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*The Villager Online now active, traditional Villager delivered first & third weeks*

The Villager Online went live July 1. In tandem with the printed version, *The Villager Online* is just a click away, while *The Villager* newspaper is available to you in its traditional format on the first and third Fridays of the month. If you haven't seen *The Villager Online*, register and please visit: [news.thevillagesgcc.com/register](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com/register)

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## Free Home Studio Art Tour is this Saturday!

The Arts & Crafts Association is proud to bring back our very popular Home Studio Art Tour this **Saturday, August 17** from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This free event is open to all Villagers and their friends.

Here's what you do: Pick up a free map locating 13 artists throughout The Villages. The map will have the artists' names and what they are showing or selling. Pick and choose your favorite artist or try to visit them all! Maps are available the morning of August 17 in the Patio Room and the Ceramics Room in Cribari Center. Or if you would like to print your own or view the map on your phone, it is available on *The Villager Online*—[news.thevillagesgcc.com](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com).



## Member App now ready for The Villages

On **Monday, August 19** the last of our new technology tools rolls out into the palm of your hands—the Villages Golf and Country Club app. This mobile app displays at a glance The Villages' top events and information, including The Villages Online news and push notifications. With a tap, you can quickly get to popular interests, news, numbers and important content as well as another convenient way to book a tee time or make a dining reservation.

The **Alert Us** tile connects you to Public Works, with submitting a Work Order at your fingertips. **Alert Us** also is the place to contact Public Safety and give your guests gate access.

With Nixle's emergency alert moving to our new Cobalt Club Management System, the app's push Notification is a welcomed functionality that can tailor notifications to a specific group—think club or village. Look for the Bell icon at the top right of the app's home screen. Once a notification's released, you will see the alert come across your mobile screen and, if missed, a red circle icon will appear at the top right of the Bell indicating the number of notifications you have. These are just a few highlights new to members!

### To Do

On August 19, please download The Villages Member App and here's how:

- Go to the Apple App Store or to Google Play. Find the Member App by typing **The Villages Golf and Country** into the Search Bar. Make sure it has our Bell Tower logo.
- Once downloaded and installed, your login is required. Please log in to the app with the same login credentials that you use for accessing the new Member Portal.

**Need Assistance?** If you don't have access to our Member Portal, we have the Support Team ready to help. Please email the team at: [memberportal@the-villages.com](mailto:memberportal@the-villages.com). If it's a download issue, go to the Villages Support site and view our video tutorial Downloading the Member App.

## Enjoy swingin' evening with Death and Taxes Band

The Villages Jewish Community will present an evening of entertainment—a big band song and dance extravaganza on **Saturday, August 24 at 7 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium, and there will be plenty of room for dancing.

The Death and Taxes Swing Band is unavoidably swingin'. You've heard all the usual swing bands, now it's time to check out something a little different. Featuring extra danceable arrangements, sultry vocals, and a whole lot of rhythm, the Death and Taxes Band "generates pure excitement and a swingin' good time" according to Bay County Coastal Newspaper. You may remember them as "Dirty Cello," the group that put on earlier Klezmer performances.

The evening will begin at **7 p.m.** with a dance lesson taught by Colin Williams, who specializes in teaching beginning swing dancing in a friendly and approachable way. The dance lesson is an optional bit of fun that will last about 15 minutes. After that, the band takes the stage and plays the greatest swing hits from the '40s and '50s. Audiences are invited to get up and dance or enjoy the sounds of the Death and Taxes Swing Band.

The cost will be \$20 per person. Please make reservations with Celia Schniffner at [celia.schniffner@gmail.com](mailto:celia.schniffner@gmail.com) or call her at 631-678-7109.



## Come to the next Bluegrass Music Club Jam!

By Alan Rich



The Bluegrass Music Club will be hosting a jam on **Sunday, August 25** at Foothill Center, from **2 to 4 p.m.** All Villagers and their guests are invited. This event is *free!* You are welcome to bring your acoustic instruments and play along with the band, bring your singing voice and sing along, or just listen and enjoy the music. We will be playing bluegrass, vintage country, and some gospel music. Once we get a little closer to the event, I will send an internet

link that contains the lyrics and chords to all of the songs that we will be playing. You need to be on my mailing list to receive this link. If you're not on the mailing list, please email me at [alanrichgis@gmail.com](mailto:alanrichgis@gmail.com). I hope to see you at the jam!

