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## The Villages bids Club President a heartfelt farewell

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that we announce Leslie Lambert's resignation from her position as President and Director of the Club Board for personal reasons effective immediately. Leslie's dedication, hard work, and exemplary leadership have been instrumental in shaping our community and guiding us through various challenges.

The Board of Directors wishes to express its sincere appreciation for Leslie's significant contributions during her tenure. Her unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community has left an indelible mark, and her presence will be greatly missed.

The Board declared a vacancy but agreed that appointing a replacement per the Bylaws was not warranted due to the proximity of the scheduled annual Board elections. Following thoughtful consideration, the Board has elected Judy Owen as the new Board President and Andy Altman as Vice President.

While Leslie may be stepping down from her formal position, her legacy of excellence and dedication will continue to inspire us. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Leslie and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

— Club Board of Directors



## Enjoy 'Celebration of Music Anniversaries' at Cribari

The Villages Concert Band will present "A Celebration of Music Anniversaries" in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, May 19** at 2:30 p.m. The doors open at 2 p.m. with tickets selling for \$20. Need a ride? Call VMA (Villages Medical Association) at 408-239-4230.

The concert, conducted by Melson Varsovia, will feature music from "The Lion King" in honor of the 30th anniversary of the animated release. It will also mark the 60th anniversary of the release of the "All Summer Long," a collection by the Beach Boys, and "A Hard Day's Night" by the Beatles. Music from both albums will be played. The concert will also celebrate the one-year-old collaboration of the Villages Concert Band with Pariter Vocal Ensemble, a tenor and bass ensemble which is directed by Albee Mabeza. This portion of the concert will feature a selection of Filipino and Korean folk songs. To honor romantic and wedding anniversaries, Pariter will sing "O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg. This piece will feature Sunni Gibbons, a fellow Villager, on solo cello.

The Villages Concert Band is part of The Villages Music Society, Inc., which includes music groups involving dancing, singing and playing an instrument. Its goal is to enrich the lives of Villagers. See [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for more information.



## Senior Academy to present 'AI: Friend or Foe?'

By Arlene Versaw

Although Artificial Intelligence was born in the 1950s, it has only recently gone mainstream, and in the process, has generated a host of emotions across the human spectrum: fear, intrigue, denial, excitement. But few of us truly understand what AI and Machine Learning actually are, or why we should be experiencing such diverse responses.

Here to help us cut through it all is Dr. Fabio Di Troia, San Jose State University assistant professor of computer science. In a Senior Academy presentation at Foothill Center on **Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m.**, Dr. Di Troia will not only introduce the topics, but make them "real" by discussing the impact to our daily lives, and how it is being used in senior healthcare, independent living, and in cognitive assistance and social engagement. Importantly, he will discuss the ethical considerations involved and future technologies.

Dr. Fabio Di Troia has spent his entire career in computer science, machine learning, and software engineering. He has played a pivotal role in organizing conferences and the delivery of courses and projects focused on the relationship of machine learning and cybersecurity. He is widely published and his commitment to excellence has been recognized through several awards.

Please register for this event at [VillagesSA.org](http://VillagesSA.org) or by calling Mattie Alesi at 408-239-0513.

**Boards of Directors Candidates: see pages 16-19**

# 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.  
 All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.  
 Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com. E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the email and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.  
 1 Pulse letters received this week.  
 1 Deferred Pulse letter released.  
 2 Pulse letters published this week.

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

There seems to be some misconceptions about the new "membership initiation fee." At the April 25 budget meeting it was clear that repair and maintenance of any existing Club facilities comes out of the Club reserves. I recall the Club Board President said this new fee will not reduce our present or future Association or Club fees! If its purpose is to fund new amenities, then this may mean an increase in Club fees in future years to maintain and repair these new amenities. This new fee may not decrease the price of our homes but all the real estate agents I spoke to said as a buyer's agent they would likely ask the seller to pay a portion of this fee thus possibly reducing the money we receive from the sale of our home. So I would like more information and clarification before I vote on this new initiation fee.  
 —Ed Logg

**GM Response:** First, I wanted to address the misconception that the campaign being undertaken by the Club Board is not about the initiation or amenity fee. The "I Approve" campaign is focused on amending the 18-year-old bylaws that are outdated in terms of current California Corporation Code and best practices. There are three (3) main points in bringing a vote to Villagers to revise the Club bylaws. The bylaws need to be updated to:

- Implement best practices of the Country Club industry and comply with changes to California law.
  - Remove language more appropriately covered in Club policies and rules, and
  - Remove limits to the amount of capital funds the Club can collect, hold, and spend.
- Above you are referencing a difference between Capital Replacement funds and Capital Projects. Capital Replacement funds are held to maintain and repair our current Club facilities, amenities, and infrastructure. This funding was previously referred to as Club Reserves. Staff currently has maintenance and repair projects projected over the next 30 years and has determined the estimated funds needed to be collected. Collection of these funds is already a part of the current monthly Club dues.

Capital projects are new Club facilities or amenities such as major refurbishments and/or additions to facilities or amenities. These are funded separately. Adequate funding mechanisms need to be established to support any new additions of our facilities and amenities. These, along with other talking points, will be addressed with Villagers over the next few months as we enter this campaign.

I recently read a Villages BOD Resolution Regarding Fire Safety, which states "... one of the top priorities is the protection of our community from wildfire..."

Just last week I passed a huge semi truck spraying wood chips around condos and I thought, how can this protect us from wildfire?

All around The Villages, you see wood chips/tan bark banked against our foundations, around trees and bushes, etc. According to BrightView, "The wood chips are dyed" and there is no mention of the chips being flame retardant in their statement. How on earth can this flammable material be everywhere and yet we are still protected from wildfire?

Someone needs to reexamine this practice and put an end to it before fire season is upon us. Heaven forbid that wildfire sparks, which are known to travel miles, ignite this stuff.

—Wendy Ferguson

**GM Response:** Thank you for the letter. We often receive this question about the use of mulch in The Villages landscape. Part of the Villages' initiatives to address the use of certain types of mulch as part of what CalFire refers to as the Defensible Space—Zone 0—The noncombustible space is 0 – 5 feet of homes, fences, decks—combustible sources. In the 5 to 100+ feet beyond this space the goal is to use specific types of mulch—less combustible options, larger and bulkier wood chips are generally considered safer. These larger chips have less surface area exposed to oxygen compared to finer materials, thus they ignite less readily and burn more slowly. The Villages avoids the use of "Monkey hair" mulch, made from shredded redwood or cedar bark, which is known for its high combustibility due to its fine, stringy texture which can catch and spread fire easily. It's important to recognize the benefits of using mulch in landscaping, as it plays a critical role in maintaining soil fertility and health. Organic mulches, like wood chips, contribute to the nutrient cycle, reduce erosion, and help conserve water. However, in areas prone to wildfires, the choice of mulching material must be considered carefully. According to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and the California Green Building Code, mulch is required to conserve water and enhance soil quality, but flammable materials such as certain types of wood chips pose a fire risk when used near structures. A safer alternative in these high-risk areas would be non-flammable mulches like gravel or stone, which do not support the nutrient cycle but will not catch fire easily. It is essential to balance the aesthetic and functional aspects of landscaping with the critical need for fire safety, particularly as wildfire risks increase.

## IN MEMORIAM

**In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.**  
 Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility.  
 Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

### DEADLINES

**General Copy:** All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.  
**Sports:** Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.  
**Classified Ads:** Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.  
**Display Ads:** Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages website at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.  
**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in The Villager office, in Cribari Center and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

Publication of advertising in The Villager does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in The Villager are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.  
 All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. The Villager reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.  
**The Villages Communications Advisory Committee** develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

### HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Villager display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.  
 The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Association/Homeowners documents available via email

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to electronic delivery of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Building A and on The Villages web site at [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com) (click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*).

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

### Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



### 'Ask the ABOD'

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

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



## 2024 Club Bylaws gives Villagers ability to keep home value, renovate and comply with laws

We live in a beautiful community in a rare 1,200-acre Bay Area location—set against our east foothills and within a short drive from family and local friends. We're grateful. Our amenities provide the opportunity for us to remain active and socialize with our Villages friends, all within a short walk or drive from our comfortable homes. We have it good here at The Villages. But there's an impending action we must take to keep what we have.

The Club, of which we're all members, is governed by outdated bylaws. Our bylaws were last revised 18 years ago. These bylaws severely restrict our money management. Completing projects to maintain and enhance this community in 2006 came at a fraction of the price it is today. For those who followed the development of our third Bocce court know that this small addition came painfully as the Club Board worked to uncover ways to finance it. The Club has the Capital, yet the bylaws have Capital spending capped at a staggering low amount.

Action—we must drop the limits on collecting, holding, and spending Capital funds (commonly referred to in the Club Budget as the Facility Fund). This move will allow us to continue to build and maintain what was started in 1967. Today, when you walk around the grounds or come to hear Assistant General Manager (AGM) Ryan Bell speak of the expensive projects to replace or refurbish older buildings and the decaying underground utility lines you understand just how tired our dated buildings and infrastructure are. We have hired and organizationally aligned the right people with the right skillsets in the right seats to move us from where we are to where our community desires to go. We need to take action and approve our new bylaws so that we continue to have a beautiful, thriving place to live.

There's more to consider. Price tags on pool upgrades, stable enhancements, center modernization—not to mention simply maintaining 1,200 acres—total in the millions. It's staggering, yes, but a reality we face. The Club has sought counsel and we've come to this wisdom over and again—to retain home values we must invest in our facilities and amenities. Over 20% of our home value rests in this fact. To bridge the financial deficit—our "burn rate"—we have three choices: significantly increase dues, impose an unfortunately necessary resident special assessment, or enact an initiation fee to new home purchasers. The Club is suggesting number three. To accomplish this, we need to approve this revision of the Club bylaws this August.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important vote for our future!

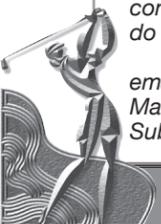
### Upcoming Get-Togethers!

Look for future dates when the Club Board with guests from the GM office will host meet and greet get-togethers as your opportunity to learn more about the bylaws revisions and ask questions. Refreshments will be served.



*The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)*

*If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com), Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com) or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: [resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/)*



More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY  
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**Attention Content Contributors:** *The Villager* represents the voice of its residents, maintaining the tone of the community as well as the accuracy of all articles. *The Villager* staff works diligently with content contributors to uphold this standard, and in doing so, reserves the right to refuse any content written by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology and/or deemed factually incorrect—in whole or in part. We request that club articles be submitted with bylines.

# MANAGEMENT

## Welcome new residents!

### New Resident Orientation scheduled for Wednesday, May 15

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, May 15, at 3 p.m.** in The Villages Clubhouse.

This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call **408-223-4674**.

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

**Note:** For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call **408-223-4674** before May 10 to confirm attendance.

## Sustainability Services helps you to unravel recycling resources



Sustainability Services is working to find local resources that residents may use for recycling items that are unable to be recycled in their trash enclosure recycle bin.

Residents cannot always rely on merchant/vendor website information as it may not be up to date. Reminder, Household batteries may not be placed in the Green Team Garbage or Recycling Bins. Common household batteries such as alkaline (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt), silver oxide button cell batteries (hearing aids, watches, car fobs, etc.), lithium batteries and carbon zinc batteries all need to be recycled at a vendor/merchant that accepts batteries for recycling.

Free Household Battery Drop Off Sites near 95135  
**Ace Hardware Rockery**, 2927 S. King Road, San Jose. Small quantities only (one Ziploc baggie/person)  
**Outdoor Supply Hardware**, 1751 E Capitol Expressway, San Jose – Alkaline batteries only (A,AA, AAA, C, D, 9 Volt)  
**Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site**, Las Plumas Avenue, San Jose - call for drop off appointment at 408-299-7300

Many businesses have discontinued offering recycling services for batteries and other items. Please verify with a vendor/merchant in advance before taking items to be recycled.

Remember—Recycle Right!

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## E-waste event a record-breaker with 9,200 lbs of waste

On Saturday, April 27 a free Villages E-Waste event took place in the Cribari east parking lot. The event was arranged with Zero Waste Silicon Valley, a program of the San Jose Conservation Corp and The Villages Sustainability Services. Villagers took full advantage of the drive up program—with a constant stream of cars and customers from 9 a.m. to noon. Zero Waste Silicon Valley indicated The Villages broke a recycling record of filling the first flatbed truck in 34 minutes.



The e-waste recycled filled three flatbed trucks, a partial box truck and pick up. Villagers recycled 9,200 pounds of e-waste. Thank you to the 180 plus residents who took the time to recycle right.

**The San Jose Conservation Corps & Charter School employees running the event were kept busy from 9 a.m. to noon as Villagers brought their e-waste to be processed. The Conservation Corps organization is a non-profit that provides youth from the ages of 17-½ to 27 with a high school education and valuable work and life skills.**

As a follow up service, residents unable to attend Saturday's event are encouraged to call Zero Waste Silicon Valley for home pick up of electronic waste. There is a fee of \$25 (cash only—exact change) for this service. Accepted items must be placed outside of your home. Please contact Zero Waste Silicon Valley directly for an appointment at 408 283-7171 or email them at ewaste@sjcccs.org.

## Bulky Bin service available the week of May 13

The Bulky Bin service is returning the week of May 13. This free service allows Villages residents to properly dispose of furniture and other bulky and no longer useful household items.

Green Team Bulky Bins are scheduled to be on site from **Monday, May 13** through **Wednesday May 15**. Their arrival time on Monday is between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.—please be patient as we do not have a specific delivery time guarantee. They will be located in the Cribari East and West parking lots, the Montgomery Center parking lot and the Foothill Center parking lot.



The following items are NOT allowed in these bulky bins: No concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators, freezers, medical or hazardous waste.

Garbage is not allowed inside the bulky bins—no exceptions. Contaminated bulky bins will not be removed from The Villages until all garbage has been removed. Please comply with the above so that we can continue with this free service of bulky bins again.

For more information, please contact Mary Tatum at 408-754-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com.

