arnold Palmer, "Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated game." Villagers do love it! This year there will be a total of 39 planned tournaments for all the ladies golf clubs. Plus, all our regular Tuesday Thursday play days! Keep your eyes and ears open for emailed flyers for the Wednesday Nine & Dine and Friday Twilight Golf events. Get out your calendars and find your teammate and or your foursome! Keep golf tournaments on your radar screen and in the days and weeks to come and sign up!

**Sunday, April 14:** Sunday Sweeps

**Tuesday, April 16:** Swingers /Shonis Mixer

**Saturday, May 18:** Ladies Saturday Golf

**Friday, May 31:** "Twilight Golf"

**Wednesday, June 5:** "Nine and Dine"

As we look forward to the warmer spring days and longer running fairway shots, remember the famous words of Ben Crenshaw: "I'm about 5 inches from being and outstanding golfer! That's the distance my left ear is from my right."

# BOCCE NEWS



## Don't miss out on Bocce Boot Camp!

By Tom Hunt

If you're new to the Villages, or simply new to the game of bocce, now is the perfect opportunity to dive in and join the fun. But act fast, because spots for these classes are filling up quickly, and we're not sure there will be another opportunity in 2024.

Registration is simple, just go to the bocce website, [villages-bocce.vgcc.club](http://villages-bocce.vgcc.club), provide your name, and email address, and let us know if you'd like to attend. With just four hours of instruction, you'll learn everything from the basics of rolling to advanced game strategy and rules. Plus, you'll have the chance to put your newfound skills to the test in a thrilling mini tournament!

This promises to be an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, camaraderie, and plenty of friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned bocce veteran or a complete newcomer, there's something for everyone to enjoy at our Bocce Boot Camp.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Sign up today to secure your spot and join us for a day of bocce fun. Have questions or need more information? Just fill out the registration form and someone will contact you.

For the latest updates on dates for these exciting events and other Bocce Club activities we encourage you to stay informed by visiting the bocce website, [villagesbocce.vgcc.club](http://villagesbocce.vgcc.club). We're looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

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# FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Taylor Made Fitting Day**—Friday, April 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come out and try the new Taylor Made Qi10 drivers and woods! The Qi10 will be available in 3 models to fit every golfer: Qi10 Low Spin for the lower handicap player looking to reduce spin. Qi10 for the golfer looking for mid spin and launch and deadly accuracy. Qi10 Max for the golfer looking for high spin with maximum stability extreme forgiveness. Already being used by PGA Tour stars like Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods...To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension 1.



**April Golf Schedule**

**Wednesday, April 10** – Men’s Club Home & Away 1 p.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 8 a.m.

**Saturday, April 13** – Men’s Club Spring Open 8 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 14** – Sunday Sweeps

**Monday, April 29** – Course closed all day – range open 12 p.m.-3 p.m. only  
- Outside Tournament

**Fairway Top Dressing**—Our Spring Fairway Top Dressing program is under way. This is the process of topping off each fairway with ½ inch of sand to create a better flow of water, air and nutrients into the turf ultimately providing healthier and better turf conditions. We will continue to play Winter Rules throughout the process until the sand is fully settled.

**Tips from the Pro—Align yourself for success**

About 95% of all golf flaws fall in some aspect of the setup. Alignment falls under that category. Most amateur golfers aim too far to the right aiming their body at the target instead of parallel left. Misalignment causes necessary compensations to attempt to start the ball on-line. For instance, a golfer who aims right must swing outside-in to get the ball started online. This cause pulls and slices depending on the clubface position at impact. Conversely the golfer who aims left usually hangs back on his heels and swings too much out to the right separating his arms from his body. This causes top shots or huge pushes to the right. Remember that your feet, hips and shoulders are to be parallel left of your target line...only the clubface aims at the target. To practice this, retrain your eye by using alignment sticks when you practice at the range. Place one alignment stick just outside your ball aiming at the target, place the second alignment stick near your feet aimed parallel left of the other stick. Then hit balls from within this “station.” You will soon see all of those compensation moves work their way out and your swing will become more square to square. Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)

## Junior Camps are back!

Back by popular demand we will be hosting Junior Camps this summer. So that you can plan ahead, here are the dates and times for this summer’s junior camps.