# 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 are posted on The Villager Online. Pulse letters submitted for the print-on-paper Villager are published the first week and the third week of the month. If you have a preference for any specific edition, please submit letter prior to the deadline for that particular edition.

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

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Submission Form on The Villager Online: [news.thevillagesgcc.com/article-submission-form/](https://news.thevillagesgcc.com/article-submission-form/), or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto: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.

Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to The Villager office in Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

2 Pulse letters received this week.  
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.  
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.**

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

I am really disturbed with the process of introducing new VGCC account at The Villages. You send me an email with my new "Member Number," which is to be used for getting into our new VGCC saying "Member Portal is now Live! To help you get started. Please find your Member Number below." Then there is nothing on the page to tell me how to register. There is another sentence which says, "You will receive a second email shortly with your Temporary Password and detailed instructions on how to access the Member Portal." Why can't these be sent at the same time? If this is because of a supposed "security" then it again does not make sense. If someone has access to my email then they will have both of them. Also the link at the bottom of the email to [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com) did not work, I tried it. Why put it in?

—Walter Hlavacek

Proposed changes to Club Policy CPo 305 Investment Policy for formal approval consideration by the Board will be on the August 27 agenda.

The proposed changes will allow current and future Club Boards to invest reserve funds, which, in my opinion, are risky portfolios including common stocks, bonds, cash equivalents and diversified investments, on our behalf.

United States Government Securities (Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds) and FDIC-insured CDs are the only authorized investments in the current policy to SAFELY invest our Reserve funds.

Early in 2022, a report submitted to the Board by an Ad Hoc Committee concluded, "...we feel no investment changes should be made. We want to stay with FDIC-insured securities like CDs and Treasury's, i.e. bills, notes and bonds."

At the May 30, 2023 CBOD meeting, the Board tabled an agenda item to approve changes similar to what is being proposed now because of numerous objections and concerns received from Members.

I plan to have my voice heard that we should continue to have our funds SAFELY invested without risking losses that could potentially result in special assessments. I will send an email to the GM, CBOD and attend the August Club Board meeting.

—Howie Blumstein

## THANK YOU

Bouquets to the person who admires owls and made a beautiful needlepoint of an owl. You delivered it to the wrong address, but I found the rightful owner on Lake Lesina Drive.

She is in awe of the beautiful work and your generosity.

—Judy Gergurich

## IN MEMORIAM

**Rodolfo (Rudy) Lopez**

**December 18, 1936—July 31, 2024**

A memorial service will be held **Friday, August 16** at the Vineyard Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

**Anthony G. (Tony) Branco**

**January 19, 1941—August 3, 2024**

A memorial service will be held **Saturday, August 17** in Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

**George Barry**

**January 24, 1945—August 4, 2024**

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

**New—Obituaries are now also available online at [news.thevillagesgcc.com/in-memoriam](https://news.thevillagesgcc.com/in-memoriam)**

### 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](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com).

**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](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com). For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

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### POLICIES

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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 Barbara Clurman at 669-234-4180, 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.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Proposed Club Bylaws revisions available for review

Dear Villagers,

We are pleased to announce that the redline version of the proposed Club Bylaw revisions is now available for review. You can access the document through the Member Portal under Governance > Club > Documents > Governing. For those who prefer a hard copy, the redline version is available for review in Building A.

To facilitate a thorough understanding and discussion of these revisions, we invite you to attend our first Town Hall meeting on:

**When: Tuesday, August 20**

**Where: Fairway Room, Clubhouse**

**Time: 1 p.m.**

This will be an excellent opportunity for members to ask questions about the proposed changes.

We look forward to your active participation in this important process.

Stay informed and engaged!

—The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

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

**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.

### 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.



## 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 website, [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com) (Go to the Member Portal and click **Resident Info** and then Click on **Resource Files**.)

## Get help from Tech-Savvy Volunteers in Sequoia Room

The Sequoia Room at Cribari continues to be the place where you may go to get assistance with our technology rollouts. WOW and VMA volunteers—helping members since July 1—are now joined by EPC. In the seventh week, we've learned what drop-in hours and days are most popular. As a result, Sequoia drop-in session hours have been tailored starting this week (week three) through August (week five).