## Use reusable water bottles to reduce the impact of single-use plastics

With summer just around the corner, it's crucial to keep hydrated for good health. Sustainability Services urges residents to opt for reusable water bottles when on the go. While some events may offer bottled water, let's work together to minimize plastic waste and encourage community members to bring their own water. Water refill stations are conveniently available throughout The Villages. At the Cribari Center, you can find a water refill station in the lobby and the Fitness Center. Additionally, all centers with kitchens have faucets suitable for filling reusable water bottles.

For event planners who still wish to provide bottled water, please offer it only upon request from the patron. Let's keep our community and environment healthy!

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**,  
and **COMMUNITY NOTICES**  
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### Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

We have many family members, friends and clients who call The Villages their home.

We have assisted many Villagers establish their estate plans, and we look forward to the opportunity to assist many more.

**(408) 294-4525**

info@hirzlawgroup.com www.HirzLawGroup.com



# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### *Hermosa DAC to meet June 6*

**Date change:** The Hermosa DAC will be meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, June 6** from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Cookies and coffee will be provided.

### *Glen Arden DAC to meet May 15*

Glen Arden will hold a DAC meeting on **Wednesday, May 15** at **4 p.m.** at Foothill Center.

### *Cribari DAC needs you!*

If you are a condo owner in Cribari, please consider volunteering to be a member of the Cribari DAC (District Advisory Committee) for a term of two years.

The primary purpose is to provide communication to and from the ABOD (Association Board of Directors) and Cribari residents. You will be able to represent Cribari on important projects like Landscape Plans, Firewise Fire Safety Project, or Maintenance/Updates needed. Meetings are quarterly.

To apply, please fill out the DAC Application on the Portal. For more information, please contact Maria Hernandez at [mehernandez@the-villages.com](mailto:mehernandez@the-villages.com).

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

### *'The \$170,000 is spent!'*

On April 12, Senior Resource Services (SRS) received a panicked call from a Villager. Could a volunteer talk with her son about his tax problem?

Her son explained the computer program was doing his return wrong. In prior years he had always received a tax refund. This year the return claimed he owed \$50,000!

The volunteer learned that his mother-in-law had died in early 2023 and his wife inherited her mother's traditional IRA of \$170,000. After receiving the money from the IRA, they took their kids on a Disney cruise, remodeled their kitchen, and purchased a boat with the final \$40,000.

Usually, the beneficiary of an inheritance has no income tax implications because the estate is below the exemption amount of \$13,610,000. Even when the estate is taxable, the estate taxes are paid before the remaining assets are distributed. However, this \$170,000 was from mother-in-law's traditional IRA account. Traditional IRA accounts are not subject to the general rule. Yikes! In tax law there is always an exception or two to the general rule.

In a traditional IRA, income tax was never paid on the mother-in-law's contributions to her IRA. When the assets are withdrawn from the IRA, income tax is finally paid. Mother-in-law took her Required Minimum Distributions once she turned 73 and paid tax on her distributions. The \$170,000 is the balance that was left at her death and has never been taxed. Her daughter received the balance in the account. In this case then, the bequest from the mother is taxable to the person who inherits the IRA account.

Son and wife have no cash to pay the \$50,000 tax liability. Son even claims that he is finding the boat more expensive to maintain than he had expected. They owe the \$50,000 tax and will be subject to interest and, for five months, a 5 percent per month penalty for failure to pay their tax.

Tax deferred retirement plans such as IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b) plans can be complicated both as to their taxability and their required withdrawal requirements. If you inherit such a plan, please check with your tax accountant, estate attorney or investment advisor before you receive your bequest so you can adequately plan. You don't want a surprise tax bill of \$50,000.

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

### ***SRS Reminder:***

## ***Executor/Trustee Checklist available***

If you are an Executor or successor Trustee, Senior Resource Services suggests you organize the estate information before your first appointment with an attorney or CPA.

To help you get started, SRS has a handout titled "Executor/Trustee Information Gathering Checklist." Some organization on your part before you make appointments will likely mean less cost for professional time and a consequent greater inheritance for the heirs.

For the "Document Gathering Checklist" stop by the SRS office or leave a message at 408-239-5253. If you leave your e-mail address, it can be emailed to you.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, May 28** at **9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, May 28** at **1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of June are due to the Architectural Committee on or before May 24, 2024. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **The meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **May 24, 2024.**

## *Contacting PG&E during a power outage*

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

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

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

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

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

If you experience a power outage, contact PG&E and report it or to get more information about outages in your vicinity.



## *Missed your Villager?*

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

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



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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

## Experience the 'wild side' at the San Francisco Zoo! See Choral Project' perform 'Earthsongs: Rise'

On **Thursday, June 13**, join us at the San Francisco Zoo for a day of fun! Nestled against the Pacific Ocean, it houses over 2,000 exotic, endangered and rescued animals from 250+ species. You'll also see peaceful gardens with native and exotic plants. Enjoy incredible exhibits such as the African Savanna, Grizzly Gulch, Lemur Forest, Penguin Island, and Gorilla Preserve. The zoo also offers daily feedings, enrichment activities, and zookeeper chats.



We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 4 p.m.

Dining choices include a grill, seafood, pasta, and sweets. The Wildlife Connection Shop features many animal-related gifts that support conservation programs. There are also more snack and gift stands throughout the zoo.

Activity Level: Variable (you control how much walking and sitting you do).

Register in Building B during business hours. The signup deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if event sells out.

The cost per person is \$72 and includes admission, escort and round-trip transportation. The driver's tip is included in the price. Additional tipping is optional. We hope you have a roaring good time!

## Take Intro or Beginner-Plus Line Dancing with Nanci!

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching two different line dancing classes in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays, June 11 to July 16** (six dates)! Choose from one of the following:



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

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

Please note: there is no class on June 4. After this series, Nanci will take a break for personal reasons. We anticipate her return in the fall.

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

Nanci has been teaching country line dance for the last 20 years. She instructs classes across the Bay Area, including some of the largest country nightclubs and winery venues. She loves working with dancers of all ages and levels.

Sign up for our trip to see The Choral Project present "Earthsongs: Rise" as their season finale on **Sunday, June 23**. This show highlights minority issues through music and movement. It aims to foster unity with themes of hope and love. Notable pieces by Steven Sondheim, Freddie Mercury, and Bob Dylan will be on the list. The group is recognized worldwide for their choral performances.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 3:45 p.m. with an estimated return time of 8 p.m.

The concert will take place at Mission Santa Clara de Asis, founded in 1777. It later became the heart of Santa Clara University. The mission features beautiful interiors and exteriors, which include paintings, artworks, a gilded altar, statuary and gardens.

The cost per person is \$55 and includes admission, escort and roundtrip transportation. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, May 13. The deadline is Friday, May 31 or sooner if tickets sell out.

For attendees, the Clubhouse restaurant will offer a 10 percent dining discount on dinner the night before (Saturday, June 22). To claim the discount, book the main dining room for Saturday night and show your registration. Note, the discount doesn't apply to alcohol and can't be combined with other offers. The driver's gratuity is included, but additional tipping is optional.

## Zumba party in the pool and get fit, too!

Sign up for our new Aqua Zumba class at Foothill Pool! Taught by Elena Rodriguez Flores, Aqua Zumba is like "a dance party in the pool." It's a fun, low-impact and high-energy fitness class that mixes aqua aerobics with Latin moves. Aqua Zumba will be offered 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on **Mondays, June 3 to July 15** (six dates; skipping July 1) or Wednesday, June 5 to July 17 (six classes; skipping July 3). You can sign up for Monday, Wednesday, or both.



Elena Rodriguez

Register in Building B beginning Monday, May 6. Registration deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if spots fill up. The cost is \$68.50 per person. (Equipment recommendations are listed below.)

The water's resistance makes it easy on your joints. Water shoes are recommended, but not required. You'll keep your head above water, but a swim cap and goggles are suggested. Wearing appropriate swimwear is a must!

Elena Rodriguez Flores has taught fitness for nearly 10 years. She's certified in Aqua Zumba, as well as Zumba Gold for seniors, and Zumba for kids, step, and toning. Elena's enthusiasm shines in every class. She uses her passion to inspire her students to meet their health and fitness goals.

## See 'Mrs. Doubtfire' on Orpheum stage

We are going to see "Mrs. Doubtfire" at the Orpheum on **Wednesday, July 10!** Don't miss this chance to see the return of this Scottish nanny to San Francisco! The classic film that inspired the musical just celebrated its 30th anniversary. It's a heartwarming and funny story about a devoted dad who goes to great lengths for his children. Join Tony nominee Rob McClure, alongside his real-life wife, Maggie Lakis, in this heartwarming tale of family bonds both onstage and off!

We will depart from the Cribari East Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5 p.m.

After the show, enjoy a delicious lunch at Max's Opera Café with a slice of Ultimate Chocolate Cake for dessert and your choice of coffee, iced tea or soda. When you register, select your entrée from these great options:

- Grilled Chicken Cobb salad (Danish blue cheese, avocado, tomatoes, mushrooms, bacon, egg, tossed in balsamic vinaigrette)
- Max's Famous Reuben (corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing, on grilled rye, served with fries)
- Roasted Vegetable Wrap (feta cheese, portobello mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, avocado, spinach, hummus, with tzatziki on the side, served with arugula salad)

Activity Level: Light (mostly seated). Due to the Bay Area weather, attire is casual and warm.

The cost per person is \$177 and includes tickets, meal, escort and round-trip transportation. The driver's gratuity is covered, but tip extra if you'd like.

Registration is in Building B. Registration deadline is Friday, May 17 or sooner if spots fill up.

### 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.

## Facility Reservations update: New system coming July 1

Heads up! The online tool to view our facility availability is offline as we prepare for a new reservation system. Come July 1, this new reservations and billing system is designed to make your life easier.

If you need to check facility availability in the meantime send an email to [recreation@thevillages.com](mailto:recreation@thevillages.com), call us at 408-223-4643, or stop by our office in Building B. The Villages' Recreation Services staff is here to help.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this might cause. We're excited about what this new system will bring, including reservations and calendar functions straight to your smartphone. These improvements will make for a better experience when booking events and Club facilities.

## See 'Rose—A Mother's Story' in Cribari Auditorium

Writer and actress Kathy Estevez-Bates is coming back with "Rose – A Mother's Story" on **Saturday, June 8** from 11 a.m. to noon. This performance highlights Rose Kennedy, JFK's mother. It delves into her life and key historical moments. The show has earned high praise at The Villages and beyond, leading to us to move this performance to a larger venue—Cribari Auditorium. If you haven't seen it yet, please join us!

Kathy excelled at San Jose State University, majoring in Theater Arts and Music, and graduating with honors. She worked in Southern California for 30 years as an actress, writer, and musician. Now, she directs the South Bay Singers in Morgan Hill. For Kathy, sharing this program is a great honor. She finds it a privilege to share Rose's story and has even written a play, "The Color of Rose" about Mrs. Kennedy.

Activity Level: Light activity (seated event). There is no cost for this event, but pre-registration is required, as it ensures we meet the minimum number of attendees. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, May 6. The deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if spots fill up. Walk-ins are not allowed.

## Enhance flexibility with Yoga

Sign up for Yoga on **Wednesdays, May 22 to June 26** (six classes) from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, taught by Mariko Dugay (with Izumi Sato substituting on June 12) in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment bought independently, see below).

Register in Building B. 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. Izumi Sato, another qualified instructor, will lead the June 12 class to ensure we offer classes without interruption.

## Mother's Day Brunch Bellinis

Are you hosting Mother's Day at your home? Try this easy brunch beverage to enhance your celebration! Legendary Venetian restaurateur Giuseppe Cipriani invented the Bellini in the late 1940s. The original drink features peach puree with Champagne or sparkling wine. There are many inventive variations including the Raspberry Sorbet Bellini recipe below from [oliviacuisine.com](http://oliviacuisine.com):

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

- 1 pint raspberry sorbet
- 1 bottle chilled prosecco or 1 bottle of chilled lemon lime soda (for nonalcoholic version)
- fresh raspberries (optional garnish)
- fresh mint leaves (optional garnish)

### Instructions:

1. Place two to three scoops of sorbet in each glass.
2. Pour the chilled prosecco or soda over the sorbet.
3. Garnish with raspberries and mint leaves as desired.
4. Enjoy immediately!

The Villages wishes all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, etc. the happiest of Mother's Days!



## Dance your way to fitness with U-Jam

Sign up for U-Jam Fitness in Cribari Auditorium on **Mondays, June 3 to July 8** from **10 to 11 a.m.** (six classes). Taught by Dominique Martin, U-Jam Fitness is an urban dance workout that combines sweat and fun. It features world beats and smooth dance moves that will leave you wanting more! Plus, no equipment is needed.

The cost per person is \$68.50. Register in Building B. The signup deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if class is filled.

Dominique Martin began teaching U-Jam in 2010. She loves adding a bit of spunk to dance fitness for groups.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://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 14:** Free Art Film. Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts. 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose.

**May 30:** Advisory Board meeting, Art Room, 4 p.m.

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

**May 28:** Collage on Copper with Carol Norden. Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$125. All materials furnished: 12x24 copper sheets, acrylics, brushes, findings.

**June 4, 6, 11, and 13:** Printing without a Press with Pat Remington. Two Tuesdays and two Thursdays, 1 – 3:30 p.m. \$60. All materials furnished.

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

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

**Long Hike Tuesday, May 21:** Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) will lead a hike to the 3,486 foot summit of Mt. Umunhum located in the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. The hike will start from the Bald Mountain parking lot (has a restroom) on Mt. Umunhum Road, which is a 25-mile and 50-minute drive from the Villages. The up-and-back hike will be 3.6 miles each way (7.2 miles total) with sun and shade, and an elevation gain of about 1,200 feet. At the summit there is a nearly 9-story concrete radar tower which is visible from most areas in the Silicon Valley, including the Villages. The de-activated tower was part of the Almaden Air Force Station, which was a surveillance base in operation from 1958 to 1980. A restroom is also available at the top. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. Roundtrip mileage is about 50 miles.