**June 24-27 Monday-Thursday,**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**July 15-18 Monday-Thursday,**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**July 29-August 1 Monday-Thursday,**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junior Camps will be limited to 12 juniors per session, first come first served.

Registration will start April 1. Call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension #1 to sign up. More details to follow...

# SCOREBOARD

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Wednesday, March 27**

Sylvia Rozewicz	203
Shirley Bellavance	211
Remy Pessah	257
Eva Medeiros	292

**Friday, March 29**

Kit Hultquist	212
Joan Maxwell	237
Sylvia Rozewicz	281



## BRIDGE

**Monday, March 25:**

1. Mary LeGrand  
- Jonna Robinson
2. Alan Waltho  
- Maureen Waltho
3. Louann Partridge - Guest

**Wednesday, March 27:**

1. Hank Koransky  
- Jane Michaels
2. Mary LeGrand  
- Lorrie Scott
3. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

**Friday, March 29:**

1. Mary LeGrand – Guest
2. Cathy Struck - Ray Struck
- 3/4. Jan Kiernan  
- Jonna Robinson

## SHONIS

**Tuesday, March 26**

All Nets

**Flight One:**

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|----------------------|----|
| 1. Joyce Baptiste    | 16 |
| 2. Pauline Robertson | 21 |
| 3. Manoli Kelly      | 23 |

**Flight Two:**

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|---|----|
| 1. Peggy White  | 20 |
| 2. Schinae Ogihara  | 22 |
| 3. Tied - Deborah Strauss,<br>Jonna Robinson,<br>Sabrina Malcolmson | 27 |

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

**Guest Day**

**Thursday, March 28**  
Two Net Best Ball

**Member-Member Flight**

1. Hyong Pau; Jane Hong;  
Michelle Chung;  
Bock He Kim - 125
2. Barbara Nilsen,  
Janis Kiernan,  
Carol Zaccheo - 126
3. Priscilla Piper;  
Aejung Kim; Won Cha;  
Delma Juarez - 126

**Member-Guest Flight**

1. Mazie Rice;  
Tricia Kennedy;  
Janice Mahoney;  
Laura Atherton - 125
2. Jay Lee; Mila Quibilan;  
Lisa Westerinen;  
Sue Park - 126
3. Beverly Poellot;  
Barbara Bailey;  
Susan Anderson;  
Diane Hogarth - 126
4. Beverly Rees;  
Janice O’Sullivan;  
Lily Hagan;  
Joyce Toothman - 127

**Member Closest to Hole #4**

Bock He Kim

**Guest Closest to Hole # 11**

Laura Atherton

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## Two Villages groups celebrate Holi inside and out

The Villages Desi Club (below) took advantage of the near-perfect weather to celebrate the Holi Festival in Gazebo Park with brightly colored powder, in the manner of many similar gatherings throughout the Bay Area.



The Global Village Community (left) captured the essence of the Holi celebration inside Vineyard Center with dancing, music and a presentation about the festival. Special guests, Sonali Ankita and others, performed and taught a traditional folk dance called the Raas Garba. Montgomery resident, Radhika, a classical dancer, performed with guest musician Indu Patel, a well known Bay Area drummer.

The Global Village Community club holds Holi celebrations in March and April each year.

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### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

To submit ad copy, renew, cancel, or make changes to your ad: **Call 408-223-4657 or contact Scott at 408-223-4655; fax to 408-223-2843; or mail to:**

**Villager Classified Ads, Building B  
5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.**

(Downloadable forms available on the Resident Portal at [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com). Ad copy is not taken over the telephone. Call Adrienne or Scott to verify receipt of fax.)

#### Payment:

All ads are to be paid in advance by cash, check or money order. Make checks/money orders payable to: **The Villager**. Villages residents may charge ads to their Villages accounts. Take payments to the Villager office in Building B or mail to the address above.

#### Deadlines:

Ads are due Mondays by 4 p.m. for publication in Friday's paper. Deadline also applies to renewals, cancellations and changes. Exceptions are only for holiday deadlines, details of which will be published in advance.

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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.