Sequoia hours moving forward will be, *as much as we can accommodate*, **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

**Note:** Please be aware that volunteers may sometimes not be present at the Cribari Sequoia Room; however, there is a contact list of volunteers posted at that location. If you find that there are no volunteers staffing the Sequoia Room, please look at the contact list and call for a phone consultation or schedule a meeting with one of the listed WOW volunteers.

**Questions?** Email Communications at [comms@the-villages.com](mailto:comms@the-villages.com)

### WOW Volunteer Schedule for Sequoia Room drop-ins:

<b>Friday, August 16</b>	9 a.m. to noon
<b>Appointment-only for weekend days</b>	
<b>Monday, August 19</b>	12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 20</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 21</b>	2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, August 22</b>	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

More MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 22, 23 & 27



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### Special Offer for The Villages

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# MANAGEMENT

## 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.



## Bulky Bin service available August 20 through 22

The Bulky Bin service is returning the week of August 20. This free service allows Villages residents to properly dispose of furniture and other bulky and no longer useful household items. Green Team Bulky Bins will arrive on site from **Tuesday, August 20** between **6 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** and will be picked up **Thursday, August 22** between **6 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** Please understand we do not have a specific delivery or pick-up time guarantee.

**Locations:** Cribari East and West parking lots, Montgomery Center parking lot and Foothill Center parking lot.



**The following items are not allowed:** Concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerator/freezers, medical or hazardous waste.

Please fill the back of the bin first to maximize space. Once full, please do not toss items over the top or leave items outside of the bins.

Garbage is not allowed inside bulky bins. 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. Please contact Mary Tatum at [mtatum@the-villages.com](mailto:mtatum@the-villages.com) or 408 754-1334 if you have questions.



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**Thanks, Residents of The Villages.**  
I love being here to help in a community where people are making a difference every day. Thank you for all you do.



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State Farm, Bloomington, IL

## Sign up now to get access to The Villager Online!

The Villager Online is available as of July 1!

To make sure you are able to view content, visit [news.thevillagesgcc.com/register](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com/register) now to register.

## Community Battery Recycling is Friday morning

The Villages is excited to offer a trial community battery recycling program. The Villages has been offered free battery recycling through the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site through August. On **Friday** morning, **August 16** you can bring your household batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and button batteries only) to a Villages vehicle located in the parking lot adjacent to the Carport/Air Station near the tennis courts and place them in the container provided.

Any corroded batteries (leaking or with residue) must be separated and bagged in a plastic bag. Collection time is between 9 and 10 a.m. There is no designated storage or early drop off opportunities.

If you miss the above collection opportunity, please contact the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site directly for an appointment at 408-299-7300.



## 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.

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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:

- 7053 Via Belmonte—Paver courtyard  
Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager's office.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## (SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### *A guaranteed home for your spouse or partner*

H and W married 15 years ago and moved into H's condo in The Villages. Both H & W have adult children from prior marriages. Other than one joint checking account, both keep the assets they owned before their current marriage in their individual names. The title of the home in The Villages is solely in H's name.

Recently H died. After the Celebration of Life at the Clubhouse, H's son talked with W. Son has inherited all of his father's estate. Son's question to W: "I'm going to sell the condo. How quickly can you move?" He added, "I believe 60 days should be adequate." W is both bereaved and devastated.

An SRS volunteer spoke with an attorney, who advised that W's right to continue to live in their home after her husband's death depends on whether she has acquired a legal interest in it sufficient to avoid a forced sale and eviction. This legal interest will exist if she has a community property interest or if her husband has made some legal provision for her.

Because they were both fully retired when they married, W believes she has no community property interest. She knew that H wanted to preserve his separate property for the eventual benefit of his son. However, she also believes H wanted her to continue to live there until her death.

The attorney explained H could have given W either an "estate for years" or a "life estate" in the condo. If so, W could then continue to reside in the property either for a specified number of years, or for the rest of her life. If after an expiration of time or at her death, H's son would have full control of the condo. Such a provision must be set up by Deed, by Will, or by a Living Trust.

We suspect there are other Villagers in W's position. This could be either as a spouse or as a partner. We also suspect that frequently this problem does not happen intentionally, but happens simply because the parties do not think about the potential problem. Don't let this happen to someone you love.