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 5/13 to 5/19

**Monday, May 13**

Napa Cabbage with Wonton

**Tuesday, May 14**

Potato Leek

**Wednesday, May 15**

Chicken Noodle

**Thursday, May 16**

Beef Barley

**Friday, May 17**

Manhattan Clam Chowder

**Saturday, May 18**

Chef's Choice

**Sunday, May 19**

Chef's Choice

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

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

**Restaurant Main Dining Room:** Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.  
Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://clubhouserreservation.com)

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

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

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

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

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

### We want your opinion!

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

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



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

### Mother's Day Brunch Buffet Menu



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Desserts Display**  
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini 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](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)**

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 5/13 to 5/19

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 5/14 to Sunday 5/19

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

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 5/13 to Sunday 5/19 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Caribbean Chicken Salad:** Spinach, Marinated Chicken, Apples,  
Strawberries, Mandarin Oranges, Candied Walnuts and Raspberry  
Vinaigrette **\$15.95**

**Salmon Medallion:** Grilled Salmon Beurre Blanc on a bed of  
Creamed Spinach and Mushrooms **\$16.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 5/14 to Sunday 5/19 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Surf & Turf:** Strip Sirloin and Prawns in a Garlic Butter Sauce with  
Choice of Sides **\$28.95**

**Antipasto Salad with Prawns:** Zucchini, Portobello Mushrooms,  
Peppers, Red Onions and Mozzarella Cheese with Balsamic  
Dressing **\$26.95**

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday to Friday

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

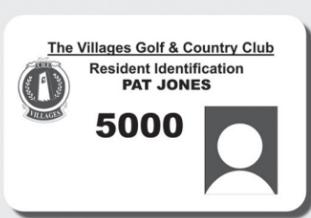
### Saturday and Sunday

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

**Main phone line: 408-223-4687**  
Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2  
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

**Online**  
Reservation or Curbside Order: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com)  
Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)

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




**Whole Rotisserie Chicken**

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

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

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**

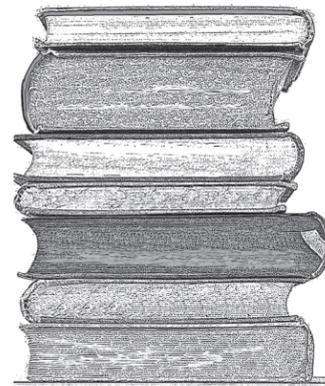


To help streamline the process of ordering, the Clubhouse now has, in addition to phone orders, an online meal ordering system. The system will be a fast and easy way for guests to choose meals and pickup times for their orders. This will also be a great way for golfers to order a meal from their phones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

## Welcome to our very own Villages Library!

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 back-room. 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.



Haven't found what you want yet? Check out our large paperback area and the regular stacks. Or come to the book sales on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. We receive many donations of current bestsellers that are priced well below retail.

Our many devoted library volunteers are always available to assist you. We're open **Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and **Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

### The Villages Golf & Country Club

Dear Customer—As of March 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.*



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



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

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

## Notice of Proposed Changes to Association Policy APr 202 District Advisory Committees

At the April 30, 2024, board meeting, the Association Board approved proposed changes to Association Policy APr 202 District Advisory Committees and to publish proposed changes for the required member comment prior to formal approval consideration at the June 25, 2024, board meeting.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to clarify the committee composition, authority, funding, and accounting procedures of Social Committees, and Decorating Committees and to add the FireWise Subcommittees to support the Association in gaining and sustaining The Villages FireWise certification.

Response to the proposed changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed changes at the Association Board of Directors May 28, 2024, and June 25, 2024, board meetings, 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at mehernandez@the-villages.com.

### THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

**Committee:** District Advisory Committee (DAC)  
**Reports to:** Association Board of Directors (Board)

**Purpose:**

The most important purpose of the DAC is to facilitate communication between residents and the Board.

Each DAC listens to the wishes of the District residents and reports those wishes to the Board. The DAC helps residents understand how the Villages Association operates, what the rules are and how to get assistance for routine activities. DAC members attend Association Board meetings and pass along the latest news. DACs are provided monthly financial reports, water usage and maintenance plans, to help them understand and explain the budget and actions of the Board. DACs make important recommendations on residence paint colors, landscape plant choices, service changes and project proposals.

The DAC shall:

- Apprise residents of recent Board announcements, plans, and decisions that may affect them.
- Advise the Board through meeting minutes, correspondence, and oral communication at Board meetings regarding matters of concern to the DAC and/or District residents.
- Assist residents in understanding the requirements of Association Rules and Policies and villa safety best practices.
- Provide a forum to hear resident comments about relevant Association issues at all general DAC meetings.
- Serve as role models in following Association Governing Documents, including the Bylaws, CC&Rs, Policies, and Rules and explaining them to owners and residents.
- Encourage a sense of community within their District.

**Limitation of DAC Authority:**

The DAC recommends actions to the Board for the Board to decide. DACs do decide on items delegated by the Board to the DAC (such as in working with Staff on Landscaping and Facilities as listed below under DAC Responsibilities and Practices).

- The DAC does not direct, or supervise, Staff or contractors in their activities.
- The DAC does not commit or withhold Association funds except those that are explicitly approved by the Board.
- Neither the DAC nor DAC Members may represent themselves to outside organizations as agents of the Association, nor use the term DAC/District Advisory Committee, unless authorized by the Board in writing.
- The DAC does not make or approve alterations to Association Common Areas other than temporary, incidental, holiday decorations in compliance with Association Rule 2.24.
- DACs may not request bids from any vendors.

**DAC Committee Composition:**

- Committee members are appointed by the Board. The DAC may encourage and recommend candidates for appointment. All persons desiring to serve on a DAC must fill out a DAC Application form and have it signed (or endorsed by email) by their DAC chairperson or by the Board. The preferred method to fill out the form is using the online version available on The Villages Resident Portal.
- Each DAC must consist of three to seven voting members. Voting members must be owners – the majority must be resident owners.
- Up to five associate members may be appointed by the DAC. Associate members are non-voting members of the committee. Renters may be associate members.
- Only one person per residence may serve as a voting DAC member, but other residence members may serve as associate members or on DAC subcommittees.
- DAC members may not also be Club or Association Board members. If elected to a Board, then the DAC membership is ended when starting the Board membership.
- Chairperson: The DAC Chairperson is nominated by the DAC and must be approved by the Board.
- The DAC shall appoint a Landscape subcommittee and a FireWise subcommittee. A DAC may also appoint Painting, Decorating, Water Conservation, Social, and other such other subcommittees as necessary to accomplish its Purpose

(defined above). **DAC members may serve on subcommittees, if needed.**

- Staff support:
  - The ~~Association Operations Manager~~ Board Services Director (or their designee) shall be the primary and first DAC contact for information and/or Staff support requests.
  - The ~~Association Operations Manager~~ Board Services Director (or their designee) will coordinate requests and responses between DACs and other Staff members. If the ~~Association Operations Manager~~ Board Services Director (or their designee) deems it appropriate, he/she will authorize communication directly with those Staff members.
  - Preferred method of communication is email.
  - Requests will be accepted only from the DAC chairperson or his/her designee.
- Board liaison: One Board member will be assigned as a liaison to each DAC as defined in APo 112.

**Member Terms:**

- Members are appointed for staggered two-year terms. Each additional term request shall be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.
- Member terms begin July 1 and ending June 30.
- It is highly recommended that DAC chairs only serve in that role no more than three consecutive years.
- Vacancies will be filled by DAC recommendation and Board approval to complete the unexpired term of the member being replaced.

**Meetings:**

- The DAC will hold an open District meeting at least quarterly.
- At least once each year and preferably more often, conduct meetings in the evening to allow residents to attend who cannot attend during normal work hours. One of those meetings must be a presentation of the new fiscal year's approved budget.
- All DAC meetings, except agenda setting meetings, will be open to all District residents.
- DACs will publicize their meetings in advance in The Villager, Fast Lane, The Villages Resident Portal, and Channel 27.
- The DAC chair will prepare a meeting agenda and make reasonable efforts to make it available to DAC members and residents at least 72 hours before the meeting.
- The DAC shall conduct its business in an open and organized manner, according to the published agenda.
- DAC meetings will include scheduled time for resident comment.
- When using Club facilities DACs must follow all associated Club rules.
- DAC meetings will respect the privacy of residents. Meetings may not be recorded.

**DAC Responsibilities and Practices:**

**1. Conduct and Attend Meetings**

- Conduct DAC meetings as defined under Meetings (above) and prepare minutes of the DAC meeting. Forward the minutes to the Board (via the ~~Association Operations Manager~~ Board Services Director (or their designee)) and make reasonable efforts to communicate them to District residents.
- Monthly, attend Board meetings (by at least one DAC member).
- When requested by Staff, attend meeting with Facilities and Landscaping personnel.
- The DAC chairperson or designee should attend the "All-DAC" and Budget meetings with Staff and the Board members.
- As requested by Architectural Committee (AC):
  - Provide recommendations regarding villa common areas, and
  - Review/recommend changes to AC Rules

**2. Financial**

- Review District financial information to help residents understand the reports and the relationship to their HOA fees. If needed, request clarification from the ~~Association Operations Manager~~ Board Services Director (or their designee) (who can get additional information from The Villages Controller or Accounting departments).
- Financial and budget information Q&A are published on the in-house Resident Portal for each Village. The DAC should review prior year's Q&A's when preparing

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new budget requests or before sending in new questions to Staff.

- During the Budget Development process, the DAC will have a once-per-year opportunity to request additional services, adjusted service levels, and new maintenance and landscape projects. The process will flow as follows:

- The DAC will utilize the Association Project Requirements Form to make its requests. (Search the in-house Resident Portal for “Association Project Requirements Form”.)

- If the DAC makes more than one request, the requests must be prioritized in a memo to the Board president at the time the Association Project Requirements Forms are submitted.

- It is not necessary for the DAC to fully understand the costs involved in either the services or projects at the time they submit the request.

- Once submitted, the Board will conduct a first evaluation of the requests before sending approved items on to Staff.

Note: There will be several steps where the Board might decide to approve or disapprove a DAC request. The DAC will receive feedback from the Board after each of its evaluations with opportunities to respond.

- Staff will determine the costs of each service and project.

- The Board will evaluate the proposals again after receiving cost estimates from Staff.

- Approved items will be included by Staff in the draft budgets.

- The Board will evaluate the requested items again after the first draft of the operating and reserve budgets are received.

- The DAC will have opportunity to respond to each Board project evaluation and to ask questions about the draft budget presentation up to two weeks after the feedback or presentation. Q&A will be published on the in-house Resident Portal.

### 3. Facilities

- Painting—For each paint cycle recommend to Facilities what paint colors are desired.

- Educate residents on Rules to avoid causing unnecessary building repair expenses (e.g., no pots on railings, no nails or items mounted on outside walls without AC approval, etc.)

- Make requests to Facilities through the Association Operations Manager Board Services Director (or their designee).

### 4. Landscaping

- For each landscaping project scheduled, choose the plants from the plant selections presented by Staff.

- During the budget development cycle each year the DAC may recommend special landscaping projects for consideration by Staff and the Board.

- Requests to Landscaping Staff shall be made through the Association Operations Manager Board Services Director (or their designee).

### 5. FireWise Subcommittee

- The purpose of each DACs Firewise committee is to support the activities of the Association’s Fire Safety committee in gaining and sustaining The Villages Firewise certification.

### 6. If appointed, a Social Subcommittee shall operate in the following manner:

- Social Committees must have a minimum of two members.

- Social Committee members must be named at the start of each year and updated as changes occur.

- Social Committees are encouraged to have an independent bank account. Account names must avoid using “The Villages” or the like. The Villages and the ABOD assume no responsibility for Social Committee funds.

- Social Committees must give a quarterly accounting to their residents through their newsletter, website or at a DAC meeting.

- DAC Social Committee Special Events should be scheduled during the Master Calendar process each fall or as soon as possible.

- When using Club facilities, DACs must follow all applicable Club rules (e.g. non-standard room set ups will result in an appropriate set-up fee.)

- Social Committees are permitted to schedule up to four (4) Special Events per year. Requesting such events will utilize the Special Events form from the Community Activities department. Simple refreshments in conjunction with DAC meetings are not considered Special Events.

- Special Event form must be approved by the Social Committee Chair and DAC chair. Please return Community Activities and retain a copy to submit with House Charges list.

- Social Committees are permitted to bill DAC residents via house numbers for Special Events through the Villages Accounting Department and only by attaching the approved Special Event Form.

- If clubhouse catering is used, the Accounting Department will pay the Clubhouse directly and send any residual funds to the Social Committee, typically within 90 days of the event.

- If Clubhouse catering is not used, the Accounting Department will write a single check to the DAC Social Committee. No residual funds will be retained by the Accounting Department.

### 7. If appointed, a Decorating Subcommittee shall operate in the following manner:

- Decorating Committees may solicit funds from residents providing it is made clear that this is a donation to be managed by the subcommittee.

- All Decorating funds will be held by members of the Decorating Committee and not involve the Accounting Department. Funds may be blended with Social funds if preferred by the DAC.

- Decorating Committees must name who is managing the donated funds and communicate fund usage/balances to their residents through their DAC newsletter, website or at a DAC meeting.

- All DAC decorations must reflect good taste, project a country club image, be sensitive to various cultures, and be in excellent condition. Religious images and sentiments are to be avoided. DAC decorations may not obscure District name on monuments or hamper visibility for pedestrians and vehicle drivers. DAC decorations are also subject to ABOD Rule 2.24, and if there are conflicts between the above, then the Rule 2.24 takes precedence over this paragraph.

### 8. Water Conservation

- Help residents understand what actions they can personally take to save water and what current Association rules are in effect on water usage.

### 9. Safety

- Help residents understand their vital role in protecting themselves and their neighbors as well as minimizing HOA insurance charges. Some areas that can have a significant impact on our insurance premiums are the following:

- Maintain fire/smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

- Keep dryer vents, and bathroom and kitchen exhaust systems cleaned.

- Follow Association Rules regarding barbecues, emergency power systems, and hazardous materials storage.

- Use licensed contractors and follow building codes.

- Correct water leaks immediately.