Sprinkler system testing in progress throughout the district.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9 and 4/10.

### Del Lago

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

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9 and 4/10.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/29-5/3.

### Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/27-5/31.

### Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/13-5/17.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8, 4/9, and 4/10.

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 4/8.

Roof replacement throughout the district, in planning.

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/6-5/10.

### Hermosa

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/6-5/10.

Sprinkler system testing throughout the district, in progress.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9, and 4/10.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/22-4/26.

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 4/8.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, in progress.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/29-5/3.

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

Court and Place—ProChip jet mulch installation, in progress.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9 and 4/10.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control,4/8-4/12.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9 and 4/10.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.

### Valle Vista

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.

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 4/8.

### Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.

### Association

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

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.

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

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

Sprinkler system testing in progress throughout the district.

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, 4/8,4/9 and 4/10.

### Club Centers

Seasonal Maintenance—Liquidambar tree fruit suppression (Florel growth regulator). EPA.REG.No.54705-8 treatment, scheduled for, 4/8.

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

Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

Montgomery Pool and Spa—Replastering project in progress, scheduled to reopen 4/20.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 4/6-4/13.

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

## Maintenance Project Notice:

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

## 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.

## LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

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



## 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@thevillages.com](mailto:workorder@thevillages.com)

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

**Mental Health...**  
(Continued from page 12)



Alexandra Velazquez



Jen Kang

You may read this article and think, "I am afraid to talk about mental health." Or "This brings back hard memories." Or "What can I do at my age?" You are invited to move through your fear and resistance. Come. Learn. Let go of fear. You are not alone.

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The Villages Medical Auxiliary

**Your Weekly Words of Wisdom**



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Lisa Gault

Phone: 408-202-1959

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- WANTED
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- FREE STUFF
- OBITUARIES
- LOST & FOUND
- SERVICES
  - Appliances
  - Automotive Repair
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# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

## To Place a Classified Ad

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California Law limits the minimum age and maximum number of occupants in a unit. Details available at the Public Safety Administration Office. 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.



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**Let's Talk Real Estate**

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

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

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

**Q5: When is the best time to sell your home?**

Early spring through end of summer, are typically the best times to sell a home.

Past research shows that home sales in May, June, July and August can account for 40% of annual sales.

Overall, home sales are still pretty good through early fall, so it wouldn't be a bad idea to sell a home during this period either. However, home sales tend to drop once winter arrives and there is less market activity. Especially in December and January when activity is at it's lowest.

**Q6: Should I buy my new home before selling my old one?**

Whether or not you should buy your new home before selling your existing home is a personal choice.

Finances permitting, having a new home lined up to move into gives you the opportunity to move out in your own time. It also prevents you from having to line up temporary accommodation ( having to move twice), which can be a pain.

However, not everyone is able to do that and if you are paying two mortgages at the same time and your sale takes much longer than anticipated, it could prove to be a problem. You could end up accepting a lower offer on your house just because you need it sold.

In some cases you may be able to leverage your own finances in order to buy before you sell. Always good to speak with your financial adviser or lender to discuss and discover all options.



*If you have a question, which may help you and others - please call, text or email directly to me and if we publish it, you will receive a very Special Thank -You!*

1 408 480 6220 [Lucinda@EQ1re.com](mailto:Lucinda@EQ1re.com)

**Next month- BREAKING NEWS!**

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Not the usual local variety of rabbits



Verano neighbors enjoyed a display of Easter bunnies by Joe Hart of Via Calzada. "He brings Village Verano fans joy and smiles with his beautiful display! Thank you very much, Joe—we love it!" said Farida Fletcher, who submitted this photo.

### Report Coyote Activity

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

- Public Safety at [mhidalgo@the-villages.com](mailto:mhidalgo@the-villages.com) and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is [Vector.sccgov.org/home](http://Vector.sccgov.org/home) . Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

## Getting on the Road to the 21st Century Fireside Chat with Theresa Ostrander



Wednesday, April 24, 3-4 p.m. - Fairway Room

Topic: **Budget/Cobalt with Theresa Ostrander (GM)**  
and **Elizabeth Park (AGM-Communications/Public Safety)**

Audience - First come, first served. Maximum 50.

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