Another concern is that the document should clearly note who is responsible for the monthly assessments, the condo insurance, the property taxes, and the repairs while the surviving partner lives there. If there is doubt and disagreement, there might soon be an attorney fight—a costly mistake.

To be sure your wishes are legally documented, you should consult an attorney qualified in matters affecting the transfer and inheritance of property. SRS has a list of attorneys who specialize in Estates and Trusts.

*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 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 announcement:**

## *Medicare and health insurance counseling*

Many Villagers have discovered how fortunate we are to have HICAP volunteers to help us get a handle with Medicare.

HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) is a non-profit volunteer-based counseling program to help senior citizens needing education and assistance with the complexities of Medicare. HICAP is organized under the County's group called Sourcewise, which provides services for seniors and low-income residents. The HICAP volunteers are overseen by paid County employees.

The HICAP counselor assigned to The Villages is Douglas Campbell. Doug's preference for contact is an email to [dcampbell@mysourcewise.com](mailto:dcampbell@mysourcewise.com). You can include your Medicare questions in the email. Doug will email or phone you back if the answer is short or arrange a telephone or video counseling session if the subjects are more complex. If you prefer to leave a phone message rather than email, his direct number is 408-610-8059.

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of September are due to the Architectural Committee on or before August 23, 2024. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday September 5, 2024 at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **August 23, 2024.**

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, August 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, August 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

## *Comcast/ Xfinity network maintenance to affect Montgomery Village*

On Thursday, August 22 Comcast/Xfinity will be performing maintenance in Montgomery Village on two nodes that need to be upgraded. (A node is a junction where the main fiber optic cable from the cable company's central hub is split into smaller distribution cables that run to individual neighborhoods.)

Crews will be onsite aiming to keep service interruptions at a minimum, mainly affecting the same customers for parts of the day. The goal is to complete the work before 5 p.m.

The affected addresses in Montgomery are as follows: 6079-6136 Montgomery Court, 6039-6068 Montgomery Bend and 6001-6038 Montgomery Corner.

On the day after—August 23—Comcast will be working outside The Villages with no Villages' addresses involved.

To see a map of the service area go to *The Villager Online* at [news.thevillagesgcc.com](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com)

## *Missed your Villager?*

The Villager newspaper is being printed on the first and third weeks of the month. If you missed delivery of your 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 on the table outside The Villages Post Office in the Cribari Center hallway.



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# RECREATION

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

## Goodbye from Rebecca

After five amazing years at The Villages, I am saying goodbye. It has been my deepest pleasure and privilege to get to know the residents and staff here. Being a part of enriching your lives through activities programming and scheduling facilities for your celebrations and meetings is very special to me. Please give grace and patience to the Recreation Services staff. And if you have a moment before Friday, August 23, come by Building B to say goodbye.

— Rebecca Dreitlein

Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

## Explore behind the magic on Walt Disney Family Museum trip



Most everyone has heard of Walt Disney, but do you know how he became the cultural icon he is today? The Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco is dedicated to bringing his story to life from his early beginnings in the Midwest, to his Hollywood startup studio, from his years of explorations and innovations in animation, to Disneyland and beyond.

On **Thursday, September 26**, we have arranged for certified Storyteller Guides to provide an insider's look at the galleries and special exhibitions. These friendly folks will split participants into two smaller groups so you can get closer to

the amazing artifacts, from drawings to models and animatronics, on display. The special stories, facts, and memories they share will enhance the experience.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at **8 a.m.** with an estimated return time of **2 p.m.**

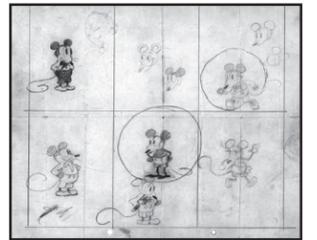
Lunch will be at Pier Market on Pier 39 and includes a starter of clam chowder, cheesecake for dessert and a beverage (coffee or soda). You will need to select an entrée at registration from these options:

- Roasted Pacific Cod (topped with herb butter, served with rice and mesquite grilled vegetables)
- Chicken Penne Pasta (garlic, basil, fresh vegetables, tomato cream sauce)
- Vegetarian entrees are available on request (description to be determined)

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

The cost per person is \$155 and includes admission, guides, meal, escort and round-trip transportation. Register in Building B beginning **Monday, August 19**. Registration ends **Friday, September 6** or sooner if tickets sell out.