- Support Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) activities by being familiar with the EPC organization and procedures.

- Ensure that temporary holiday and other decorations installed by DAC volunteers are safe and follow the guidance of Staff as to whether they need to be modified for safety.

### 10. Communications:

- It is recommended that the DAC, at least semi-annually, prepare a newsletter and distribute it to residents, and the Board through Staff. Newsletters must be submitted in electronic format to Staff.

- All DAC communications, except for direct forwarding of Board content, shall contain the following disclaimer statement:

“The content presented within this [newsletter, website, etc.], unless it is an actual Association document, are the views of the authors and not to be interpreted as official positions of the Association Board.”

For newsletters it should be published prominently on the first page, and for website it should be published in the footer area of each page of the website.

- Any media created by the DAC (newsletters, minutes, websites, etc.) must be submitted electronically to the Association Operations Manager Board Services Director (or their designee). The Association Operations Manager Board Services Director (or their designee) will forward these media to the Board and to other DACs.

- DAC should contact the Association Operations Manager Board Services Director (or their designee) to request a topic to be addressed at a Board meeting.

- The DAC must follow Board guidelines regarding use of “social media” and websites.

### 11. Education:

- It is recommended that at least one DAC member should attend the yearly Educational Community for Homeowners (ECHO) seminar.

- Attend DAC educational sessions sponsored by the Board or the General Manager.

- Promote participation by District residents to attend and to serve on the DAC.

- Service on DACs will help prepare members for later service on the Board.

### 12. Elections

- A DAC may not endorse candidates for any Villages governance or club election.

### 13. DAC Leadership Continuity:

- It is highly recommended that each DAC chairperson maintain an up-to-date set of key DAC documents for handoff to the next DAC chairperson to provide continuity of operations when changing chairpersons. The key document set should contain such items as District budgets, District projects, Landscaping information, DAC membership and contact information, information regarding Safety and EPC, and DAC subcommittee information.

### 14. Resources

- Community Activities (in Building B) can assist with faxing, reproduction, and owner/resident addresses. A mail/document distribution box is located there for each DAC.

# Proposed Changes to Club Board Policies VGCC Policies CPo 203 Nominating Committee, and CPo 805 Donations, Gifts and Memorials Policy, and proposed New VGCC Policies CPo 117 Conflict of Interest and CPo 224 Leadership Development Committee.

At the April 30, 2024, monthly meeting, the Board approved to publish for Notice proposed changes to VGCC Policies CPo 203 Nominating Committee, and CPo 805 Donations, Gifts and Memorials Policy, and proposed New VGCC Policies CPo 117 Conflict of Interest and CPo 224 Leadership Development Committee prior to formal approval consideration at the May 28, 2024, monthly meeting. Proposed changes are also on the Resident Portal.

The purpose of the proposed edits to the policies and proposed new policies is 1) to come into compliance with current California Corporation Code 7212 for all the policies and to update to reflect organizational change references, 2) to revise Nominating Committee Charter so it includes a Director as Chair, removes the committee as "totally independent" of the Board and adds Candidates' Night as a duty of the committee, and 3) for CPo 805 (Donations) to increase the General Manager's authorization to accept donations from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Response to the proposed policy changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the May 28, 2024, board meeting, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meetings, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meeting.

Proposed changes to Policies CPo 203 and CPo 805 are shown with ~~strike through~~ text for deletions and underlined text for additions.

Because they are proposed new policies, Policies CPo 117 Conflict of Interest and CPo 224 Leadership Development Committee text will not include strike through or underlined text.

## TITLE: **Nominating Committee** POLICY NUMBER: **CPo 203**

**OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of the Nominating Committee, an Ad Hoc- Committee Standing Committee, is to identify and solicit qualified candidates for members of the Club Board of Directors (Board).

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** ~~Club Bylaws, Article 6-1.1.~~

**POLICY:** The Board President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an ad hoc standing Nominating Committee at the September Board meeting of each year.

It shall further be the policy of the Board that ~~the Nominating Committee, after its initial orientation meeting, function totally independent of the Board.~~ Board Members not on the committee, shall not make any independent contact either verbally or in writing with the Committee unless the Board Member is seeking re-election or such contact is initiated by the Nominating Committee Chair.

~~The Committee is disbanded upon completion of the election of Board Members.~~

### **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

1. The Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) and no more than seven (7) resident members in good standing, appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board, ~~for staggered two-year terms. A member may be reappointed for one more term.~~

2. The Chair of the Committee shall be a senior member of the Club Board . The Committee will select a Vice Chair, and Secretary.

~~2. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint the new members for any vacancies on the Nominating Committee at the September Board meeting.~~

3. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall strive to appoint one past Board Member, preferably a past Board President, to the Committee who can contribute his/her insight into how the Board functions and the skills required of a Board Member.

4. The Committee shall select a Chair, Vice Chair,, and Secretary.

~~5. 4. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of committee meetings in writing. Progress reports, identifying the number of qualified candidates, shall be submitted to the Board monthly during the year and at the Board study sessions and the Board meetings during the sixty (60) day period prior to release of ballots for election of Directors.~~

5. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint the new members for any vacancies on the Nominating Committee at an appropriate Board meeting.

6. The first meeting of the year shall be called by the President of the Board, at which time an orientation is given reviewing the functioning of the Committee and the role of the Committee and the Board, ~~is discussed.~~

**PURPOSE** The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to:

1. Seek and identify qualified candidates for election to the Club Board.

~~1-2. Work with Leadership Development Committee to identify potential qualified candidates.~~

~~2-3. Provide awareness within the community of the need for qualified director candidates.~~

~~3-4. Assist interested potential candidates in understanding the scope and responsibilities of a director, which include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~• Governance by policy rather than direct management~~
- ~~• Fiduciary responsibilities~~
- ~~• Term of office~~
- ~~• If a renewal of membership to the Board is possible~~
- ~~• Time commitments~~
- ~~• fiduciary responsibilities~~
- ~~• Need to consider what is best for the Club~~
- ~~• governance by policy rather than direct management~~
- ~~• Administrative duties.~~

~~4-5. Advise potential candidates of various campaign options, as well as the petition process.~~

5. Act independently of Board influence.

### **COMMITTEE GOAL**

To recommend as many qualified candidates as possible and to identify and encourage future Board candidates

### **COMMITTEE OPERATION**

1. Meet from time to time to conduct planning or discuss and evaluate po-

tential candidates.

2. Maintain the strictest confidentiality of applicants and interviews.

3. Discreetly acquire knowledge about qualities and interests of potential candidates.

4. Encourage qualified persons to run for the Club Board of Directors.

5. Conduct personal interviews with each potential candidates. ~~ate~~

6. Announce the Committee's nominations no later than April 15.

7. Conduct Candidates night. Public meeting to interview all candidates.

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~~7-8. Campaigning for any candidate in the name of the Nominating Committee is prohibited.~~

### **NOMINEE SELECTION GUIDELINES**

No one person possesses all the skills and qualifications needed for a successfully functioning Board of Directors. All nominees shall have a commitment to the Villages Mission and Vision Statement and be highly motivated. Below is a partial list of some of the skills and qualifications the Nominating Committee should strive to impartially and objectively identify in potential director candidates.

- 1. Communication skills
- 2. Knowledge of the Club's assets and operations
- 3. Ability to meet time commitments
- 4. Corporate, business, professional, or volunteer experience
- 5. Attendance at prior Club Board of Directors meetings

## TITLE: **Leadership Development Committee (New)** POLICY #: **CPo 224**

**OBJECTIVE:** Charter a Standing Committee to recruit, train and encourage qualified Members to become candidates for leadership positions in The Villages Boards, Committees and clubs.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**POLICY** The Club Board will encourage Members to take leadership roles in the community's boards committees, and clubs, and will provide appropriate training, evaluation, and encouragement.

### **CHARTER OF THE LEADER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **Membership**

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) shall consist of five or more members as determined by the Club Board President with the approval of the Club Board of Directors. The members of the Committee should be active in Club activities and have a broad knowledge base of the membership. Two members of the Committee will be Club Board Directors. The President of the Club serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee and the General Manager provides advice and support. Members will serve for 3-year staggered terms. (how does this work with the requirement for CBOD directors on the committee?) Members may serve up to two consecutive terms to provide for continuity of leadership.

#### **Scope of Work**

The Leadership Development Committee will seek, encourage, develop, guide, and mentor Members who have the interest and potential to serve as members of Boards of Directors, Board Committees, or clubs. The Committee will advise and make recommendations to the Board Presidents, any of the Boards of Directors, the Club Board Nominating Committee, and Committee Chairpersons when requested.

#### **Guiding Principles**

- Use positive talent development approaches, including recruiting.
- Avoid processes that result in rejecting significant numbers of applicants.

#### **Outcomes Expected**

The product of its work will be a pool of candidates with the necessary skills and experience who are ready and willing to take up leadership positions as they are needed within the governance structure of the Villages Golf and Country Club community.

The Leadership Development Committee will:

- Define the needs and requirements of the Boards of Directors and key Committees as to the skills, backgrounds, expertise, and experience required for their

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respective open positions.

- Contact Members soliciting their interest in serving The Villages and to provide information on their experience, expertise and background in The Villages and business activities.

- Create a data base, continuously updated, of those Members who are ready and willing to serve in leadership roles at The Villages.

- Provide education and training for Members wishing to serve on Boards of Directors, Committees, and clubs.

- Provide information and support to Boards, Committee Chairpersons, and the Nominating Committee, including recruiting new candidates as requested.

Committee Protocols

- The Committee shall meet as often as the Committee determines is necessary in accordance with a schedule established at the beginning of each Board year. The General Manager will provide support and information as needed and may participate in the meetings when requested. Committee meetings may be conducted in person, electronically, or via telephone.

- Meeting agendas and written materials shall be forwarded to Committee members, as a rule, at least three (3) calendar days in advance of each Committee meeting. Materials may be sent electronically.

- The Committee may retain, where necessary and with the approval of the General Manager and Board of Directors, appropriate consultants with expertise in the specific subject matters under the Committee's charge.

- The Committee shall regularly report to the Club Board on its activities and shall make such recommendations to the Club Board as are required under its charter.

- The Committee will support and cooperate with the Club Nominating Committee in their endeavors.

- The Committee will develop means of communicating to the Club Board of Directors and the General Membership on the activities and the role of the Committee.

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**TITLE: Conflict of Interest (New)      POLICY NUMBER: CPo 117**

**OBJECTIVE:** This policy will protect the Club's interest when it is contemplating entering a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an Officer or Director of the Club, a Member of a Committee, or a related entity, with Club Board-delegated powers.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Bylaws

This Policy is intended to supplement but not replace any state laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to non-profit mutual benefit corporations (Clubs).

**POLICY** The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) will not enter a transaction or arrangement with a Club Officer, Director, or Committee member unless the Board of Directors determines by majority vote that such a transaction is in the best interest of the Club.

**DEFINITIONS**

- Interested Person: Any Officer, Director, or Member of a Committee with Club Board-delegated powers (collectively, a "Person" and individually a "Person"), who has a direct or indirect Financial Interest (as defined below) is an "Interested Person."

- Financial Interest: A Person has a "Financial Interest" if the Person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- an ownership or investment interest of at least five percent (5%) in any entity with which the Club has a transaction or arrangement, or

- a compensation arrangement with the Club or with any entity or individual with which the Club has a transaction or arrangement.

- Serves as an Officer or Director of an organization related to the VGCC such as The Evergreen Valley Foundation (EVF) and Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA)

- **Compensation:** "Compensation" includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that exceed \$250 per year. A Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A Person who has a Financial Interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Board decides that a conflict of interest exists.

**IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES**

- **Duty to Disclose:** In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an Interested Person must disclose the existence of the Financial Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board.

- **Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists:** After disclosure of the Financial Interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the Interested Person, he/she shall leave the Club Board meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

- **Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest:**

- An Interested Person may make a presentation at the Board meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the Board meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement that may result in the conflict of interest.

- The Club Board Executive Committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

- After exercising due diligence, the Board shall determine whether the Club can obtain a more advantageous transaction or arrangement with reasonable efforts from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

- If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably attainable under circumstances that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, the Club

Board shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested Directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Club's best interest and for its own benefit and whether it is fair and reasonable to the Club and shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement in conformity with such determination.

**VIOLATIONS OF THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY:**

If the Club Board has reasonable cause to believe that an Interested Person has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the Interested Person of the basis for such belief and afford said Interested Person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If, after hearing the response of the Interested Person and making such further investigation as may be warranted in the circumstances, the Club Board determines that the Interested Person has in fact failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action as provided in the Bylaws.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

- **Minutes of Meeting:** The minutes of the Club Board meeting shall contain:

- The names of the Interested Person who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Financial Interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest.

- The nature of the Financial Interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and

- The Board's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed; and

- The names of the Directors and other Persons who were present for discussions and a roll call vote.

**COMPENSATION**

A voting member of the Board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Club for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation. A voting member of any Committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Club for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

**ANNUAL STATEMENTS**

Each Officer and Director of the Club Board and each Member of a Committee with Club Board-delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms that such Person:

- Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

- Has read and understands the policy.

- Has agreed to comply with the policy,

- Understands the Club is a nonprofit organization and that to maintain its federal tax exemption, it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes,

- Has disclosed any existing conflicts or stated that there are no such conflicts.

**EXCLUSION OF THIRD-PARTY CONTRIBUTION INVOLVEMENT**

The Club strictly prohibits any involvement or association with third-party contributions towards transactions, arrangements, or any matter governed by this Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Any attempt to influence, benefit, or involve third parties in Club affairs contrary to the principles outlined in this policy is considered a violation and subject to appropriate disciplinary action as per the Bylaws.

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**TITLE: Donations, Gifts, and Memorials Policy      NUMBER: CPo 805**

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide guidelines for the Club's receipt of donations, gifts, and memorials.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** None

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. Donations and Gifts**

1. Advance authorization by the Club Board shall be required to accept any donations and gifts that are valued at ~~\$1,000~~ **\$5,000** or more. The General Manager may authorize acceptance of those of lesser value.

