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Passion, prairie, and Paris to swell in Village Voices' red scarf flourish

By Barbara Zahner

The Village Voices will present "Spring On To Broadway" on **Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Center.



Choral Attire Creator for the Village Voices, Aileen Reid, who studies the costumes in the Oscars and relaxes by sewing, envisions the 45 Village Voices members looking "really smart and ready to 'Spring On To Broadway'" in the concerts. A first soprano who grew up in the English Midlands, Aileen noted that "optics are important" in performing. Envisioning eye-catching flair, Aileen chose vibrant red scarves with musical notes embedded in the design as a color pop for the women Voices members. Significantly, bright red connects all six of the Broadway musical hits celebrated in the Village Voices spring show. Picture a red umbrella in "Singing in the Rain," red banners held high in "Les Misérables," Maria's red dress in "West Side Story" and Eva's red gown as she sings "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" in "Evita." Add the red enchanted rose in "Beauty and the Beast" and the red splash in the sunsets and high-kicking dances of "Oklahoma!", and you catch the vibrancy of these Broadway hits.

Aileen, a 10 year-resident of Montgomery, had moved here knowing no one. She said, "In the Village Voices I have found true friends who have seen me through difficult times."

Buy tickets early! Tickets sales will take place this Saturday, April 20 at Art in the Park at Gazebo Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or in the Cribari Lobby, 10 a.m. 12 p.m. Tickets will also be sold in the Cribari Lobby on Wednesday, May 1 from 5-6 p.m. You can also order tickets online at tinyurl.com/voices-5-2024 or by calling 408-317-3656.

Modified Golf Course Walking Availability—Cart Path Repair Project

The cart path repair project is underway and golf course cart paths will be unavailable for pedestrian use on the following days: **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Please observe all directional signs and please do not walk on the cart paths in affected areas until the project is complete and directional signage is removed.



Come out to Art in the Park this Saturday!

This is it! The big day for Art in the Park is this **Saturday, April 20**. See you there at Gazebo Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are proud to have over 40 artists offering their work in ceramics, acrylics, glass, jewelry, wood and more. This free event is open to all Villagers, their families, and friends. Come to Gazebo Park, see your neighbors, and pick up a unique, hand-made gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or graduation.

The art will be accompanied by a selection of home-made freshly baked cookies and popcorn. Browse the booths, meet the artists, and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie or two.

In keeping with The Villages policy, no pets are allowed at this event.

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.



HOA Insurance Implications and Awareness for The Villages

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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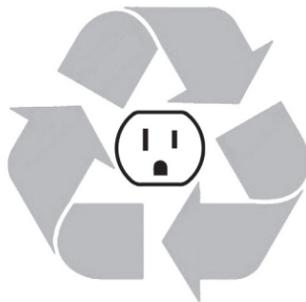
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E-waste collection event April 27 at Cribari Center

An all Villages e-waste event will be held **Saturday, April 27** from **9 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari East Parking Lot, sponsored by Sustainability Services in partnership with Zero Waste Silicon Valley. This no-cost drive up recycling event is a great way for all Villagers to properly recycle unwanted electronic e waste items. Accepted items are listed below:

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| Televisions | Video Game Consoles |
| Monitors | Arcade Machines |
| Computer Systems | Cell Phones |
| Laptops | Household Phones |
| Fax Machines | Digital Cameras |
| Copiers/Printers | Video Cameras |
| Scanners | Network Equipment |
| Projectors | Computer Components |
| Stereo Equipment | Flash Drives |
| I-pods/MP3 Players | Miscellaneous Wiring |
| Musical Instruments | CD Players/DVD Players |
| Audio Equipment | Microwave Ovens |
| Small Household Appliances | Retail and POS Systems |



Just place items in your car or cart and drive them to the East Cribari Parking Lot (behind the hobby rooms) between 9 a.m. and noon on April 27 and a Zero Waste Silicon Valley employee will take it from there.

Questions? Please contact Mary Tatum at 408-754-1334 or email mtatum@the-villages.com. Remember, recycle right!

Evacuations: let's be clear about expectations

By Arlene Versaw

We hope it never happens. But it could. And with our proximity to two earthquake faults and the lands that surround us, the risk is pretty high. It's the "E" word—evacuation—that can instill anxiety and confusion. Yet it does not have to be that way.

It's EPC's job to encourage you to face this fact and to encourage you to take the necessary actions to protect yourself and your household. That's what we do.

It is *not* EPC's job to provide transportation should an evacuation be called for. *You* are responsible for having a plan in place and resources on tap to provide the assistance you need to move out. It is *your* responsibility to plan in advance where you will go and how you will get there. EPC volunteers will work with Public Safety to smooth the evacuation itself, but we *cannot* provide rides.

If you know of a neighbor who is immobile and lives alone, consider offering aid should the need occur. But at the very least, please inform them that they need to take action to put into place the resources and process for evacuations. We are working to identify these residents, but there are more than 4,400 of us, so it will take quite a while.

So first—make *your* plan and be sure to share it with others in your household. We'll help. But it is up to you. Visit the EPC website at thevillagesepc.com for pertinent emergency preparedness information.



IN MEMORIAM

Beverly Ann Newman
September 12, 1933—April 7, 2024

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Nationwide HOA Insurance Crisis:

Implications and Awareness for The Villages (First in a Series)

The cost of property insurance currently represents a significant portion of your monthly bill from The Villages—currently 29 percent of your monthly Association (condos) plus 1.3 percent of your Club operations assessments—and the cost continues to rise every year. For example, the annual property insurance premium for the Association has skyrocketed from \$1.1 million in 2018-2019 to an estimated \$4.6M for the coming 2024-25 fiscal year. This puts a financial strain on The Villages community and is a strong driver for strategic financial planning and action by The Villages leadership teams.

Background

The property insurance industry throughout the country has been consistently raising premiums substantially to pay for all the disasters that have occurred across the U.S. in the past five years—from California fires to southern hurricanes and major floods. Many insurance companies have cancelled policies or left the market entirely. This affects Villagers in two ways:

1. The cost and availability of your own personal policy (e.g. HO6 for condos),
2. The cost of the Master policy that The Villages purchases to protect all our common property.

The headlines are full of stories of homeowners losing their policies or facing stratospheric increases in costs. Here in The Villages, many owners received letters in the past few months from their insurance companies informing them their policies would not be renewed, forcing them to search for a new carrier.

What are we doing about it?

In July 2023, the Three Boards initiated a strategic process to tackle these rising costs including a deep dive into the fundamentals of our insurance needs, legal and financial requirements, and the purchase process.

By October 2023, The Villages formed a formal Insurance Committee comprised of board members and staff.

- We met with four major insurance brokers over two days to learn about property insurance and discuss options.
- We met with an HOA insurance expert to help develop an approach for requirements gathering and creating a strategy.
- We held numerous meetings with key subject matter experts including The Villages' legal counsel and insurance brokers,
- We met with the Rossmoor Insurance Task Force. Like The Villages, and other large HOAs across the country, Rossmoor is facing many of the same issues as The Villages, only with a more difficult situation, they may be a useful partner in developing regional and nation-wide strategies.
- We are leveraging and raising awareness by developing relationships with the national HOA and Club professional associations and our representatives in local and state government.

The goals set by the Three Boards:

- Learn and understand the complexities of managing insurance levels and layers specific to The Villages.
- Educate the community and broaden access to resources.
- Acquire tools for informed decision making.
- Identify measures that enable The Villages to better manage and/or provide opportunities for cost savings in the insurance market.

For example, The Villages Association's CC&Rs mandate full insurance coverage for the total rebuild cost of the Villages at \$889 million—a figure expected to increase by 2025. Moreover, federal mortgage lenders like FHA, VA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac require full insurance coverage to back both mortgages and reverse mortgages on our condominiums. Any reduction in coverage would jeopardize future financing from these federal bodies, impacting potential new buyers and those seeking reverse mortgages forcing them to seek non-traditional financing methods.

Our insurance brokers have suggested that a property insurance coverage range of \$300-\$400 million would be adequate for all likely scenarios, potentially saving us approximately \$1,050,000 per year in premiums. However, reducing coverage to this level would breach our Association CC&Rs and cut off access to federal mortgage lenders. Caught in this difficult position, the Three Boards opted to maintain the required property insurance coverage levels for this year.

Moving Forward

The Insurance Committee is committed to exploring all avenues for lowering costs, including proposing insurance-specific amendments to the CC&Rs and seeking new ways to meet federal lenders' insurance requirements. Success in these endeavors will require a unified effort from all Villagers and the boards of The Villages.

Stay tuned for further updates in our series of articles, as we continue to navigate this pressing issue together.