2. Monetary and other donations and gifts to The Villages shall be eligible for recognition in The Villages Visionaries Book maintained in the General Manager's Office. Such recognition of donations and gifts may also appear on the Villages website.

3. The Villages is not required to retain, ~~maintain~~ maintain, or replace any donated or gifted item.

4. The Club Board may commemorate a significant donation based on the totality of the resident's contribution to The Villages, including years of service, positions held, significant accomplishments, and financial donation. The Club Board will approve the design and location of any commemoration.

5. Where member-related fundraising is concerned, for the improvement or renovation of an existing amenity or facility, or for the construction of a new amenity or facility, the Club Board reserves the right to allow forms of donor acknowledgement, such as plaques and pavers. The location, design, size, form, number of pavers and plaques, donation amount, type of allowable personalization, and all other details must be approved in advance by the Board.

**B. Memorials**

1. No public display of memorial signs or plaques is permitted.

2. No property or structure owned by the Club may be named for or after any individual or group.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

## Friday, May 10

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	TTF
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Mem. Day Choral Rehrl	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
4:30 p.m.	Dink and Drink	PC
6 p.m.	Dragon Boat Dance Rehrl	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Webmaster Guild	MC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

7 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A

## Thursday, May 16

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
9 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
10 a.m.	VMA Parkinson's Support	F
10:30 a.m.	Health Programs	PR
11:30 a.m.	Women 18-H Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Opera Lovers	MC
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Hermosa DAC	FC
3 p.m.	Senior Academy Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Men Golf THU Team Dinner	CH
7 p.m.	Garden Club	F

## Tuesday, May 14

9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	
	Cribari Parking Lots	
9 a.m.	Evergreen Invit. Cmte.	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis Practices	TTF
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
11:30 a.m.	Women 9-H Long 9 Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Tuesday Free Art Films	CR
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	PR
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Wednesday, May 15

9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	
	Cribari Parking Lots	
9 a.m.	Evergreen Invit. Cmte.	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis Practices	TTF
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
11:30 a.m.	Women 9-H Long 9 Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Tuesday Free Art Films	CR
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	PR
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC

## Friday, May 17

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	TTF
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Mem. Day Choral Rehrl	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6 p.m.	Tennis Club Planning Mtg	SEQ
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7:15 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC

## Saturday, May 11

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
3 p.m.	Tennis Men 7.0 Team A	TS
6 p.m.	Cribari Village Dance	A

## Sunday, May 12

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

## Monday, May 13

9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	
	Cribari Parking Lots	
8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	EPC Dir & Sector Chiefs	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
9:30 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	MC
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support - VMA	SEQ
12:45 p.m.	Women 18-H Mid Pen Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR

### EVENT LOCATIONS

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

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Register online at: [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call: 408-238-4029

### May Programs

**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.

**High Cholesterol Lab Results - Dietary Recommendations & Myth** – Amy Wang, RN, FNP, PA-C, founder of Ready 2 Nurse will explain the functions of cholesterol, the impact of animal fats and what foods lower cholesterol on **Thursday, May 23** at 1 p.m. at Foothill Center. Register online or call the office.

### 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. Group reconvenes **Monday, May 13** at 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](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

**Parkinson's 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.

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

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

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

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

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



Club Events & Notices



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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Free Art Film: 'Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts'

On **Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present "Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts." Glass artist, extraordinaire! What emerges from Chihuly Short Cuts is a portrait of an artist with an unbound creative capacity tirelessly pushing the boundaries of what glass as a medium can express and creating works of art that transcend the imagination.

You may have seen his show at the De Young several years ago, or seen the ceiling in the lobby of the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, or the wonderful hanging fixtures at the Museum of Art in San Jose.

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



## VMA needs you!

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

Would you be willing to answer the phones one day a week or on a relief basis? How about helping with the planning for an event or actually working an event? There are so many opportunities to give back to the community.

Go to [VMAvillages.vgcc.club](http://VMAvillages.vgcc.club) and fill out a volunteer application. You won't be sorry.

## Senior Academy: 'American Journalism in Crisis: A Personal Journey'

The U.S. media, and newspapers in particular, has been experiencing a profound crisis for decades. In a personal tale reflecting on his many years as a foreign- and U.S.-based correspondent, Adam Tanner will reflect on how this crisis evolved and its implication for what the demise of traditional media may have for American democracy. His story of the compelling impact of this critical threat is Senior Academy's free Zoom presentation on **Wednesday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.** (Note unusual presentation timing.) There is no cost to attend. Register for this engaging event at [VillagesSA.org](http://VillagesSA.org).

Adam Tanner's career as a writer, author, and foreign correspondent has uniquely prepared him to discuss this important and intriguing topic. He has investigated the worldwide market on personal data, writes on privacy and technology for Consumer Reports and has been an associate and fellow at the Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science for more than 10 years. He regularly lectures at universities, on cruises and in public forums worldwide.



Adam Tanner

## Opera Lovers to show 'The Flying Dutchman'

On **Thursday, May 16** at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "Der fliegende Holländer."

The magic of this fantastic opera lies in its ability to satisfy Wagner fans as well as those who prefer Verdi or Puccini. It is clear that "The Flying Dutchman," Wagner's first masterpiece, is haunting. The music is rocked by the sound of waves as soon as the curtain rises, a sound that grows irresistibly. The legend told in this opera is based on the Flying Dutchman's fate, condemned to roam the seas. Every seven years he is cast ashore to seek redemption and only the love of a faithful woman, willing to sacrifice her life for him, can release him from his curse.

This production was filmed at a castle in Finland and stars Hildegard Behrens as the tragic Senta, Franz Grundheber as the Dutchman, and Matti Salminen as the Norwegian Sea captain.

The opera is sung in German, with English subtitles, and runs two hours 20 minutes. No registration is required and all Villagers are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for information about other VMS events.

We look forward to welcoming you on May 16, after which we will take our customary summer break from June to August. Opera Lovers will resume on September 19, when we will watch Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore."

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

## Save the date for Memorial Day tribute!

The Villages Veterans Club invites all Villagers to attend its Memorial Day Tribute on **Monday, May 27**, commencing at **11 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. A highlight will be the "Say Their Name" segment when audience members can say the name(s) of those who lost their lives in the service of our country. Another highlight will be the speaker, a highly decorated Marine with three combat tours in Iraq. All are welcome to attend.



## Enjoy fun evening with friends on Game Night!



On **Tuesday, May 21** from 7 to 9 p.m. at Foothill Center, bring your friends and your favorite games! Think canasta, bridge, mahjong, Mexican train, poker or board games.

Enjoy a fun evening and we ask each table to bring a desert to share.

Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408-440-4940 for reservations and

additional details. We welcome all Villagers to join us. Space is limited; reservations get priority.

This event sponsored by the Villages Jewish Community.

## 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.

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# Club Board Candidates

## Diana Hallock

7352 Via Laguna

Diana Hallock is a multi-generational California native and attended Branham High School, San Jose State and Santa Clara University, earning advanced degrees in librarianship, instructional technology, and school administration. Diana completed her 40-year educational career as an elementary school principal.



Since moving to The Villages in 2011 with her husband, Hal, Diana has served in many capacities including: 2023 ABOD President, 2020-22 ABOD Vice President, 2018-19 ABOD Treasurer, Chairman of the Verano DAC, Evergreen Villages Foundation Vice President, and the 18 Hole Women's Golf 2021 Captain. She also plays bridge, mahjong, has a garden plot, and assists the Villages Community Chapel. Her service to The Villages and her commitment to volunteerism led Diana to accept the nomination for director position on the Club Board.

As the ABOD President, Diana has consistently voted for initiatives that reduce current costs while maintaining our safe, beautiful community. Diana has also voted for preventative measures to save money in the future like aggressively repairing dry rot, caulking gaps more frequently, and sealing our flat roofs. Diana also recognizes that many of our governing documents are out of date, reducing the flexibility The Villages needs to address the drastic changes in insurance, wages, construction and utility costs.

Diana's priorities will be to balance a fiscally conservative budget with the desires of residents, to ensure the safety of our residents, to enhance the amenities available to our residents, and to address the concerns of individual residents while serving the collective needs of our entire community. Diana's continued approach will be to collect accurate data, consider multiple points of view, and support transparency in all decision making.

Diana currently serves on the Governance Council, which ensures Villages Boards work together in an informed, cooperative way. While we live in different districts and enjoy different activities, we are one community with one pool of resources. We need to explore possibilities and arrive at solutions together, for the benefit of all Villagers, current and future.

## Judy Owen

8445 Chenin Blanc Lane

The Villages is a unique community of beautiful surroundings, array of amenities, and caring, active residents. I moved here in May 2018 from San Jose's Rose Garden. This is my forever home now. I find it to be a lifestyle not simply a neighborhood. The decision to move here was reaffirmed during Covid era when I observed and enjoyed efforts of residents and staff alike to remain safe yet active and engaged.



Born and raised in Oregon, I earned my undergrad and MBA from Oregon State, and moved to San Jose in 1979. Over my 35 year career I worked for five companies, the last 20 years being HP and Agilent Technologies as Federal Contracts Manager. I demonstrated an ability to work effectively across internal organizations and negotiate complex contracts with Aerospace/Defense and federal agencies.

Golf is what drew me to the Villages and the Women's 18 Hole Club welcomed me. Currently I serve as Captain for Team Play. Also, I am the Secretary of the Senior Academy and volunteer as a driver for VMA, and a member of Swingers Golf Club, Italian Club and Bocce club.

For the past three years I have been a director on the Club Board, the last two as Vice President. This is a very exciting time to be involved with the Club Board working with the GM to bring the Villages into the 21st century. It is important to plan for improvements and additions to amenities to attract future residents which enhances our property values. The Board constantly balances the needs of current residents while planning for the future of the Villages.

## Michelle Breslin

7344 Via Laguna

I am a second-generation Villager, and I care deeply about this community. My mother was the original owner of my home. I have always loved being in the community. Over 30 years ago I became a widow and the sole surviving parent of two boys 6 & 8 years old. The Villages was a refuge for us. We would spend Saturdays climbing the hill, swimming and finally playing what they called mini golf on the short course. Since moving here, I have served on several boards from Treasurer of the VMA to three years as the Social Director for the Hiking Club. I have volunteered at SRS for the last 10 years. Recently, I have been advocating for the Club Board to return grazing to the hill lands.



Graduating from San Jose State University with a degree in Business Administration, Finance concentration and later earned an MBA from Santa Clara University. I also completed an executive series on Supply Chain Management at MIT - well before supply chain was hip.

In my career at Hewlett-Packard and later as a consultant, I worked with many groups to find solutions that resolved process issues for various functions. My skill is to build end-to-end solutions to drive costs out of processes. All constituencies received solutions that satisfied their business requirement. A board member needs to do the same - provide solutions, parity, and a plan for anticipated needs.

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**Men's Fun Social Club**  
 on **May 22, 10-11 a.m.** will host a  
**Villager Sneak Preview**  
 at the **Clubhouse**  
 Refreshments to be served.  
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## Help Us Keep Your Vote a Secret

By Claudia Evans Nicolai

Do you wonder if your vote is really a secret? If so, you're not alone. Some Villagers do not fully understand our two-envelope secret ballot system, so here are some answers.

Three Election Inspectors, Jeanne Filice, Kathy Weatherford and Janelle Marines have been appointed by The Villages Association, Homeowners and Club Boards of Directors.

Once your ballot is placed in a locked ballot box, it is kept under lock-and-key at all times.

The Inspectors remove and sort the ballot envelopes according to color (blue for Association, green for Homeowners, and ivory for Club).

The barcodes are scanned, which registers and validates that the envelope was received from a member who is eligible to vote. The barcode must remain intact for the ballot to be valid.

Following registration, the barcoded envelope is opened and the secret envelope is removed. Barcoded envelopes are sent to storage while secret envelopes are bundled for counting.

On counting day, only the secret envelopes are given to the Tellers for counting. These envelopes contain no names, barcodes or other identifying marks. They remain sealed and under lock-and-key until the Inspectors and Tellers meet at an open Board of Directors meeting to begin the counting process.

This entire process is in accordance with California Civil Code.

The counting process is closely directed and monitored by the Election Inspectors. All ballots are counted by two different Teller teams to ensure accuracy.

The Inspectors present the election results to the Boards of Directors at the annual membership meeting on June 12. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

Villagers can rest assured that the Election Inspectors follow Civil Code and the election rules for every election so your vote remains a secret. You can help us keep your vote valid and a secret by carefully following the instructions included with your ballot package.

If you have further questions or if you'd like to witness the entire process, please contact one of the Election Inspectors. And please...cast your vote before the deadline!

## Andy Altman

7119 Via Portada

My wife Christy and I moved to the Villages about 5 years ago from The Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth, Maine. After 17 years of living and raising our three children in Monte Sereno, we went to Maine for a career opportunity. Upon retirement, in the fall of 2018, we wanted to escape another brutal New England winter and get back home to CA to be close to our children and year-round golf.



Since becoming a Villager, I have been an active golfer, bocce player, RV Club member and participant in the Senior Academy. I currently serve on the Club Board as Vice President. I have just concluded a 4 year term as President of Congregation Shir Hadash, in Los Gatos.

I was raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and received my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Biochemistry from UC San Diego, and my MBA from Stanford.

Professionally, I provided the tools and resources needed to advance life science research. I began as a sales rep and progressed to VP/General Manager roles with Varian, Thermo-Fisher and IDEXX. All of those roles had global responsibility. The hallmarks of my success have been enhancing the customer experience while driving operational efficiency.

My focus as a Director is to enhance the Villager experience. We need to move to a culture of "yes", finding ways to make our community better. Doing so will make our lives richer while increasing the value of our properties. I appreciate your support.

## Voting Tips:

### Want Your Vote To Count?

Use both envelopes and keep the bar code intact!

### Why Use Two Envelopes to Vote?

The inner one keeps your vote a secret!

The outer one registers you as a member in good standing who is eligible to vote!

### My Ballot Secret?

Yes, if you seal both matching colored envelopes!

### Why Are Ballots in Different Colors?

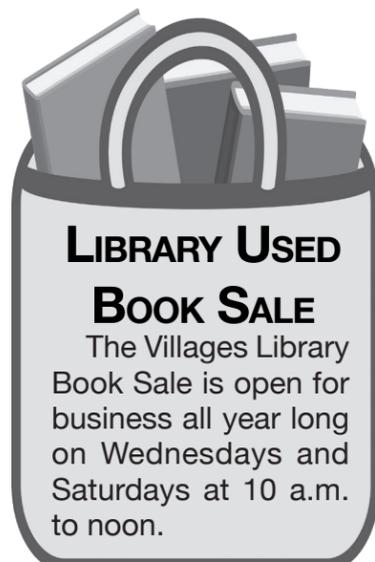
- Blue is for the Association election.
  - Ivory is for the Club election.
  - Green is for the Homeowners' election.
- Don't get them mixed up!

### Don't Mix Up Ballot and Envelope Colors

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# Association Board Candidates

## David Dimmick

### 3119 Lake Albano Circle

My wife Valerie and I love living at The Villages. We bought our home in del Lago in 2017 and since then we have both gradually become more involved in various clubs and associations. At present, I am the DAC Chair for del Lago and also serve on the VGC and the water conservation committee.



My vision for the future is for The Villages to continue to be the premier retirement community in the Bay area. I see this happening through the maintenance of the great amenities that currently exist while managing the escalating costs in a responsible manner. In the past year I have seen a greater attention to cost control and to resident interests. My mission as an ABOD member will be to work with staff to further the attention in these areas. I am also a big proponent of transparency and will assure that resident interests are top of mind and 2-way communication is continuous.

My work career was in the development of medicines first in Southern California and then beginning in 2001 here in the Bay area. I retired just a couple of years ago but also continue to do periodic consulting for past clients. During my career I directed Quality Assurance organizations in the Pharmaceutical industry, at times managing global organizations with as many as 500 employees under my direction.

My past organizational management experience includes roles as Director in various golf clubs including the role of President in what was at the time the largest men's golf club in the state with over 4,000 members.

I would be honored to have your support.

## Deb Gordon

### 5305 Cribari Heights

I have lived in the Bay Area for most of my life, primarily in Santa Clara where we raised our three daughters and where I completed my BSBA. After 32 years at Hewlett-Packard, I decided to retire. While at HP, I worked in many distinct positions from user training to change management to program and people management. I traveled the world investigating how to improve HP's sales systems and managed teams of local and international professionals.



Five years ago, I moved to the Villages. It was an adjustment at first, so I chose to become involved. I took classes in art and ceramics and joined sports activities like Bocce and swim aerobics. I volunteered to be the Cribari Social Committee chairman and managed years of events and dances. Two years ago I became the Cribari DAC chairman which has taught me a lot about the Villages and has been a good experience. By walking my little gray/white dog around the Cribari Lane circle every day, I have gotten to meet many residents and helped resolve various concerns.

Joining the ABOD will allow me to learn about and participate in decisions that will affect all condo residents. I will strive to be focused and vigilant in carrying out the Villages Association Mission to Protect, Enhance, and Maintain our collective assets in a fiscally responsible manner. I believe in teamwork, listening to each other, seeking to understand, valuing all input, transparency, and regular communication.

## Patrick J. Barber

### 9043 Village View Loop

When my wife Gisele and I moved into The Villages from Sunnyvale in June 2012, we both were in the midst of continuing our professional passions outside of Villager life. As we acclimated into the Villages community and lifestyle, we rapidly made the decision that in retirement we would enthusiastically pledge our time to support efforts that uphold the principles and amenities this fantastic community has established and embraced.



Now is the time to bring that pledge to fruition. In December 2023, I retired from my professional career as Supply Chain Commodity Director at a technology-leading semiconductor equipment manufacturer. During my 30+ year tenure, my role primarily encompassed developing critical-technology suppliers through contract management, cost negotiations, agreements as well as improving manufacturing efficiencies, quality improvement, and solving engineering challenges.

Relevant to keeping my pledge, researching opportunities that could benefit from my professional skills, I find the 2024 goals and objectives set forth by the ABOD exacting, challenging, and rewarding. My experience with negotiating multimillion-dollar supplier contracts, successful cost reduction efforts and building ethical relationships, positions me well to achieve our 2024 / 25 goals with desired results. My relentless examination of facts will guide my fiduciary decisions; grounded in accountability and return on investment.

If elected, I enter the position without discriminating bias of prior ABOD & CBOD efforts or an agenda influenced by unsubstantiated dialog. If elected, my guiding principles will be adherence to established policies and procedures while listening to our constituents that will foster right decisions.

## 2024 Annual Member Meetings and Elections—Update

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.

**Candidates Night: Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium (Will be recorded to run on Channel 27 beginning May 10).

**Ballots:** Ballots to be distributed **Friday, May 10.**

**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 Diana Hallock, Judy Owen, Michelle Breslin, and Andy Altman, as its candidate nominations.

**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.

Morton Cordell, Larry McNary and Glen Seidel are the qualified candidates for this year's director election.

**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.

# Homeowners' Board Candidates

## Morton Cordell

8319 Chianti Court

I moved to the Villages with my wife Susan in June 2013.

I was born and educated in London, England.

I began my working career in accountancy, swiftly moving to an international trading company. I have overseen both domestic and European offices, earning for the Corporation the prestigious Queens Award for Export.

I moved to the San Francisco area in 1983 where I worked for eighteen years as head of an international import and distribution company. In 2002 I co-founded Silk Road Associates LLC, an overseas sourcing and trading company with offices in Shanghai and San Jose producing both private brand and our own brand products. I have in-depth knowledge of business management in manufacturing, marketing, and distribution. I am still active in Silk Road Associates today.

Since moving to The Villages, I have served on the following boards and committees.

- Marketing Committee—4 years, Chair for 3 years
- EVF—Director for 9 years serving as Marketing Director, Projects Manager, COF Coordinator
- ACC—member for 4 years, 3 years as Chair
- CAC—currently an associate member
- HBOD—Director and secretary current position, HBOD liaison to the ACC

I feel that my business background together with my knowledge of The Villages and the various committees I have served on will be an asset to HBOD. We need to build a socially responsible community to protect our current assets and plan for the growth and wellbeing of all residents present and future.



## Larry McNary

7101 Via Portada

My wife Cheryl and I moved to a single family home in the Villages in 2009 from San Jose. We retired in 2012. We appreciate the safety, numerous amenities and activities, and the friends we have made here. We both enjoy contributing towards improving the Villages where we can.

Since moving to the Villages, I have been a volunteer in a half dozen different Village's organizations including VMA, EPC and VARC. These experiences have given me a good overview of the Villages and how things work.

I have a diverse background which includes a Masters degree in Counseling from Indiana University, a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters degree in Engineering Management both from Santa Clara University. As an engineering director, I managed a department of 55 new product development engineers and a \$13.7M annual operating budget during my last ten years of employment. I earned licenses in electrical and mechanical engineering and a real estate broker's license.

I have been a homeowner for 45 years. I understand the challenges of managing and maintaining a home. I have an appreciation for what drives real estate values.

I believe my diverse problem solving background and experience in managing large projects, people, budgets and processes, combined with my interest in real estate and preservation of home values, have prepared me to serve on the Homeowner's board.



## Glen Seidel

7107 Via Portada

I was trained as a Pediatrician and then as a Pediatric Radiologist specializing in Interventional Radiology. I was Chair of the Department of Radiology for 12 years at the Children's Mercy Hospital. I was the founding Interventional Radiologist and Section Chief at Texas Children's

Hospital, and again at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. In these positions I was responsible for recruiting Physicians, Nurses, and Technologists and establishing a program from the ground up.

My career moved me and my family around the country to 5 different Children's hospitals in 5 cities. I am blessed with my wife Peggy of 49 years, and 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

We have been in the Villages for 7 years. We came for the idyllic setting and wonderful facilities. I am an avid golfer and go to the gym regularly. My wife is an avid Tennis player and has been President of the Tennis Club. I am currently Chair of the Fitness Committee for the second year, and have been on the committee for 4 years. I was on the ACC for 4 years and have been on the HBOD for the past year.

I am confident that I can continue to serve the community well in my ongoing role as HBOD member. Thank you.



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The 1936 Babies gathered for a luncheon with the theme “88—Time to Celebrate.” Left to right: Bill Rodman, Brigid Moreton, Ingrid Dittmann, Edie Herbst, Madeline Naftzger, Phyllis Mueller, Bill Ruona, Carol Trenholme, Alice Glazer, Richard Schroeder and Jean Gillette.

## VMA: Myths & Facts About Managing High Cholesterol

By Barbara Zahner, VMA Health Education



Amy Wang, RN

**Myth:** All cholesterol is bad.

**Fact:** Your body needs some cholesterol for good health. However you can have too much.

**Myth:** High Cholesterol foods must be strictly avoided.

**Fact:** Saturated fats are the bigger problem. Learn the truth about the much-maligned cholesterol—rich, low-saturated egg.

Join us **Thursday, May 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center as Amy Wang RN, FNP, PA-C, founder of Ready2Nurse, topples the myths and presents the latest facts on cholesterol.

A popular Health Educator in The Villages, Amy will present a fact-filled, interactive presentation on: essential functions of cholesterol for your health, results of the Leiden Nether Study, the real facts of about animal fats, foods to avoid to maintain healthy cholesterol, and essential foods to lower your cholesterol. Perhaps you will discover you can eat your cake and enjoy it—guilt-free!

Register today online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club). Click on “events” and follow the prompts. Or you can call 408-238-4029.

## VAT: Calling all ‘wannabe actors’

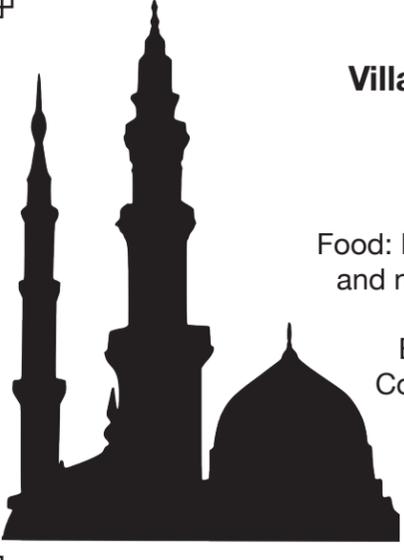
Ever wondered what it feels like to become someone else on stage? Ever wanted to act a little, but didn’t want to worry about memorizing lines? Ever thought about being part of a play, but didn’t have the time to rehearse a lot?

Well, Matinee Theatre is just right for you. On **Thursday, June 6, at 2 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium, the Villages Amateur Theatre will be holding auditions for the June presentation of two skits. One is a classic George Burns/Gracie Allen radio show, complete with 1950s music. Another is a skit about life here in “Our Villages,” originally written for another senior community and adapted to what is happening right here.

No memorization! Two rehearsals! Two performances (June 21 and 22) for your friends to come and watch.

Okay, actors. Come on down!





### Eid Mubarak

**Villagers: Join Desi Club to celebrate EID Sunday, May 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Foothill Center.**

**Enjoy food & entertainment.**

Food: Biryani, Kababs and other items, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian (chicken), Raita (yogurt dish) and Sheer Khurma (dessert).

Entertainment will be on traditional themes.

Cost: \$30 per person (cash only, residents only)

**To register, call**  
 Asra Batool 669-600-1504  
 Samina Jilal 631-793-2243  
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## 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](http://studygroups.vgcc.club). Join on the website or email your application information to Yvette Katz at [ykatz256@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:judy.rogers488@gmail.com).

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

For any questions regarding the website, contact Judy Eskinazi at [yudit1@yahoo.com](mailto:yudit1@yahoo.com) and please write “website” in the subject line.



## Experience benefits of LSAL’s walking/chair dancing class

Many people can benefit from chair exercise, and the LSAL Fitness Club offers a walking/chair dancing functional fitness exercise that can be safer than many forms of exercise while at the same time improving balance, mobility, flexibility, strength, and endurance. Our class can be a good alternative to running, weightlifting, calisthenics and other ballistic style of fitness training, and it is open to everyone, regardless of age, health, and physical condition.

Join our Tuesday and Thursday classes, both now in the Cribari Auditorium! The Tuesday Class is from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday class is from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. First class is *free!* Sign up in class! LSAL Fitness Club’s mission is to help each person live stronger as they age, and thus, participants of all fitness levels are encouraged to come and work at their own pace. So, bring a friend and join us; you will look, feel, and function better and enjoy life more. **Visitors are always welcome to come in and experience our class.**

## Sustainable practices are often easy

By Maxine Amundson



When you choose housewares over paper goods and plastic you are practicing sustainability. When you remember your plastic or paper bags that you take into a store to carry your purchases out or carrying water containers to fill, you are practicing sustainability. When you dispose of your trash in the proper bins by placing recyclables loose in the bin and saving batteries for hazardous waste, you are practicing sustainability. When you order takeout and plan to eat at home, ask not to include the napkins and plasticware in your bag. Choose sustainable practices and they will become a habit and easy to accomplish. Do this for your children, your grandchildren and your planet.



For more information, visit [sustainablevillages.vgcc.club](http://sustainablevillages.vgcc.club)

More CLUBS

## 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.

**“The Edge” (The 6:20 Man #2) by David Baldacci.** The 6:20 Man is back, dropped by his handlers into a small coastal town in Maine to solve the murder of a CIA agent who knew America’s dirtiest secrets—can Travis Devine uncover the truth before his time runs out? Mystery, 2023.

**“The Survivor” (Eve Duncan #30) by Iris Johansen.** When archeologist Riley Smith comes to ask Eve Duncan for help, at first Eve says no. But she is intrigued by the prospect of an isolated island that holds a secret locked in time. Traveling to Southeast Asia, Riley is aware of the threat from treasure hunters who are already searching and have no qualms about killing to get what they want. When she successfully evades them and finds the perfectly preserved body of a female warrior, it is just what she needs to entice Eve to help unlock the mystery. Mystery, 2023.