The Villages Golf and Country Club The Villages Association The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Boards of Directors

Resolution Commending Villages' Volunteers

WHEREAS, one of The Villages' greatest resources is its resident volunteers and the human resources they contribute to the betterment of The Villages and to the greater community around us; and

WHEREAS, the resident volunteers give freely of their time, energy, and abilities in service to their community and to brighten the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a long standing tradition in The Villages and a cornerstone of The Villages "Way of Life"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize our many resident volunteers when the nation observes National Volunteer Month through the month of April; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Directors take great pleasure in honoring The Villages' volunteers, and the Directors convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers' dedicated, selfless, and compassionate efforts.



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**
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MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Five Tips for Living with Our Coyotes — Pup Season Is Here!

Coyotes are an important part of our local ecosystem. By understanding their behavior and taking simple precautions, we can peacefully share our neighborhoods with these fascinating creatures.

1. Keep Pets Secure. Coyotes may see small pets as prey. Always keep your pets on a leash when outside, especially during dawn and dusk when coyotes are most active.

2. Secure Trash and Food Sources. Remove any potential food sources from your yard, such as pet food, bird feeders, or unsecured garbage cans. Securely store trash to avoid attracting coyotes and other wildlife.

3. Educate Your Neighbors. Spread awareness about coyote behavior and the importance of coexistence. Encourage your neighbors to follow these tips to minimize conflicts and promote harmony between humans and wildlife.

4. Scare Tactics. If you encounter a coyote, make yourself appear larger by waving your arms and making loud noises. Carry a whistle or walking sticks when in areas frequented by coyotes. This can help deter them from approaching.

5. Report Aggressive Behavior. While coyotes are typically shy and avoid human contact, report any aggressive or unusual behavior to Public Safety. Do not attempt to handle the situation yourself.

Together, we can create a community where humans and coyotes coexist peacefully. Let's respect and protect our shared environment!



Photo by Frank Langben

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 and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home. Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

Building C closure through May 1

Public Safety's Building C is closed during its renovation through May 1, 2024. Although closed, Public Safety personnel will continue to provide service to Villagers in Building B's conference room. Desiree Lopez continues to greet residents and conduct new resident orientations around the corner from Building C's main door. Simply follow the blue arrows and posted signs.

We appreciate your patience as The Villages Golf and Country Club staff create a more modern welcome for our residents.

For more information, please contact Interim Director Matt Hidalgo at 408-239-5246 or send an email to publicsafety@the-villages.com.

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 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 & 21



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The Villager Transition Ad Hoc Committee presents

A Villages Writers Workshop

By the Villagers and GM Staff

Wednesday, May 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Cribari Conference Room.

RSVP to comms@the-villages.com

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

More details to come.



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Estates DAC to meet April 19

The Estates DAC Community Meeting will be held **Friday, April 19 at 3 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.

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.

Valle Vista DAC to meet May 2

The Valle Vista District Advisory Committee (DAC) will hold a DAC/resident meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m.**

Olivas DAC to meet May 6

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

Verano DAC to meet May 6

The next Verano DAC meeting is **Monday, May 6 at 4 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Montgomery DAC to meet May 6

The Montgomery DAC will hold a meeting on **Monday, May 6 at 10 a.m.** in Montgomery Center and also via Zoom. To log on with Zoom, the Meeting ID is 263 292 1171 and the Passcode is 419819.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Water District property tax exemption

If you are a lower-income senior, you may qualify to have one of your parcel taxes removed from next December's property tax bill. If you qualify, don't put off applying. You must apply by June 30, 2024.

First, dig out your tax year 2023/2024 property tax bill. Look at the list of Parcel Tax / Special Assessments on the second page. Is there a line labeled "1023 Santa Clara Valley Water District—Safe, Clean Water?"

This means you are currently paying the parcel tax and, if you qualify as lower income, you may request an exemption from this assessment beginning with your 2024/2025 property tax bill.

To qualify you must have been born before June 30, 1960. You or your revocable living trust must be listed as an owner on the deed, and you must live in the property as your primary residence. Rental units you own do not qualify. Only one owner needs to be age 65.

Your 2023 total household income must have been less than \$68,663. Social Security and other nontaxable income are included in your calculation of total household income. However, the law excludes capital gains. You are not required to send in any proof of income, but you sign the application under penalty of perjury that you meet the income requirement.

This income limit is based on 75% of California's Median Household Income, so it changes every year. The income limit started at \$32,850 in 2000 and has now increased to \$68,663. It has more than doubled in 24 years.

You do not have to complete an application every year. Once you have qualified for this exemption, you will receive a verification postcard by mail in March or April. You must verify that the address is still your personal residence and that your income does not exceed the new period's income limitation. Remember, you know you are already receiving the exemption as long as the Safe, Clean Water is not listed in your Parcel Tax Assessments.

The application form is available online at valleywater.org. Enter "senior exemption" in the search box. You will need to attach a copy of your driver's license or some other document to prove your age. The address to mail the application is at the bottom of page 2 of the form. You may also submit the application and proof of age by email at SeniorExemption@valleywater.org.

If you do not have a computer to print the application, stop by the SRS office and an SRS volunteer will print a form for you to complete.

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 villagersrs@sbcglobal.net. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional advisor about your individual situation.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• All-DAC Budget Meeting is **Tuesday, April 23 at 9 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Initiatives for Turf Conversion Strategies to Comply with AB1572 (*Directors only*) is **Tuesday, April 23 at 1 p.m.** via Zoom.

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Budget Draft #3 meeting is **Thursday, April 25 at 3 p.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; 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 Budget Draft #3 meeting is **Thursday, April 25 at 4 p.m.** via Zoom

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; 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

Homeowners

• The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors Special Meeting re: Budget, Annual Meeting, and Committee Charters is **Monday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

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.**

SRS Question:

What is the maximum Social Security benefit?

The maximum possible benefit depends on the age a worker chooses to retire. For a worker retiring at full retirement age 67 in 2024, the maximum monthly amount will be \$3,911. If the worker retires at age 62 in 2024, the maximum monthly amount is only \$2,710. But if the worker had waited until he or she was age 70 to start benefits in 2024, the monthly maximum is \$4,873. Note the difference between claiming your social security at age 70 rather than 67 can make an increase of \$11,544 a year in a worker's benefit.

Few workers receive the maximum benefit because you must work and have paid the maximum amount of social security tax for 35 years.

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—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Enhance flexibility with Yoga

Sign up for Yoga on **Wednesdays, May 22 to June 26** (six classes) from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment bought independently, see below). Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, April 22. The signup deadline is Friday, May 10 or sooner if class is filled.

This class uses simple sequences to boost body and breathing awareness. It enhances flexibility and motion. Standing poses strengthen muscles, joints, and bones. They also improve balance, flexibility, and mobility. You'll do seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures on a mat. The class offers easier or more advanced options. Movements are slow and mindful.

Participants should be comfortable getting up and down from the mat. The class suits both beginners and experienced practitioners. You need to bring your own yoga mat for the class.

Mariko Dugay is a Yoga Alliance-certified teacher. She finished her 200-hour training in 2017 and is close to completing her 500-hours certification. Mariko teaches Gentle Yoga, Mindful Flow, and alignment-based Hatha Yoga. She aims to unite body, mind, and soul. Her goal is to create a safe, non-judgmental space. This setting helps students leave feeling refreshed, nourished and balanced.

Help prevent spread of disease-transmitting mosquitoes

The Villages Garden Club informs us that the Santa Clara County Vector Control District needs your help. They found non-native *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in East San José. These mosquitoes spread diseases like dengue and yellow fever. Now, the district is working on a plan to eradicate them. This plan includes trapping, inspections, and treating larvae.

Residents are crucial for this eradication effort's success. You should take these steps to lower the risks of the invasive species:

- **Eliminate Standing Water:** Check for and remove any standing water. This step stops mosquitoes from breeding. Look in buckets, pet dishes, and plant saucers. Also, fix leaky faucets and broken sprinklers. Avoid overwatering lawns and plants.

- **Maintain Screens and Barriers:** Screen rain barrels and irrigation drains to keep mosquitoes out. Make sure window and door screens are intact and without holes.

- **Use Protective Measures:** Apply EPA-approved repellents. Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants during the day.

Learn more online at vector.santaclaracounty.gov/mosquitoes/invasive-mosquitoes

'Mrs. Doubtfire' outing coming

Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed home to San Francisco! Fans of the original movie (which celebrated its 30th anniversary this past December) and future fans will love this internationally acclaimed hit musical playing July 10 at the Orpheum Theatre. More information will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of April 26.

Club and Committee Expo 2024

May 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cribari Center

All Residents Welcome

Featuring: Villages Arts & Crafts Association – Bluegrass Music Club – The Villages Bocce Club – Bridge Club at The Villages – The Villages Cat Club – Catholic Group – Chinese Club at The Villages – The Villages Crafters Club – Democratic Club at The Villages – Villages Dog Club – Emergency Preparedness Committee – Villages Golf Committee Six Clubs – Hiking Club – Jazzercisers – Live Stronger and Longer Fitness Club – Villages Macintosh Users Group – Music Society – P.E.O. Club – Quilters – Village Readers – Recreational Vehicle Club – Senior Academy for Education – Senior Resource Services – The Villages Study Club – Sustainable Villages Club – Tai Chi Club – and more!