**“A Man of Two Faces: a Memoir, a History, a Memorial” by Viet Thanh Nguyen.** With insight, humor, formal invention, and lyricism, Viet Thanh Nguyen rewinds the film of his own life. He expands the genre of personal memoir by acknowledging larger stories of refugeehood, colonization, and ideas about Vietnam and America, writing with his trademark sardonic wit and incisive analysis, as well as a deep emotional openness about his life as a father and a son. And how can he be both American and Vietnamese, both the killer and the person being killed? Biography, 920, 2023.



## Etch your art on a copper sheet



Carol Norden has eight 12”x24” copper sheets that have been etched by nature and natural process. The etchings are random and can be turned into interesting new works of art by the addition of acrylic paint or collage items. Gemstones and beads can be added to make an assemblage. Your imagination has no limit.

Join this workshop on **Tuesday, May 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Art Room at Cribari Center. The fee is \$125 with all materials included. Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com). Checks are due May 21.

Carol won a ribbon in the Juried Show for her collage creation on copper, “Mediating Goddess.” One of her students painted a coiling dragon flying out of the natural etching.

Your finished work will be absolutely unique to you and no one else, since the natural etching on the sheet is different each time. Your artwork can be framed with a standard sized 24 by 12 frame from Michael’s or other art source.

Carol will help you begin your artwork with a two-hour introduction and guided practice. After a lunch break, you can spend the afternoon completing your work or take it home to finish.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### Real Estate

**Homes are selling well. Inventory is relatively low.** At this writing, there are 15 homes in contract and 16 active listings in The Villages for sale. At this moment in time, the statistic is one home enters the market, one home comes off. That is a good steady pace of sales.

**It has been a hot market outside the Villages gates.** I am selling 2 homes outside of The Villages in the coming months. Yes, I sell real estate outside of The Villages for 30 years now. I have been watching the market out there. Homes have been flying off the market. The acceleration of sales is typical for March, April into May. There is typically a lack of homes for sale at the beginning of the year. The biggest acceleration of buyers and sellers starts when the sun comes out. The amount of “Coming Soon” in all of our surrounding cities has been tremendous. As we head into June toward summer the market outside the Villages slows a bit with lots of inventory to choose from and typically so does the market inside the Villages.

**What a difference a year makes.** It is true that typically sales slowdown as we enter June. This time last year there were 13 Cribari homes for sale. We went a whole month without a sale in all of Cribari. The values went down. Here we are a year later with no homes for sale in Cribari. Despite the higher mortgage interest rates and higher HOA dues, Cribari homes have moved back up in the 500K-and-above range for nicer units. If you are thinking about selling your Cribari or any Villages home, I would suggest that now is the time. Call me for any information.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Judy Rodriguez

May 2 was our Captain's Trophy playday and we enjoyed the most beautiful weather of the year! Cindy Fuller really took advantage of the wonderful course conditions by shooting a net 61 and had 28 putts. She won the Captain's Trophy and Low Putts. Congratulations, Cindy!! Birdies were made by Janelle Salvatierra #9, Renee Woolard #11, Cindy Fuller #8, and Jan Kiernan #15. We had only three chip-ins, Helen Varenkamp



**Cindy Fuller is presented the Captain's Trophy by James and a sleeve of balls for low putts!**

#3, Jan Kiernan #15, and Dianne Doughty #14. We had another special winner today—Jini Kang broke 100 with a gross 99!

Captain Patti Bell wanted us to know:

- May 9, 16 and 23 are the Handicap Tournament playdays
- May 30 is the next Captain's Trophy Playday
- June 6 is a Guest Day
- June 19, 20 and 21 are the Invitational days

Happy golfing, everyone!

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

The Shonis enjoyed a great golf day last Tuesday. Twenty-two Shonis and four qualifiers filled up the Par 3 Course. One of our members, Karen Rooney, is back after rehabbing a broken wrist.

Our four qualifiers are Karen Potts and Elena Johal who have two more games while Eleanor Marks and Jung Cha joined us for their first games.

We finally had the birdie pot emptied. Congratulations to Joyce Baptiste for her birdie on Hole 5. She had to have help carrying that bag of quarters home. Now we have to start over and it's anybody's chance.

The last Tuesday of every month is our birthday game. Last Tuesday Leslie Ingham celebrated her birthday by wiping out a hole's score and winning the first place in her Flight and taking home the sweeps.

Week two of our Eclectic hopefully saw some improvement in a few Shonis' scores with that birdie and 21 Pars. I know I improved five holes. But with six more weeks to go, it's anybody's game.

## PICKLEBALL

By Anahid Gregg

Want more info? Visit [villagespickleball.vgcc.club](http://villagespickleball.vgcc.club)

On May 5, the Villages Pickleball Club held our annual invitational with Silver Creek Country Club. We had a wonderful time, with lots of spirited games between the two clubs. Sherry arranged a tournament where teams played one match, then played a different team from SCVCC. After tournament play was done, we had fun games where with mixed Villager and Creeker teams. Laughter rang throughout the day as people enjoyed meeting new people, making new friends, and having fun.



**Villages Tennis Team members**



**Valeria Lopez handing the trophy to Villagers Sherry Benz and Michelle McQuay.**

Michelle had a feast laid out for players who worked up an appetite, doing her usual excellent job in keeping us all satiated. It's a good thing we played a lot of pickleball to work off that yummy food!

Two teams had perfect records—Tim and Steve, and Helen and Mark. Four individuals also maintained perfect records—Adrien, Gloria, Michelle, and Valerie. This helped us to win our match 25-11. However, it must be said there were a number of very close matches that were decided by only one or two points. Great job, guys! Full results are on our website!

This Friday, May 10, starts our Member Social events—the first Dink & Drink of 2024! This is a potluck, please bring something to share. It's your opportunity to play with new people and make new friends—players of *all* levels are welcome! The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes until sunset.

## BOCCE NEWS

### Join the 2024 Spring Round Robin Tournament!

By Tom Hunt

Get ready for six weeks of thrilling Bocce action, starting Monday, June 10 and ending Thursday, July 19. Playoffs kick off on Monday, July 22 and 23, with the Championship game set for Wednesday, July 24. Registration is now open! Captains should submit their team information (team name, players), and preferred time choices.

Time choices available are as follows:

- Mondays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**(Please note: There is no guarantee of first choice.)**

All registrations will be conducted online at the bocce website where you can sign up as a team or an individual.

Round Robins are distinct from Mixers. Captains will assemble their own teams of 8 without assistance from the Tournament Director. Individuals without a team can sign up by June 3 to be matched with open slots.

For inquiries, reach out to Tournament Director Todd Horvatic at [bocceboy777@gmail.com](mailto:bocceboy777@gmail.com).

**Tips from Todd – (Valuable insight from our Tournament Director)**

**End of Game Etiquette** – When the game is tight, let's maintain the pace of play and offer the trailing team the chance to catch up. Normal rules apply, the team that won the point has the pallino, but there should be no stalling.

**Falling Occurrences** – There have been a few instances of players falling while entering the courts. If mobility is a concern for you, please utilize the ADA access and railings, or feel free to request assistance. Our aim is for everyone to stay healthy, happy, and fully enjoy the game!

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



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## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



Golfing in the rain during the Member/Member Tournament.

By Kurt Pagnini, [kmpagnini@gmail.com](mailto:kmpagnini@gmail.com)

**2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament**—It was a great tournament with perfect spring conditions on Friday and Sunday interrupted by a severe cold winter storm on Saturday. (See photo.) Play had to be suspended as fast running streams flowed down the greens. Thanks to all that participated.

Congratulation to the winners! See the complete list of winners on the Scoreboard page.

### Championship Horse Race

Win Flight #4 Vince Rossi and Frank Bell

Place Flight #2 Mike Guidry and Larry Soto

Show Flight #6 John Seeger and Rick Tobler

**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](mailto:bill_morefield@yahoo.com). **Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.**

**MGC E-mails:** Are you receiving notification emails from the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club? If not, there is a simple fix. You may have accidentally *unsubscribed* from the scheduled emails. Please just let us know if you think you are one of those and 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](http://villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

## PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

As we enter the season of Tournaments and Special Events on The Villages Championship Course, the Pinseekers must move aside to allow these events to happen. So, it was on Friday, May 3. The Men's Club hosted the annual Member - Member tournament that utilized the entire course, and all Villagers played from a "Shotgun Start" shortly after noon. In that situation, the Pinseekers cannot play a competition as each foursome would begin from a different tee. This situation will recur on Friday, May 17 as a full course event will be taking place beginning at noon and utilizing all 18 holes. To accommodate Villager golfers, a Shotgun start will have everyone teeing off at 8 a.m., each foursome from a different tee box.

A reminder to all Pinseeker members, our annual meeting and luncheon is on May 17. We will gather at the Bistro "alcove" dining area at 11:15 a.m. Should you wish to participate in the Shotgun start, please play only nine holes to finish in time for our meeting. We will be electing a new Board of Directors and voting on some changes to our procedures for determining weekly sweeps winning and annual sweeps champion. This meeting is for members only, no spouse or guests, please. Contact Jack Bindon or Jim White to RSVP and select your lunch choice: Fish and Chips, Reuben Sandwich or Santa Fe Salad.

Also, a reminder, we will move our weekly schedule to begin with the first foursome teeing up at 12:06 p.m. and continue every 9 minutes until all our members have left the tee box. Don't forget to sign up with Chelsea as early as possible so we do not have to forfeit any of our allotted slots.

Remember, in golf we always want to "hit it straight, hit it long (at least as far as you are able) and have fun!"



## TENNIS TALK

By Wendy Ferguson

Something funny happened on the way to the prom. This year's Tennis Club scholarship winners stopped by to say, "thank you," to The Villages tennis players that helped raise funds for their scholarships. Don't they look fabulous? These Silver Creek students weren't even born when the scholarship was started way back in 2004.



Tennis Club scholarship winners

Even though Villagers did not go to the prom, a fun, entertaining evening was enjoyed by all attending the Scholarship dinner. Dinner was delicious due to expert barbecuing by Jim and Emile, and prep and cooking by Suzi and her fabulous group—served on tables decorated by Tina. An added highlight was Tennis Jeopardy by Adrien and Jim.

Earlier in the day, past scholarship winners, as far back as 2008, attended the Scholarship Tournament organized by Jim (that guy is everywhere). Those attending heard what these past young people are doing today and how the scholarships helped them in school. Other winners, of the tournament of course, were Julie and Shirley and Brett and Gene. Those Marianis are a winning team off the courts also.

Tennis folks want to know what other events are happening, right? Well VTL wrapped up a week ago after the final day of play with a spread fit for all those who had played over the past months. Look for VTL coming again in the fall. And finally, as busy as you are, be sure to mark your calendars on June 9 for the Bocce Bash and general meeting.

## WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

The last play day of April brought ample sunshine and warm temperatures. We are all hoping this is the start of late spring, early summer golf. The ladies played very well in the warmer temperatures as evidenced by the great scores.

The front nine winners in the first flight were Bev Poellot, Colleen Corsello, Gisele Barber and Laura Swenson. The second flight winners included Josephine Chang, Rita Karlsten, Sylvia Rozewicz and Margaret Davies-White. Well played, ladies. On the back nine, the first flight winners were Mazie Rice, Mary Jo O'Neill, Kitty Ohtaka and Kathy Apgar. All the ladies tied with a net 35 and ties were broken using the USGA formula. The second flight winners on the back nine were Sherry Benz, Gwen Bindon, Betty Garcia and Anka Hoek.

As a reminder, May 14 is one of our general meetings, please sign up to play as we will be talking about our charity event and to encourage attendance one lucky lady will have a chance to win a free round of golf in a drawing.

As always, hit your ball straight, long and have round with lots of birdies.

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# FROM THE PRO



**By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional**  
**May Golf Schedule**

**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

**Taylor Made Fitting Day—Friday, May 24 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** Come out and try the new Taylor Made Qi10 drivers and woods! To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

**Sunday Sweeps - New Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment**

**The next Sunday Sweeps is May 26.** To remind you, 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

**Let’s All Get Together Now**—Be a part of our “Culture of Care” and follow these simple Golf Course Etiquette Guidelines...We can all participate in keeping our golf course beautiful by observing these *nine* simple acts of care:

1. Follow the 90-degree rule (longer hitters) or the Entrance Gates (shorter hitters) when entering the fairway.
2. Drive the cart from shot to shot keeping the cart in the fairway as you play the hole... please avoid driving in the rough as much as possible to maintain the integrity of the rough.
3. Do not drive within 30-feet of the greens defined by the yellow painted ground lines in front of each green.
4. *Exit* every hole through the *exit gates* – please do not drive on the mounding around the greens and proceed from hole to hole using the cart paths.
5. Respect any roping, cart directional signs and Ground Under Repair.
6. Fill all divots with sand mix.
7. Repair pitch marks on the greens.
8. Smooth out the sand in the bunkers with the bunker rake and return the rake at a right angle to bunker edge placing the head of the rake in the sand and the handle of the rake on the bunker edge.
9. Knock the sand off your shoes before walking on the green.

Let’s all make it a goal to leave our golf course in better shape than we found it, every time we play.

**Tips from the Pro—Step by Step**

Every golfer seeks more consistency. A consistent Pre-Shot set up routine will help create consistent play.

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Here are 6 simple steps to follow before each golf shot to attain more consistency:

1. Start from behind your ball and pick a specific target.
2. Pick an intermediate target that is 2-5 feet in front of your ball and is directly in line with your ultimate target.
3. Step into your stance setting the clubface first behind the ball aiming at your target.
4. Build your grip...be sure to recheck your clubface and target line.
5. Set your feet and get comfortable.
6. One last target check and a club waggle to stay loose...*swing*.

**When you are addressing the golf ball in preparation for the shot, your focus should be on your target more than on your swing. Always think one shot ahead to avoid high numbers. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)**

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# IRONMEN

**By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich**

The Ironmen are in morning play, gathering every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

Thursday, May 5, 2024 was sunny and warm, another beautiful day for golf. Sixteen Ironmen played.

Victor Hong and Bob Pritchard tied for **Third Place** with net 28s; Bill Travis took **Second Place** with a net 26; and Dave Hathaway and Jerry Juracich tied for **First Place** with net 25s.