Join A Club –
Find people who share interests with you!

Participate in Your Community - Learn about Club committees working for the benefit of Villagers and how you can help!

Form a Club – Discover how your social group can become a Board Recognized Organization (BRO)!



Sign up for Cirque du Soleil's 'Kooza' now!

On **Saturday, May 25**, come with us to the Santa Clara Fairgrounds to see Cirque du Soleil's fantastical production of "Kooza."

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. with an estimated return time of 10:30 p.m.

"Kooza" combines the acrobatic performances and art of clowning that Cirque du Soleil is famous for in an innovative journey exploring fear, identity, recognition and power. The Innocent, an endearing yet naïve clown looking for his place in the world, is delivered a mystery item that leads them to a bizarre but exotic world. How will an enigmatic trickster with remarkable abilities affect their journey?

Activity Level: Light Activity (mostly seated).

The cost per person is \$135 and includes admission, escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for driver is included in the price, additional tipping is at your discretion. Register in Building B during business hours. Registration deadline is Friday, May 3 or sooner if spots fill up. Trip participants will receive a 10% discount at the Clubhouse restaurant for dinner beginning at 5 p.m. You will need to make a reservation for the main dining room and show your registration receipt to your server to claim the discount. This discount does not apply to alcohol and cannot be used with other discounts.



Beginner Plus Line Dance class canceled

The Beginner Plus Line Dance class scheduled for April has been canceled due to the low number of signups. Recreation Services staff have contacted everyone who registered for this session.

The Introduction to Line Dance class will meet at the usual time for the next session (April 16–May 28) and we look forward to seeing everyone who signed up for Intro to Line Dance!

Please contact Recreation Services at recreation@the-villages.com or 408-223-4643 with questions.

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.

Earth Day Activity: Our Blue Marble

Earth Day is April 22! With space on the brain after the eclipse, we want to celebrate the Earth from an “outside” perspective. Some of the most classic and spectacular images of Earth taken from space are available for viewing in the NASA archive at images.nasa.gov and we encourage you to look.

Here are some famous image suggestions to get your search started:

- Apollo 8 Mission Image, Earth over the horizon of the moon (aka “Earthrise”): A partly seen Earth rises above the lunar landscape about 240,000 miles away. Lunar Module Pilot William Anders took this picture in 1968 on the first manned flight into lunar orbit. He is quoted saying “We came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the Earth.”

- Solar System Portrait – Earth as Pale Blue Dot: Part of the first ever “portrait” of the solar system taken by NASA’s Voyager 1 spacecraft in 1996. The craft was over 4 billion miles from Earth, which appears as a blue point of light less than a pixel in size.

- View of the Earth seen by the Apollo 17 crew traveling toward the moon (aka “The Blue Marble”): The entire circle of the Earth is visible in this stunning image that Command Module Pilot Ronald E. Evans took in 1973 while in orbit around the Moon. The trajectory of this mission allowed the south polar ice cap to be photographed for the first time.

Please also check out nasa.gov for other Earth Day programs and activities.

Villagers get down to first U-Jam class



The first U-Jam class, led by instructor Dominique Martin, finished their energetic dance workout with claps, hoots and thumbs ups. We have received feedback about the class from different perspectives, if you would like to give us yours, please reach out to us at recreation@the-villages.com or by calling 408-223-4643. We hope to decide whether to offer the class again soon!

Strengthen and lengthen with Mat Pilates

Sign up for the next set of Mat Pilates classes, being offered 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on **Tuesdays, May 7 to 28** (three classes) in Cribari Conference Room.

The cost per student is **\$35** (equipment purchased independently as needed, more details below). Register in Building B. The deadline is Friday, May 3 or sooner if the class fills up.

Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training your arms and legs. It is a mind and body practice that improves posture, coordination, balance, focus, body awareness, stress management and injury prevention. Participants should be comfortable performing exercises on a mat on the floor and able to get up from the floor without help. A yoga mat is required for this class and must be purchased on your own.

Natsuko Tsuji will be your instructor. She is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor, with 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over eight years teaching Pilates. Due to travel commitments, Natsuko will be available for only three classes this session and will not be available to teach in June or July. Our vendor is searching for a temporary instructor, and we will keep you posted if one becomes available!

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 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 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 or calling 408-223-4643.

Nirvana®
Ultimate Body & Mind System

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2024 Annual Member Meetings and Elections

By Senior Assistant General Manager **Julia Meadows, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, PCAM**

The three Villages Corporations (Club, Association and Homeowners’ Corporation) are preparing for this year’s elections and annual membership meetings.

Elections will be conducted in May and June with election results announced at this year’s annual membership meetings to be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse.

Club: The Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Corporation state that there shall be seven directors. Directors with terms expiring are Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, Bob Krattli, and Andy Altman. The directors who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Liz Kung, Larry Versaw, and Richard Zahner.

The VGCC election will be held for four open director positions to serve on the Board of Directors, 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 that resigned.) The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of three years, and the candidate receiving the fourth largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of one year.

The Club Nominating Committee has announced Judy Owen, Andy Altman, Diana Hallock, and Michelle Breslin as its candidate nominations. In addition, per the Club Bylaws Section 6.1.2, any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination by filing with the Secretary of the Club (Bob Krattli) a notice of intent signed by at least two percent (51) of the Members in Good Standing. Self-nomination petitions must be received no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.**

Homeowners: The bylaws of the Homeowners’ Corporation provide that there will be five directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Teddy Morse, and Rob Kirschbaum. The directors for which terms expire are Brooks Fuller, Morton Cordell and Glen Seidel, all three are eligible to run again.

The Villages Homeowners’ Corporation will conduct a vote on The Villages Homeowners’ Corporation Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members and an election to fill three director positions, two for terms of three years, and one for a term of one year. The two candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of three years, and the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of one year.

Any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Board by giving written notice to the President (Teddy Morse) or Secretary (Morton Cordell) of the Corporation no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.**

Association: For The Villages Association, in addition to the vote The Villages Association Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members, election will be held for three director vacancies for terms of three years each.

The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Michael Schwerin, Patricia Reardon, John Epperheimer, and Steve Gilbert. As of the duly noticed Deadline of Nominations date of **March 26, 2024**, and as duly noticed per California Civil Code and The Villages Association Rule 2.25 Voting and Elections Rules, David Dimmick, Deb Gordon, and Patrick Barber are the candidates for this year’s director election.

Watch future *Villager* and FastLane editions for continued updates on this year’s elections.

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

Soup of the Day



For the week of 4/22 to 4/28

Monday, April 22

Split Pea

Tuesday, April 23

Cream of Zucchini

Wednesday, April 24

Wonton

Thursday, April 25

Chicken Tortilla

Friday, April 26

Corn and Shrimp Chowder

Saturday, April 27

Chef's Choice

Sunday, April 28

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, Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

Notice for our Curbside customers: Due to the increased volume of orders at 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 Macarons,
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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 4/22 to 4/28

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 4/23 to Sunday 4/28

Denver Omelet: Onions, Peppers, Ham, Tomato and Swiss Cheese
with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/22 to Sunday 4/28 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich: Sliced Beef, Onions, Peppers and
Pepper Jack Cheese and Chipotle Mayo with Choice of Side **\$16.95**

Spaghetti and Meatballs: In Marinara Sauce **\$16.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/23 to Sunday 4/28 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Orange Roughy: Served with Choice of Sides **\$27.95**

Five Point Salad: Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus, Hearts of Palm,
Bay Shrimp and Goat Cheese over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette
\$27.95

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

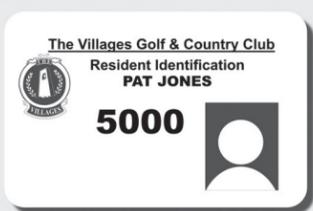
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

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




Whole Rotisserie Chicken

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

New Price \$9.95 plus Service Charge & Tax

408.223.4687 opt 2 or online at clubhouserreservation.com

Click for more information

Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

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
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

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 19

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	Montgomery DAC	MC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Estates DAC	VC
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	hMC

10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
12 p.m.	Montgomery DAC	MC
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	P.E.O. Club Social	FC
2 p.m.	Cat Club Meeting/Social	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
6:30 p.m.	Cribari DAC	CR
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

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

Tuesday, April 23

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Line Dance	A
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
11 a.m.	High Twelve Board	VC
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
12 p.m.	Shonis- Women Par 3 Golf	MC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Villages Study Groups	F
4 p.m.	Estates DAC	FC
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	CR
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Tennis Board	PR

Thursday, April 25

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Meditation	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Assoc.	AR
4 p.m.	18-H Wmn's Invit. Cmte.	PR
5 p.m.	Jewish Passover Seder	CH
6 p.m.	Folksters	FC

Saturday, April 20

8 a.m.	EVF Shredding Event	
	Cribari East Parking Lot	
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art in the Park	GP
10 a.m.	Voices Ticket Sales	L
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Italian Cooking Class II	FC

Sunday, April 21

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Community of Well-Being	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12 p.m.	Pickleball Tournament	PC
6:30 p.m.	Dragon Boat Dance Rehsl	CR
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Bocce Champions Potluck	GP
10 a.m.	EPC Medical Team	PR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Jewish History	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	A

Monday, April 22

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
9:30 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee	PR
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	U-Jam	A

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

Villages Medical Auxiliary • Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



Register online at: vmavillages.vgcc.club or call: 408-238-4029

May Programs

Death Coffee and Desserts + Doula – End of life doula, Judith Holmes will lead a discussion on end-of-life preferences and how to offer clear direction to your loved ones on **Tuesday, May 7** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sequoia room. Attendance is limited to 15, please register online or call the office.

Hearing Life will be offering hearing screenings on **Tuesday, May 21** from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call 408-238-4230 to schedule your time.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health meets with those facing any loss in their lives. The group meets **Monday, April 22**, 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn on **Thursday, May 16** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **May 16 at 10 a.m.** in the **Forum Room**. No need to register, all welcome.



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

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



Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

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

CLUBS & EVENTS

Sign up for Global Village Retreat

Please join the Global Village Community Club Retreat on **Sunday, April 21** in Vineyard Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no fee to join. This is a potluck event. Seats are limited so please join ASAP.



If you resonate with the concept of “Conscious Community” and wish to share or learn from others, we invite you to be a part of this transformative gathering. We identified three common keys to happiness in a conscious community: daily movement, cultivating meaningful relationships, and pursuing a sense of purpose. Embracing these principles requires a shift in behavior and lifestyle, as well as fostering a supportive social environment. This may involve choosing social circles aligned with values of mindfulness, wellbeing and in our family, engaging in activities that bring joy and fulfillment.

To integrate conscious living into our daily lives, we can start by incorporating simple practices such as beginning the day with gratitude prayer, making time for reflection, journaling, exercising, fostering an empowering mindset (like not blaming others), appreciating friends, forgiving one’s self and others (we are all humans), conscious eating e.g. having dinner with family without TV, composting at home, turning the cell phone off at night, etc.

The Agenda:

Session 1 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.): Sharing stories, both in person and via Zoom for remote participants.

Session 2 (12 - 2 p.m.): Potluck Lunch. Bring your favorite plant-based whole food (PBWF) dish to share.

Session 3 (2 - 4 p.m.): Sing, frolic, and fun (Hi-tea and healthy snacks).

Session 4 (4 - 5 p.m.): Clean up and restore.

Please RSVP for Session 1, 2, 3, or all. Session 1 accommodates both in-person and Zoom participation. Contact Dinesh Chandra to register. Text or leave a voice mail at 408-839-1505 or email globalvcclub@gmail.com.

Come ready to share at next Cat Club meeting

By **Bette Loomis**

Knowing the needs of your cat(s) should be one of your top priorities. Selecting the best food, litter, grooming tools, toys and others will be discussed at the next Cat Club meeting, **Monday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.** in the **Vineyard Center**. Come ready to share what has worked for you and your cats.

At this meeting you’ll be grouped into Villages, as a way to continue networking and meeting with your cat friendly neighbors.

Ana Thompson, the “In Your Home Pet Groomer” will be at the meeting to answer your cat grooming questions and to help you sign up for appointments.

Bring samples of your favorite products to share. This meeting will be designed for members to get to know each other and gather useful information. *Please* come ready to share! The success of the meeting depends on all members.

Sign up for this meeting by emailing villages5catclub@gmail.com or calling 408-234-9798.



RSVP for P.E.O. Club’s Spring Social

By **Trudy Nicholls**

Members of the Villages P.E.O. Club and their personal guests are especially invited to attend the Villages P.E.O. Club Spring Social on **Monday, April 22 at 2 p.m.** at Foothill Center.



The program will be “Dollhouses & Scholarships: What it means to be a P.E.O.”. First Bonnie Taylor will tell us about her work with dollhouse miniatures. Then two local women, Lupita Segura and Leilani Butler, will share their stories. P.E.O. has helped both with financial help so they could reach their educational goals. Finally, our special guest Renee Cortise, Vice President of the California State Chapter, will speak. All Villager P.E.O.s are encouraged to invite non-P.E.O. friends who might be interested in knowing more about us.

This free event is open to all Villagers and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 18 to

me at 408-440-0410 or trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com.

Cookies are baked, Art is in the Park



Do you have a sweet tooth? Of course you do! Come to Art in the Park this Saturday and pick up your favorite cookies. We’ll have a large assortment; chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, no nut cookies, sugar cookies, snickerdoodles... and so much more. You’ll find all these popular cookies inside the Gazebo starting at 10 a.m. this Saturday. Grab yourself a cup of coffee or water to enjoy with your cookies and have a stroll around the park.

And if you prefer a salty snack, we’ll be making fresh popcorn from our new popcorn machine! Quality, theater-style popcorn will be offered for only \$1. All proceeds benefit The Villages Arts & Crafts Association. A club that gives back to our community with free art films, projects and much more!

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 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 or email globalvcclub@gmail.com.





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Hiking Club: 'Easy Tips for Longevity'



Jane Ruona

Have you ever wondered why vaccines must be given by injection instead of pills to increase your immunity? Jane Ruona, a R.N. Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Villager and member of the Hiking Club, will discuss and share ideas on how to live healthier and longer. She will cover new research on the brain, diet, sleep, prevention of sepsis, stroke, cardiovascular problems, immunizations, mobility and fall prevention. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. This is a rescheduled meeting of that was postponed due to illness earlier in the year. The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at Vineyard Center.** Note that this location is not the usual meeting location. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

Walking/Chair Dancing can help improve functional fitness

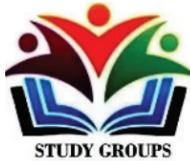
The LSAL Fitness Club's Walking/Chair Dancing class provides practical, beneficial functional fitness workouts that can help individuals improve overall health, reduce the risk of injury or falling and enhance the ability to perform daily tasks.

Because LSAL Fitness Club focuses on the holistic approach to fitness and wellness training, we can help older adults who live alone strengthen their bodies to maintain their independence and offer hope to those with health challenges. By joining LSAL Fitness Club, you can benefit from these training methods. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet **Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*. Sign up in class.



Are you curious about the Study Groups Club?

Would you like to make new friends, join new activities, and most importantly, have a good time? Go to and check out all our current and upcoming study groups at studygroups.vgcc.club



STUDY GROUPS

Join on the website or email your application information to Yvette Katz at ykatz256@gmail.com

Please, one membership application per person.

Please include the following: Name, address, phone number, cell phone number, and email.

Any questions, contact: Judy Rogers at judy.rogers488@gmail.com.

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

For any questions regarding the website, contact Judy Eskinazi at yudit1@yahoo.com and please write "website" in the subject line.

Upcoming Study Group Events:

Jewish History Through The Ages—Wednesday, April 24 at 4 p.m. in the Sequoia Room will be the first meeting. We will discuss how the actual Torah was written, what it includes, and what is relevant today. What is interesting about the creation and cover a few milestones that tie to Judaism. Facilitator: Israel Littman, Irl856@gmail.com 201-573-0747

The Non-Fiction Book Club will be reading "Into The Shadows I Ran" by Tha Chhay and Matthew Raudsepp. It relates the escape of the first author from communist Cambodia. Our leader is Sally Otton. Sally knows the authors and will have them join us during the discussion. It will meet on Zoom on April 25 at 3 p.m. Facilitator: Nan Holmes 408-841-9775 nankind@gmail.com

The Movie Group—On April 27, the movie group will meet at 5 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. When the movie is chosen, it will be distributed to all Movie Group members. The movie's leader is Meril Smith. Dinner after with the group at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse is optional. Facilitator: Judy Rogers 408-233-9020 judy.rogers488@gmail.com

Global Village: Myths & Misconceptions that keep us from making healthier food choices

By Pradeep Sonawala

Global Village Community invites you to a cooking demo on **Tuesday, April 30** in Montgomery Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please register by emailing globalvcclub@gmail.com or texting 650-336-3310

The club has been trying to counter many myths such as protein is not available in sufficient quantity in a Plant-Based Diet. Get ready because Ranna is coming back and she's bringing her amazing ideas and clever hacks to make eating plant-based proteins more fun than before.