There were five **Birdies** today: Dave Hathaway on hole 6; Jerry Juracich on hole 9; Bob Pritchard on hole 5; Hiei Takazawa on hole 1; and Bill Travis on hole 3.

Dave Hathaway won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 4 at 17 feet, 2 inches.

Dave Hathaway won **Low Gross** with a 28.

**Golfer of the Day honors** go to Dave Hathaway with low gross, a first place finish, a birdie and closest to the flag. Way to go, Dave!

**A reminder:** If every Ironman at every game would take the time to fill in all divots and green damage noticed during each week’s game, we would be making a big contribution toward maintaining our own course!

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

**Deep Thoughts:**

“Doubt yourself and you doubt everything you see. Judge yourself and you see judges everywhere. But if you listen to the sound of your own voice, you can rise above doubt and judgment. And you can see forever.” - Nancy Lopez, three-time winner of the LPGA Championship

“A golf course is nothing but a poolroom moved outdoors.” - Father Fitzgibbons (Barry Fitzgerald) from the movie, “Going My Way”

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You will enter a novice...you will leave a golfer!

# SCOREBOARD

## MEN'S CLUB

**2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament**  
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 3, 4, and 5.

### Flight One

- 1. Ted Escobar, Quincy Virgilio 65
- 2. Mark Garcia, Kurt Pagnini 53
- 3. Tomas Mendoza, Rob Hands 53

### Flight Two

- 1. Mike Guidry, Larry Soto 58
- 2. Arnold Bernal, Larry Angel 51
- 3. Ken Kupperberg, Ron Robinson 50

### Flight Three

- 1. Victor Castillo, Lisi Bettencourt 58
- 2. Jeff Buckingham, Jim Holt 55
- 3. Scott Stephens, Steve Balter 53

### Flight Four

- 1. Vince Rossi, Frank Bell 57
- 2. John Olson, Steve Grady 54
- 3. Jim Kaczmarek, David Korb 51

### Flight Five

- 1. Doug Moore, Mickey Wagle 66
- 2. Tom Nedney, David Bacigalupi 62
- 3. Joe Cancilla, Frank Loebig 53

### Flight Six

- 1. John Seeger, Rick Tobler 64
- 2. Dan Murphy, Jan Anderson 58
- 3. Larry Martinson, Patrick Barber 50

### Flight Seven

- 1. C.K. Kim, Jim Danielski 66
- 2. Alan Chase, Gary Swenson 59
- 3. Dave Manson, Don Lingofelter 54

### Closest to the Hole – Friday

- Hole #4 – David Bacigalupi 13 1/2"
- Hole #11 – Cannen Shaw 2' 6"

### Closest to the Hole – Saturday

- Hole #4 – Kurt Pagnini 14 3/4"
- Hole #11 – Cannen Shaw 11"

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

May 2, 2024

### Captain's Trophy winner:

Cindy Fuller - net 61

### Low Putts:

Cindy Fuller - 28 putts

### Flight One

- Low Gross: Janelle Salvatierra 84
- Low Net: 1. Annie Bassford 72
- 2. Vicki Krattli 73

### Flight Two

- Low Gross: Cindy Fuller 61
- Low Net: 1. Betty Sharps 65
- 2. Jay Lee 71
- 3. Sue Park 71

## SHONIS



### Flight Three

- Low Gross: Jini Kang 99
- Low Net: 1. Kitty Ohtaka 66
- 2. Dianne Doughty 74

### 2 Tees Flight One

- Low Gross: Kathy Apgar 99
- Low Net: 1. Renee Woolard 71
- 2. Gisele Barber 72

### 2 Tees Flight Two

- Low Gross: Judy Rodriguez 70
- Low Net: 1. Gwen Bindon 75
- 2. Barbara Weisend 76

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



### Wednesday, May 1

- Marcel Cohen-Hadria 194
- Kit Hultquist 206
- Maribeth Berlie 220
- Joanne Cooke 278

### Friday, May 3

- Sandy Gardiner 233
- Kit Hultquist 271
- Sylvia Rozewicz 278

## BRIDGE

### Monday, April 29:

- 1. Jan Kiernan and Sumi Minami
- 2. Louann Partridge and Guest
- 3. Jonna Robinson and Roy Tsai

### Wednesday, May 1:

- 1. Ed Logg and Roy Tsai
- 2/3. Mary Legrand and Guest
- 2/3. Jan Kiernan and Sumi Minami

### Friday, May 3:

- 1. Mary Legrand and Guest
- 2. Hank and Joel Koransky
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# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

### Weekly:

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

### Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m.	<b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month		
	Contact:	Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7:15 p.m.	<b>Jewish Shabbat</b>	Foothill
	Next date: May 17		
	Contact:	Marilyn Goldsmith	732-672-8601

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

## 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., May 13 at Vineyard Center.**

## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:15 p.m. on May 17, 2024, at Foothill Center. We will have Cantor Devora Felder Levy from Shir Hadash lead our services, followed by a discussion led by Debra Eskinazi Stockdale. Debra recently returned from a 10-day trip to Israel where she met with peace activists, hostage families, educators, rabbis, journalists, and researchers. Additionally, Debra visited with soldiers in rehab, met with Zaka, went to Hostage Square, and visited the massacre sites in the Gaza Envelope among other impacted communities. Hear her take on having experienced this wide cross-section of Israeli society spanning religious, social, and political perspectives.

Debra is actively involved in the local Jewish community and a board trustee at Yavneh Day School in Los Gatos, where her daughters go to school.

All Villagers are welcome. We will have our usual Oneg following service with time for socializing.

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

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘An Everlasting Joy’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

To all you mothers and grandmothers, thank you for persevering in holding the flaming Torch of Hope to generations past, present, and future. You should have more than one day of celebration for all you do to make the world better by sharing your wisdom from God’s Word.

So many sons and daughters have survived the abuse from brokenness and have become great parents because of their relationship with Christ. Being raised by a loving mother and father who have a relationship with the Lord, is a blessing to behold.

In every generation, mothers have endured the many challenges of keeping their families moving in the right direction. I think of the struggle that my single mother faced when left with seven children to care for without our father. I can’t imagine what my past would have been like without the extended family that came alongside her. Today, it might be improbable to keep such a large family together as a single parent without outside help.

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about a great mother is her love for God. She recognizes her need for God’s wisdom in planning her family’s everyday needs. While her household is sound asleep, she is awake, meditating on the Lord and looking to the future. Sharing her wisdom enables the children to set boundaries and avoid trouble in life. She teaches them to love God and honor and respect those in authority. She makes her children feel secure even during duress and fills their stomachs with good things. She speaks words of encouragement to the children when they struggle in their attempts to succeed. My mother did not possess all these qualities, but she sought God’s help.

We are privileged to hear from a phenomenal mother and grandmother during our Chapel service on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12. Pam Wood from New Evergreen Church, the former wife of the late Pastor Tim Wood, will give her testimony. Even in her loss, the love and joy of the Lord she possesses for others is infectious.

Romans 14:17 NLT *For, after all, the important thing for us as Christians is not what we eat or drink but stirring up goodness and peace and joy from the Holy Spirit.*

Celebrate with us on Mother’s Day at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium and every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy 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 [villagescommunitychape.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychape.vgcc.club)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### The Feast of the Ascension is May 9

By Irene Groot

Forty days after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus rose from earth to heaven on a cloud—as witnessed by his apostles, two angels, and traditionally and Mary, His mother. On that day, the awe-struck apostles gazed upwards, heads tilted back, filled with astonishment as Jesus soared upwards on a cloud until He disappeared from their sight. (Acts 1: 6-11).

Two angels standing nearby broke through the apostles’ wonderment with the question: “Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way you have seen Him (depart).” Their query is the basis for the tradition that when Jesus returns on the clouds at the end of time to judge the world, He will come to the very spot where He ascended into Heaven. In Ezekiel 11:23, that site is on the Mount of Olives and is also thought to be the location of the pillar of fire and bright cloud, that led the Israelites through the desert for 40 years.

Unlike Jesus, we are not yet ready to ascend to heaven by way of a cloud. Like the apostles, our task in the here and now is to climb a metaphorical ladder to paradise whose rungs consist of familiar things: the sacraments, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, keeping the commandments, practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, growth in virtues, conquest of vices, bringing the gifts the Holy Spirit to fruition, good works, and the so on. Only at the end of time, when Jesus returns on the clouds, will He summon us upwards in the manner of his own Ascension. St. Paul explains: “After that, we who are still alive and left will be caught up together with them (the saints) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.” (1Thess 4:17)

Today, an open-air church marks the spot on the Mount of Olives where the Ascension is thought to have occurred. For a deeper dive into the meaning of Jesus’ Ascension, St. Francis of Assisi Church will celebrate an 8:30 a.m. feast day Mass on **Thursday, May 9.** You are welcome to attend.

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Going Up and Coming Down’

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

The Feast of the Ascension, in ancient and modern Christian belief, commemorates the final journey of Jesus Christ into heaven. It ranks with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost in the universality of its observance among Christians. Ascension has been celebrated 40 days after Easter in both Eastern and Western Christianity since the 4th century. Prior to that time, the Ascension was commemorated as a part of the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which occurs 10 days later in our contemporary church calendar. All of which was intended to teach us that Jesus had to go up, in order to send his Spirit down!

I like to think of these feasts as celebrations of the nearness of heaven and earth, and the assurance that—through Christ—these realms are always communicating with one another. Not because one is better than (or more real than) the other, but because the created order needs the uncreated, and vice versa. We might imagine heaven and earth as two spatial realms (at least metaphorically) which reveal a mutual process of communication and desire: God drawing humanity heavenward, and sending love earthward. In the 4th century, Athanasius—the great theologian of the early church—wrote: “God became human that humanity might become God.” So perhaps at the Ascension we might think of heaven and earth meeting in humanity—in each of us—when we choose to let God draw our hearts heavenward, in order to empower our ministries on earth.



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Active	8821 Wine Valley Circle	2,256	2	2 1	\$1,498,888	24		\$664.40	
Active	7506 Deveron Court	1,751	2	2 1	\$969,000	92		\$553.40	
Active	7769 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$928,800	45		\$514.86	
Active	7603 Halladale Court	1,509	2	2 0	\$850,000	10		\$563.29	
Active	2033 Folle Blanche Drive	1,629	2	2 0	\$845,000	98		\$518.72	
Active	7015 Via Valverde	1,837	3	2 0	\$824,000	17		\$448.56	
Active	7386 Via Laguna	1,568	2	2 0	\$799,000	18		\$509.57	
Active	6162 Montgomery Place	1,307	2	2 0	\$775,000	30		\$592.96	
Active	6340 Whaley Drive	1,496	2	2 0	\$775,000	62		\$518.05	
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$748,000	12		\$476.13	
Active	8118 Cabernet Court	1,537	2	2 0	\$742,000	20		\$482.76	
Active	7774 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$728,000	59		\$488.59	
Active	7018 Via Cielo	1,406	2	2 0	\$727,018	67		\$517.08	
Active	5140 Cribari Place	1,223	2	2 0	\$525,000	0		\$429.27	
Sold	5546 Cribari Circle	1,223	2	2 0	\$498,000	9	\$505,000	\$412.92	4/9/2024
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Sold	8381 Riesling Way	1,571	2	2 0	\$948,000	6	\$1,050,000	\$668.36	4/29/2024
Sold	7589 Tayside Court	1,509	2	2 0	\$975,000	10	\$1,065,000	\$705.77	4/18/2024
Sold	7056 Via Belmonte	1,815	2	2 0	\$998,000	4	\$1,070,000	\$589.53	4/26/2024
Sold	8758 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,305	2	2 1	\$1,230,000	8	\$1,281,000	\$555.75	4/22/2024

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Cont/Pend	13 ↓ from 16	1,396	\$713,431	30↓		\$508↑
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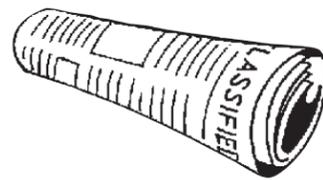
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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Weekly Landscaping Maintenance, hand, and mechanical weed control.

**Cribari**

5250-5319 and 5384-5399—In progress.  
5364-5383 and 5433-5488—5/13-5/17.

**Glen Arden**

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—5/13-5/17.

**Hermosa**

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonay Lake area—In progress.

8065-8088 and around Chardonay Lake area 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8344-8349 and 8388-8399—5/13-5/17.

**Heights**

8480-8505—In progress.

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—5/13-5/17.

**Highland**

7574-7598, 7661-7701, and Findhorn Ct.—In progress.

**Montgomery**

6079-6126 and 6137-6183—In progress.

6246-6336—5/13-5/17.

**Club**

ABC Buildings—5/13-5/17.

Seasonal Landscape Maintenance Turf Aeration and organic compost top dressing.

Cribari, Del Lago, Fairways and Bldgs. A-C—In progress.

Olive tree spraying—Cribari, Fairway Drive, Parkway Drive and Association 5/6-5/10.

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels

(Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type

2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%) Glen Arden, Valle Vista, Olivas and Estates—5/13.

**Sprinkler System Testing**

Sonata, Del Lago, Verano, and Highland—In progress.

Sprinkler systems—Watering Mondays and Thursday.

New watering schedule for Del Lago and Sonta is Mondays and Thursdays—Shrubs and Tuesdays and Fridays—Lawns.

Montgomery and Verano—Mondays and Thursdays—Shrubs, and Wednesdays and Sundays—Lawns

Upper Garden—Poison Hemlock weed control around the outside areas—In progress.

Cribari Circle—Pro chip bark replenishment scheduled to start 5/13.

**Association Maintenance**

**Glen Arden**

7710, 7712, 7723, 7725, and 7727—Roof replacement—In progress.

**Olivas**

McCarty Ranch and Lomas Azules—Build storage doors inside trash enclosures—In progress.

**Club Maintenance**

Clubhouse—Automatic Door Project—In progress.

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

## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



### Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

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

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

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

### Call 911 for medical emergencies

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

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

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



## 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.

### Report Coyote Activity

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

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

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