Last month, we were all a bit concerned about the availability of ingredients needed for making Quinoa Salad, Dosa, Patra and different chutneys. Well, guess what? Ranna was all ears and she's got some fantastic solutions. She is going to show us three awesome recipes that can be whipped up with just a few ingredients that we all have in our pantries.

And she is going to spice things up by showing us different variations of Curry and Daal, Saag, and breads to keep our taste buds on their toes. So get ready for a mouthwatering adventure with Ranna and her plant-based incredible recipes!



Leslie Osborne to speak at VMFSC meeting

Join the Villages Men's Fun Social Club luncheon on **Tuesday, May 7** and hear from our guest



speaker, Leslie Osborne, co-founder and owner of Bay FC. If you are a member, place your lunch order on our webpage. If you are a non-member and want to listen to a dynamic presentation from a founder/owner of a professional soccer franchise, you can attend as a guest. The doors open at 11 a.m., lunch served at 11:45 a.m., and the program starts at 12:20 p.m. in the Fairway Room. Guests should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:20 p.m.

Some other interesting facts about the guest speaker: Leslie Osborne was on the USWNT from 2004-2009 (59 Caps, Bronze medal at 2007 FIFA) and serves as a studio analyst for Fox's Soccer Tonight. Leslie is in the Santa Clara University Athletic Hall of Fame, where she received the Honda Sports Award as the nation's top female athlete in soccer and won a National Championship. She was a Herman Trophy Semifinalist (2004), three-time WCC player and Defender of the Year, and four-time All WCC First Team. She and her husband, Ricky Lewis, live in the Bay Area with their three daughters.



Cribari Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, May 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Dinner and Dance in Cribari Auditorium



Make your own taco salad or nachos

Food, water, plates/utensils are provided

BYOB (bring your own beverage)

Music by Ed Knott

RSVP required, email cribaridac@gmail.com

\$5 for Cribari Residents,

\$10 for guests or non-Cribari Villagers

Questions? Call Deb Gordon at 408-483-3610






RSVP for 'Spirituality of Indian Classical Dance' performance

By Pradeep Sonawala



The Global Village Community Club invites all to the Conference Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 1** for a classical Indian dance performance by Villager Radhika Rajpal. There is no fee, but sitting is limited. **RSVP** by texting 650-336-3310 or emailing globalvcclub@gmail.com to secure your seats.

Radhika is an exponent of the Bharat Natyam and Odissi forms of Indian classical dances. She and her husband Subhash are active members of the GVC Club. At present, Radhika lives a retired life while continuing her quest for the inner growth.

She has performed extensively in the U.S. and India besides teaching at various community centers in the Bay Area. Her approach to dance is that of a Yogini. Her style, her communicative expressions and technique of dance reflect her devotion to the Supreme, making it a meditative experience for all.

Radhika will talk about the deep connection to spirituality through her Indian Classical dance career of 40-plus years. She

will give a glimpse of the various classical styles of dance practiced in India today as well as how they portray stories of gods and goddesses that express every kind of human experience, making it timeless.

Add Mixed Media to your Watercolor

By Barbara Gottesman

"How dare you add a mountain in acrylic to your watercolor landscape? How dare you underline a tree shadow in charcoal? How dare you add marks by an ink pen to show the texture of tree bark?"

Doug dares! In Doug Canepa's new class in Watercolor Plus Mixed Media, he will teach traditional watercolor and also simple techniques that will enhance students' ability to produce their own artwork. Adding mixed media to watercolor may help students develop their own style beyond basic watercolor.

In this class, Doug will explore strategies beyond traditional watercolor painting by adding acrylics to make images pop. Textured paste, colored pencils and charcoal pencils will be used for texture. Burnishing and blending tools will be introduced as will pen and ink. Individual critiques will help students progress along their chosen path.

Join Doug for this daring class on **Wednesdays, May 1 to 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

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

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



Chat over coffee about end-of-life desires

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education Programs

Judith Holmes, a certified End-of-Life Doula, will ease into difficult conversations with you on



Judith Holmes

Tuesday, May 7 in the Sequoia Room at 10:30 a.m. about end-of-life preferences and how you can make them clear to your family. As a With Grace Hospice volunteer, Judy's calm, warm, and patient style invites easy sharing and a sense of safety. Committed to her mission as an End-of-Life doula, Judy said, "Respecting and following a family member's wishes is critical in ensuring the care and treatment provided are dignified and in accordance with the dying person's wishes. In following those wishes, [the family members] validate and honor the life of their loved one." An experienced facilitator in many settings including with foster, adoptive, and at-risk families, Judy specialized in working with children who experienced trauma. In her second career, Judy feels called to work with those who are dying and their families.

While sipping coffee and savoring delicious desserts, you can: speak freely about your end-of-life preferences, share your stories, learn how to weave your desires and stories into clear direction for your loved ones, and breathe deeply knowing you faced your fears, voiced your values, and can live confidently.

This presentation is not a grief or end-of-life support group. Instead, it is place for you to be part of conversation over coffee and desserts, about how to tell your family your wishes for your end-of-life care.

To prepare the correct number of fresh desserts, reservations are needed. Seating is limited to 15. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.



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



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

Topic: **Villager & other Communications** with **Theresa Ostrander (GM)** and **Elizabeth Park (AGM-Communications/Public Safety)**

Audience - First come, first served. Maximum 50.

For call-in registration, please contact Andrea Garibaldo, Building A receptionist, at 408.223.4674. To register online, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vgccfireside4>

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More CLUBS

Save date for Flag

Retirement Ceremony



The Villages Veterans Club will be sponsoring the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Wednesday, June 12** at the Barbecue/Gazebo area at 12 p.m. The ceremony is to retire American flags that are faded, frayed or torn. You may drop off your flag(s) to the box located at 3131 Lake Garda Drive any time before June 11. You may also bring your flag(s) to the Barbecue/Gazebo area by 11:30 a.m. on June 12 and stay for the ceremony. All American flags of any cloth (cotton, nylon, polyester or similar) are eligible for retirement. The Flag Ceremony is open to all Villagers. The Villages Veterans Club looks forward to having you at the ceremony.

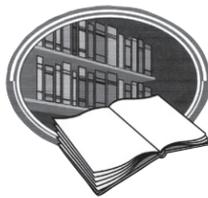
Incontinent supplies available—don't wait!

The VMA currently has a great deal of donated incontinent supplies. Please feel free to stop by the VMA office in Cribari Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to pick up what you need. This is just one of the many complimentary services the VMA regularly offers.

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.

"Unnatural Death" (Kay Scarpetta #27) by Patricia Cornwell. Chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta finds herself in a Northern Virginia wilderness examining the remains of two campers wanted by federal law enforcement. The victims have been mauled beyond recognition, and other evidence is terrifying and baffling including a larger-than-life footprint. After the most frightening body retrievals of her career, Scarpetta must discover who would commit murders this savage, and why. *Mystery, 2023.*



"End of Story" by A.J. Finn. "I'll be dead in three months. Come tell my story." So writes Sebastian Trapp, reclusive mystery novelist, to his longtime correspondent Nicky Hunter, an expert in detective fiction. With mere months to live, Trapp invites Nicky to his spectacular San Francisco mansion to help draft his life story, living alongside his beautiful second wife, Diana; his wayward nephew, Freddy; and his protective daughter, Madeleine. Soon Nicky finds herself caught in an irresistible case of real-life "detective fever." *Fiction, 2024.*



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

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

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

Open Studio afternoons, 2 – 5 p.m. Mondays with Michael Sunzeri, Wednesdays with Doug Canepa, Fridays with Greg Cheung. All Villagers and all media welcome!

May 6: Monthly Membership Meeting, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room with Mandy Book presiding. Programs Chair Michael Sunzeri presents Susan Harding who will make paintings out of photographs.

May 14: Free Art Film. Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts. 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose.

Register for all Art Classes at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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

May 1-29: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70.

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. 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 Tuesday, April 23: Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) will lead a hike in Coyote Valley Open Space following the Arrowhead Loop Trail. The trailhead, parking and restroom are located at 550 Palm Ave in Morgan Hill. The trail is 4 miles long with sun and shade, has an elevation gain of about 700 feet, and offers great views of the Coyote Valley and the Diablo Mountain Range. The trail passes grasslands, serpentine rock outcroppings, California Oak/Bay trees and small creeks. Bring hats and water. Afterwards, there is an optional stop at Flames Coffee Shop in Santa Teresa Village. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. Round-trip mileage is about 26 miles.

Rambler Lite Hike April 24: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Valle Vista and the lower Joe Marsh Trail. We'll walk around the Village View Loop and up to the end of the circle to the shorter lower Joe Marsh Trail. The trail has a gradual hill which some of us may walk a bit slower than others. We'll end up at the garden and then walk back to our cars. Drive up the hill to Valle Vista and turn right on the first street "Village View Loop" and park. Use of insect repellent and poles advised. Meet at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Lite Hike May 1: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olives and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike May 8: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike May 15: Gary and Terry Holmquist (408) 332-8581 will lead a hike in Alum Rock Park. It will be on the Valley Trail from the first picnic area to the end of the valley and back. Total distance is about 4 miles with an elevation gain of approximately 200 feet. Round trip driving distance is 20 miles. Meet at 8:45 at Cribari for a 9 a.m. departure. There will be an optional stop for lunch on the way home.

Rambler Lite Hike May 15: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike May 22: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at 9 a.m.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on the club's website at 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

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

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

December 11 - Holiday Party at clubhouse



RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

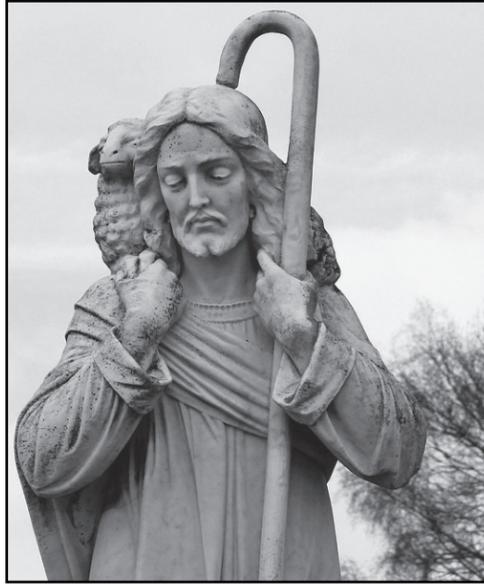
Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'The Lost Lamb'

By Louise Conner

Easter is the reality that Jesus, even after his death, is still present with us. We say he is risen and respond, joyfully, "Alleluia."



In John's gospel this Sunday, we find the affirming vision of the Good Shepherd to help us understand the depth of God's love for us. Imagine two fields with sheep innocently grazing in the sun. One shepherd, a hired hand, sees a wolf and flees to save his own life. The other shepherd stays, willing to lay down his life for his flock. I grew up with this picture of the ever-present Jesus and it contributed to my awareness of being loved as a young girl. Today, I receive comfort meditating on that image. It shows The Good Shepherd, representing our Savior, Jesus Christ, carrying an innocent white lamb, as a symbol of us, across His shoulders, so loving and so protective.

There are the practical realities we have that may give us a sense of protection: living in a gated community with police and firefighters just a phone call away, good insurance policies for health, home, and vehicles. But the loving protection of the Good

Shepherd is a deeper reality. Jesus is always there, every day, for everyone. We just need to recognize the love and care.

This awareness is the peace that surpasses all understanding. We can notice how this peace is present to us in ordinary ways, our spouses and other family members care, a soft warm blanket, even a home cooked meal. These are the beginning of the deep love and care Jesus has for each of us. In difficult times, Jesus never leaves us. He is there with us, our protector, our Good Shepherd, always there, every day, for everyone. Jesus loves us!

EPISCOPAL



Anselm of Canterbury

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

"I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand. For this, too, I believe, that unless I first believe, I shall not understand." So wrote the great Anselm of Canterbury sometime in the 11th century. He was a monk, prior, priest and eventually bishop, as well as a pioneer in the scholastic method of theology. The Episcopal Church remembers his scholarly witness this week.

Even though one of his great contributions to theology was "satisfaction theory" of the atonement, held by few Episcopalians in our day. Anselm described the work of Christ in the terms of the feudal society of his own time: if a servant had broken his bond, he would have to atone for this to his lord. In like manner, Anselm argued, sin violates a person's bond with God, and atonement or satisfaction must be made. But we are unable to make such atonement, because God is perfect and we are not. Therefore, according to Anselm, God himself saved us: becoming perfect man in Christ, so that a perfect life could be offered in satisfaction for sin.

Ours is not a feudal society, but we are still a people seeking right relationship with God through Christ. And undergirding Anselm's theology was a profound Christian piety: a "faith seeking understanding." When we seek understanding of the work of Christ in our own time, we do nothing less than continue Anselm's great search.

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 22 at Vineyard Center.**

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'One Sticker Price'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

When people have unlimited funds for an item they desire, the price is seldom a concern. On the contrary, the price of the same item is essential for those with limited funds. They must consider if the cost of the item is reasonable and how it will affect their welfare in the long term. Lastly, those who desperately need the item to sustain their lives may be deprived of a future.

There are times when we can negotiate the price of an item with the seller, from which may include houses, lands, automobiles, goods, and services. Some things and places are reserved for the wealthy only because the sticker price will be beyond the ordinary person's ability to pay. Everything we purchase here on this earth has a time limit associated with it. They are temporal, and we were created for eternity. Much of our focus and desires in this life have been on the temporal things that do not satisfy our souls.

God, who is Spirit, offers every person the opportunity to dwell with Him in heaven. He offers this gift to everyone whether we accept it or refuse it. The sticker price and prerequisite is Holiness. "By his will, we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all." {Hebrews 10:10 NET}

We act and live our lives as if it weren't so. We want to believe that if we live a good and respect others that we will be able to live with Christ. As a reminder, to those who try so hard to be perfect at being good, our goodness does not qualify us for heaven. We can never be qualified by our own perfection.

It may sound good and reasonable to us but not to God. God has set a higher standard by sending His Son (the One free Sticker Price) to make us like Him. The Son has sent the Holy Spirit to indwell us to live a life that pleases God and sets us apart. Jesus said, "You must be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." {Matthew 5:48} Our perfection is actualized when God sees Christ in us to will and do for His good pleasure.

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

SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

What gorgeous golf weather we've been having. Last week we had a great field of 28...what a turnout. We had no birdies but that just means we'll keep on trying.

This week we're participating in the long-awaited Swinger/Shoni mixer. We have a great turnout for this event—21 Shonis are going to try their hand at the Championship course. And then we'll be treated to lunch at Foothill. There will be more news later either from the Shonis or the Swingers. It will be a fun event.

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

It was a very busy April 9 for the members of the Swingers. Some of the ladies enjoyed a beautiful day at San Jose Country Club as guests of their club. Several of our group had success at a very tough course with the team of Gisele Barber, Wendy Ledamun and Susan Sunzeri taking second in the front nine flight and Susan winning closest to the pin on the first hole with a shot of 5 inches. Amazing and congratulations. On the back nine Valerie Dimmick teamed with three other players to place first. From all the talk from the ladies who travelled to San Jose a good time was had by all.

Back at home we had 65 ladies tee it up on what can only be described as a beautiful and warm spring day. The winners on the front nine first flight were Donna Quartaro, Carol Zaccheo, Debbie Moore, and Susan Anderson. It was Susan's first day to join the Swingers and she had a great time. The second flight winners included Sylvia Rozewicz, Andrea Alvarez, Song Cho, and Sherry Benz. The scores were all good and I imagine all the ladies enjoyed a little more roll.

With scores equally amazing attained on the back nine, the first flight winners were Sheryl Driskell, Emily Li, Marie LeBlanc and Barbara Weisend. The second flight ladies also played well. The winners included Alice Glazer, Suzy Kim, Kathleen Kyne, and Susan Bacigalupi. Alice and Susan also chipped in on hole 15 and 13 respectively and will be looking to pick up a few quarters next week.

BOCCE NEWS



Sharpen skills and strategy with Advanced Beginners class

By Tom Hunt

Are you ready to take your bocce game to the next level? The Bocce Club is excited to announce our upcoming Advanced Beginners class on **Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon**, tailored specifically for members who have played two years or less and are eager to enhance their skills and strategic prowess on the court.

In just two hours, participants will delve into a comprehensive curriculum designed to elevate their game to new heights. Led by seasoned instructors, the class will cover a range of essential techniques and strategies to empower players to play with confidence and finesse.

Here's what you can expect to learn during the session:

- 1. Establishing a Routine for Each Shot:** Master the art of consistency by developing a reliable routine for every shot, ensuring precision and accuracy with each throw.
- 2. Confident Shots All Over the Court:** Gain the skills and confidence to execute shots from any position on the court, enabling you to dominate the game no matter where the pallino rests.
- 3. Banking Strategies:** Learn when to utilize banking shots to your advantage and when to opt for alternative approaches, maximizing your scoring potential in every game.
- 4. Nestling and Chipping Away Balls:** Refine your ability to strategically nestle and chip away opponents' balls, gaining a tactical edge and controlling the flow of the game.
- 5. Establishing a Block:** Master the art of setting up effective blocks to thwart your opponents' advances and protect your lead, strategically positioning balls to your advantage.
- 6. Setting the Pallino:** Understand the nuances of setting the pallino to your team's advantage, gaining insight into optimal placement for maximum scoring potential.

The class will culminate in an exhilarating quick game, allowing participants to put their new-found skills and strategies into action in a friendly yet competitive environment.

To register for the Advanced Beginners Class, simply log in to yourcourts.com and navigate to Club Events > Clinics and Drills > Advanced Beginner Class > Responses > Add Response. Type in your name and hit save to secure your spot. You will receive a confirmation email upon successful reservation.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to elevate your bocce game and connect with fellow enthusiasts in our vibrant community. We look forward to seeing you on the court!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament—Two-man, match play and horserace tournament. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 3, 4, and 5. Flights consist of six 2-man teams – format - four-ball match play - 1 net best ball. Each team will play 9 hole matches with the other five teams. **Sign up at the Pro Shop in person, no phone tee time reservations!**

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.**

Golf Thoughts:

A Villager on vacation finishes his round, goes into the clubhouse. The head pro says, "Did you have a good time out there?" The man replied "Fabulous, thank you."

"You're welcome," said the pro. "How did you find the greens?"

"Easy. I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were."

MGC Emails: 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 I will send you an email to reconfirm you and get you back on track.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **May 7, 2024**. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

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

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 9-hole match. All Flight Champions will compete in the Championship Horserace.

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TENNIS TALK

By Wendy Ferguson

Tennis News Update: We've heard from many former Scholarship winners, some who won as far back as 2008. Here's an update: after graduating from college, one is nearby as a counselor



at Independence High School, another is in real estate as "Head of Product," which must mean "Head of Houses," a third is heading to optometry school, and two are still playing tennis weekly. Many are attending the Scholarship tournament on the 27th, where we will honor them.

Speaking of attending, you can register for upcoming Scholarship events in the comfort of your own home; just go to villagestennis.vgcc.club and sign up. There's fun for all. Jim Ferguson says tournament entrants must be hiding out; he asks that you sign up or he'll be twisting your arm (ouch) or banging down your door. And in plain sight, Suzi Hathaway and her crew are planning a scrumptious dinner that evening. Drawings at both events include tennis lessons by Brett, a ceramic piece by Diane Finley, and gift cards to the Bistro.

Did you know that Silver Creek High School students benefit from our scholarships? The boys' tennis team will journey to The Villages to play our intrepid men. So stay tuned for the upcoming date (TBD) of that annual match.

Here is a photo of participants at fall match between SCHS girls and our women (and despite the overpowering number of girls, our women won).

Yes indeed, tennis is going strong; Villages Tennis League (VTL) participants are on the courts in the afternoon and if you're playing or spectating you know that the games are somewhat sort of competitive (SSC). The captains are doing a fine job leading their teams as well as scrounging for substitute players (SSP). You gotta love the acronyms.

Club members who want to brush up on their tennis and hone their skills should try Jump Start held Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. on courts 1-4. Our coaches are there to tune you up and show you how to improve. So much fun that I'm heading down there.

More fun for all: If you want some great reading and a good laugh, check out Adrien's rip-roaring report about the Open House on the Tennis Club's website mentioned above.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Back on the course Friday, April 12. Wonderful sunshine and mostly clear skies, but mighty winds coming out of the southwest warned us that we were fortunate to get our rounds in on Friday as Saturday and Sunday mornings would be bringing me some of California's famous "liquid sunshine" to The Villages.

The wind in our face, at our back and cutting across the fairways did strange things to our shots, the type of things that most mid and high handicappers experience but not too skilled at not letting it affect our game. We did manage to complete our nine holes; it just took a bit longer than normal. Only 11 Pinseekers braved the elements and five made it to the podium. The top finisher, with a net two under par 34 was, once again, Martin Hoek. In the second position with a net 37 was Chris Corpus. In the third slot, Mario Silva with a net 38. Finishing out the victory stand were two members, Walter Lucas and John Mueller, tied at four over par net 40.

Just a note to all our members and to men who would like to get in a couple of hours of golf when you don't have time for eighteen holes of our favorite pastime. We would love to have you join us. We miss our members who have been absent during most of the rainy season, and we are always happy to meet and explain the fun we have rolling around on the Villages Championship Course

The following list of "Five Reasons we love Golf" as published by Coal Creek Golf, Louisville, Colorado:

1. **You can play as many holes as you want.** 18, 9, short nine.
2. **You can practice anywhere (literally).** On the course, at the range, on your lawn, in the living room or garage.
3. **You can compete with anyone despite contrasting abilities**—that's why having a Handicap Index Number (GHIN) is so useful.
4. **You can love the challenge of the day whatever it may be.** Competition, practice on your problems – slices, shanks, putting, chipping, we all need to work on our game.
5. **It's fun and rewarding**—golf keeps you fit and engaged. It can be a friendly competition against friends or with yourself. It challenges both mind and body.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are in morning play, checking in every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

Thursday, April 11, 2024 was a beautiful day for golf, sunny and warm. Sixteen Ironmen played.

Mike Schwerin won **Third Place** with a net 26; three golfers, Arki Galicki, Bob Lapidus, and Bill Travis tied for **Second Place** with net 25s; and Walter Lucas won **First Place** with a net 24.

There were two **Birdies** today, one by Larry Dorsey on hole 8 and one by Doug Herring on hole 9.

Mike Schwerin won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 1 at 9 feet, 11 inches.

Mike Schwerin won **Low Gross** with a 28.

Golfer of the Day honors go to Mike Schwerin with low gross, a third place finish, and closest to the flag. Way to go, Mike.

Note that the Ironmen starting tee time has changed to 10 a.m. Also, 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

Deep Thoughts:

"I'm a redneck, and we can wear whatever because we just really don't care about those things. And when you're a redneck named Bubba, you really don't care." - Bubba Watson, two-time winner of The Masters

"The rewards of golf, and of life too I expect, are worth very little if you don't play the game by the etiquette as well as by the rules." - Bobby Jones, four-time winner of the U.S. Open, three-time winner of the Open Championship, and five-time winner of the U.S. Amateur.

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By the Villagers and GM Staff

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

More details to come.



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.

Cost is \$380 per Junior per camp. Junior Camps will be limited to 12 juniors per session, first come first served.

Registration is open. Call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension #1 to sign up.



FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Cart Path Repair Project Schedule— The cart path repair project will continue through April. The golf course will be open for play during the project. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24 – Full Course Cart Path Seal Coat

Please observe all directional signs and please do not drive on the cart paths in affected areas until the project is completed and directional signage is removed.

They ask that after the project as the cart paths cure and set – please stay off the cart paths when possible, please do not make sharp turns on the cart paths, please do not make any hard or sudden stops, and please do not turn the steering wheel while your cart is stationary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Let us know if you have any questions.

Ping Fitting Day—Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. To sign up please call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

April-May Golf Schedule

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

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5 – Men's Club Member/Member 8 a.m. Shotgun each day – 1:30 p.m. Open Shotgun

Monday, May 13 – Women's Team Play 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – Open Shotgun 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17 – Open Shotgun 8 a.m. – Golf Moose Outing 12:30 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed*

Saturday, May 18 – 18-Hole Women's Saturday Tournament 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21 – PWGA Tournament 11:30 a.m. – Open Play Tee Times approximately 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26 – Sunday Sweeps

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Holiday – Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28 – Senior Home & Away – 1 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed*

Friday, May 31 – Twilight Mixer – 4:30 p.m. Shotgun – Signup starts May 17

Fairway Top Dressing—Our spring fairway top dressing program is underway. 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.**

Sunday Sweeps - Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

The next Sunday Sweeps is May 26. One Sunday per month, we will be hosting a Sunday Sweeps game. Foursomes can consist of two couples, or any foursome mix of residents who want to participate. All players must have a valid USGA Handicap Index in order to participate. Registration is simple—just tell us when you check in on Sunday that your group wants to play in the Sweeps game and you are in. You will take a standard scorecard and complete it with each player's gross scores on each hole, and turn the scorecard in when you are finished. The entry fee is \$5 per person for the Sweeps prizes. The format will always be 2 Net Best Balls. We will pay out 1/3 of the field each Sunday Sweeps. We hope you will enjoy this fun and casual addition to the golf events at The Villages!! Let us know if you have any questions.

Future Sunday Sweeps Dates: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Dec. 15

Tips from the Pro—Are you “plugged in”?

One feature of The Villages golf course is that we have many greenside sand bunkers to challenge not only your approach accuracy, but also your short game skills around the greens. One reality of a well bunkered golf course such as ours is that eventually you will run into a buried lie in a greenside bunker. So how does one play a buried lie from a greenside bunker? The answer differs from a good lie in the sand. First, realize that the bounce on the sole that helps the club glide and bounce instead of dig into the sand no longer helps us in a buried lie. When our ball is buried, we want the sand wedge to dig into the sand so we can get the ball out—so keep the clubface square or even a bit closed at address to promote the leading edge digging into the sand. The swing must be long and speedy as it takes more speed to excavate a buried ball than one on top of the sand; so make a long, firm swing. Focus on a spot in the sand directly behind the ball because the standard 2-4 inches behind the ball for a flat bunker shot no longer applies when the ball is buried. Lastly most balls bury in the face of the bunker, not the bottom, so be sure on the uphill lie that you dig in and get balanced so you can deliver the club with speed...also realize that swinging into the face of the bunker will prohibit a long follow through so focus on accelerating into the ball and “sticking” the wedge into the sand behind the ball. Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com



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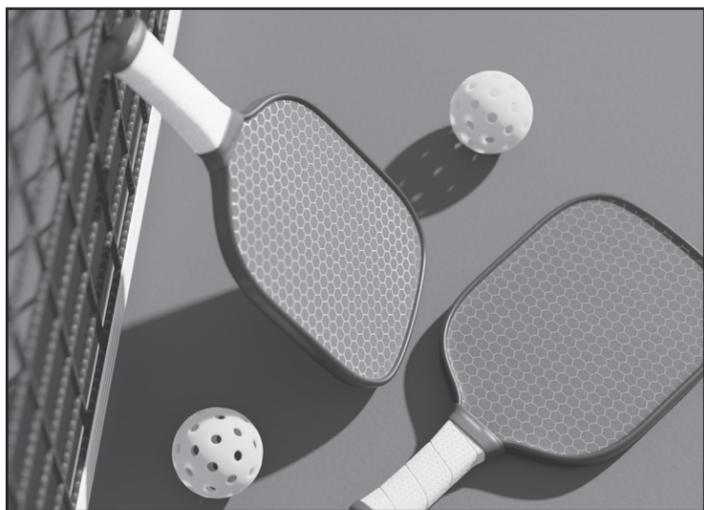
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PICKLEBALL



By Anahid Gregg

For more info, visit our website at villagespickleball.vgcc.club
The Pickleball Season is now officially underway! After a successful social event with Rossmoor, we have a full lineup ready for our members, and are already starting to plan for next year!

Don't miss out on any of the upcoming events – you can find them all on the Club Calendar on our website, and we'll always send out advance notices. Kudos to our Tournament/Social Directors, Sherry and Michelle, who keep us happily occupied. As always, stay tuned for additional fun activities that may pop up! There are some very cool things being discussed!

- April 6 - Rossmoor Social
 - April 21 - King/Queen of the Hill (postponed due to rain)
 - May 5 - Siver Creek Tournament
 - May 10 - First Dink & Drink
 - June 1-2 - Mixed Doubles Tournament
 - June 14 - Dink & Drink
 - July 12 - Dink & Drink
 - August 9 - Dink & Drink
 - September 6 - Dink & Drink
 - September 14/15 - Club Championship
 - Taco Party – TBD
- See you on the courts!

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Reine Fedor

Hooray! The sun was shining and the golfers were happy to be out on our beautiful golf course today. Pam Schramm won the Captain's Trophy this month with an 80 and Bev Poellot had only 30 putts today.

There were five birdies made by Monica Saneholtz on #2, Holly Magowan on #6, Gisele Barber on #11, Mazie Rice on #6,

Kay Gray on #15 and Donna Quartaro on #2. Donna's birdie ball was one inch outside the hole on Hole 2 but her eagle flew away. Oh dear! But it was a great shot nevertheless!

Chip ins were holed by Vicki Krattli on #4, Betty Sharps on #15, Kay Gray on #15, Shirin Shirazi on #18 and Vivian Brown on #2. Well done.

Don't forget to sign up for the Handicap Tournament by this weekend. This first big tournament will continue through the month of May and is flighted. If you have any questions about the match play format, call

Janet Gonzales, Marky Olsen or Monica Saneholtz.

James and Owen will be the Pros to beat on April 25 for the Beat The Pro tournament. The format is a best ball twosome. Of course we will be using our handicaps! And they will tee off from the #5 tee boxes. That's impressive!

Get out and enjoy our beautiful golf course!



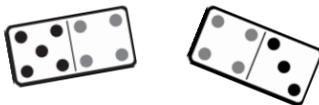
MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, April 10

Maribeth Berlie	196
Joanne Cooke	222
Earl Magoun	247

Friday, April 12

Tony Rivera	155
Maribeth Berlie	196
Beverly Wharton	220
Sandy Gardiner	228



18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, April 11

Captain's Trophy winner:

Pam Schramm - net 67

Low Putts:

Beverly Poellot - 30 putts

Flight One

Low Gross:	
Monica Saneholtz	79
Low Net:	
1. Annie Bassford	71
2. Vicki Krattli	71

Flight Two

Low Gross:	
Jane Hong	91
Low Net:	
1. Pam Schramm	67
2. Beverly Poellot	69
3. Loanne Rube	70
4. Marky Olsen	70

Flight Three

Low Gross:	
Kerry Besmehn	98
Low Net:	
1. Sue Park	70
2. Mazie Rice	70
3. Emily Li	72

2 Tees Flight One

Low Gross:	
Rene Woolard	93
Low Net:	
1. Gisele Barber	69
2. Jean Shimada	72

2 Tees Flight Two

Low Gross:	
Barbara Nilsen	99
Low Net:	
1. Delma Juarez	68
2. Kay Gray	69

BRIDGE

Monday, April 8:

1. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
2. Bosh Singh - Bonnie Taylor
3. Tied - Louann Partridge - Guest; Mary LeGrand - Art Lind

Wednesday, April 10:

1. Ed Logg - Guest
2. Barbara Waldman - Mel Waldman
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Friday, April 12:

1. Louann Partridge - George Welch
2. Mary LeGrand - Guest
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami; Hank - Joel Koransky (Tie)

SHONIS

Tuesday, March 9

All Nets

Flight One:

1. Teddy Morse 25
2. Tied - Joyce Baptiste, Marty Blinde and Pauline Robertson 26

Flight Two:

1. Judy Rogers 20
2. Julianna Wahlgren 22
3. Tied Kathy Tanaka, Peggy White 24

Flight Three:

1. Tied - Rose Loy and Deborah Strauss 21
2. Jan Trusso 22
3. Schinae Ogihara 23

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE



Tuesday, April 9

Front Nine

Flight 1 Net

1. Quartaro, Donna 34
2. Zaccheo, Carol 34
3. Moore, Debbie 35
4. Anderson, Susan 35

Flight 2 Net

1. Rozewicz, Sylvia 35
2. Alvarez, Andrea 36
3. Cho, Song 36
4. Benz, Sherry 37

Back Nine

Flight 1 Net

1. Driskell, Sheryl 35
2. Li, Emily 35
3. LeBlanc, Marie 36
4. Weisend, Barbara 37

Flight 2 Net

1. Glazer, Alice 34
2. Kim, Suzy 35
3. Kyne, Kathleen 37
4. Bacigalupi, Susan 37

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Highland

7500-7573-4/22-4/26.

Olivas

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—In progress.

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—4/22-4/26.

Verano

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Montgomery, Del Lago and Sonata scheduled for 4/22.

Sprinkler System Testing

Verano, Hermosa, Olivas and Estates—In progress.

Pro Chip Jet Mulch Installation

Olivas 8733-8752 and The Heights at various locations—In progress.

Association Maintenance

Glen Arden

Roof replacement scheduled to start 4/22.

Hermosa

8372—Deck coating project in progress.

8412—Deck coating project in progress.

Club Maintenance

Golf Course asphalt repairs and re-coating scheduled for 4/23-4/24.

Building C remodel—In progress.

Annual Ant Spray

Perimeter of buildings to be treated.

Valle Vista, Glen Arden and The Heights scheduled for 4/22.

Highland and Verano scheduled for 4/23.

Olivas and Olivas Estates scheduled for 4/24.

Hermosa and Montgomery scheduled for 4/25.

Cribari scheduled for 4/26.

Sonata, Del Lago and Fairways scheduled for 4/29.

Foothill Center, Vineyard Center, Montgomery Center, Cribari Center, Clubhouse, Public Safety

Plaza and Business Offices scheduled for 4/30.

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.

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

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.

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In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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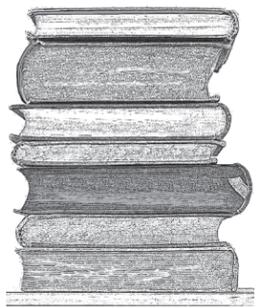
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By Sherry Arias, Sherle Frost and Kristie Kayser

Kids today rely on Google for information and amusement. But here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among all the bestsellers. Just turn left when you come through the front door. And if reading has become a bit of a challenge for you, the audio books are behind the front desk. There's also a wall of mystery, fiction and non-fiction large print editions in the backroom. While you're there, take a look through the biography section. Use the computer. And don't forget the puzzles! Some folks just come in for the puzzles.

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**Submit your questions for
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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.

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