Due to the weather of the Bay attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for the driver and guide is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion. Instead of tips for the storyteller guides, the museum requests donations on location or via their website at [waltdisney.org](http://waltdisney.org)



## Get a dance workout with U-Jam Fitness!

Sign up for U-Jam Fitness, offered on six **Mondays, September 9 to October 14** from 10 to 11 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium.



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

The cost for this class is \$68.50. Register in Building B beginning **Monday, August 12**. The deadline is **Friday, August 30** or sooner if the class fills up.

## Get flexible, strong with Yoga

Sign up for Yoga on **Wednesdays, September 4 to October 16** (six classes, skipping September 25) from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment bought independently, see below).

This class combines easy moves to boost body awareness, flexibility and range of motion. Standing poses strengthen muscles and improve balance. You will also do seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures on the mat. The class offers easier or more advanced options. Movements are slow and mindful.

Participants should be able to get up and down from the mat. The class suits everyone, from beginners to experienced students. Please bring your own yoga mat.

Register in Building B. The signup deadline is **Friday, August 23** or sooner if class is filled.

## Building B business hours

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

## Tour SF's Chinatown with Craig Smith!

On **Thursday, September 5**, we invite you to San Francisco to explore and celebrate parts of the Chinese culture in one of America's oldest Chinatowns. Starting with the iconic Pagoda Gate, Craig Smith will show you the monuments in St. Mary's Square and the cathedral. Next will be a tea tasting at a local tea house where you can discover different brews.

Lunch will be at the Far East Café, the oldest restaurant in Chinatown (since 1920!) in their wonderfully decorated traditional main dining room. Lunch is served family-style and includes steak with double mushrooms, Peking duck with buns, veggie fried rice, sweet and sour pork, prawns with honey walnuts and a fortune cookie for dessert. Beverages include oolong tea, iced water, soda, juice and sparkling water. Note: The restaurant cannot accommodate any food allergies.

After lunch, the journey continues through the colorful Street of Painted Balconies and a visit to the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie factory to learn about the cookie making process (and maybe buy some to take home). The next stops on the tour will be the Old Chinese Telephone Exchange, built in the style of a traditional temple and artwork in Portsmouth Square, the "Heart of Chinatown," where there will be some time to shop.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at **8 a.m.** with an estimated return time of **5 p.m.**

Activity Level: High (mostly walking, some inclines due to terrain).

The cost per person is \$120 and includes round trip transportation, meal, guide and escort. Register in Building B. Registration ends **Friday, August 23** or sooner if tickers sell out.

Due to the weather of the Bay attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for the driver is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.



## 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.

## See award-winning 'Wicked' at Orpheum!



Join us **Thursday, October 10** at San Francisco's Orpheum Theater for an evening presentation of "Wicked," the untold story of the Witches of Oz. This Broadway sensation looks at what happened in the Land of Oz from a different angle, long before Dorothy arrived. One witch has green skin and is fiery, smart, talented and misunderstood. Another witch is a bubbly and popular blonde. Their rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships... until their world starts to call one "good" and the other "wicked." From the raise of the curtain, this Broadway sensation transfixes audiences.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at **3 p.m.** with an estimated return time of **midnight**.

Your early dinner will be at Max's Opera Cafe and includes a chopped salad, a New York style cheesecake for dessert and a beverage (coffee, iced tea or soda). You will need to select an entrée at registration from these options:

- Chili-glazed Meatloaf Dinner (Danish blue cheese, avocado, tomatoes, mushrooms, bacon, egg, balsamic vinaigrette)
- Garden Burger (topped with cheddar cheese and served with choice of potato salad, coleslaw or fries)
- Max's Famous Reuben (corned beef Reuben with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing, on grilled rye, served with choice of potato salad, coleslaw or fries)

Activity Level: Low (mostly seated).

The cost per person is \$220 and includes admission, meal, escort and round-trip transportation. Register in Building B. Registration ends **Friday, August 23** or sooner if tickets sell out.

Note: This is an evening performance, make special note of the departure and expected return times before signing up. Due to the weather of the Bay attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for the driver is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

## Look what's coming

Date	Event	Reg. Start
8/20 - 9/24	Chair Yoga	NOW
8/20-9/24	Mat Pilates	SOLD OUT
9/5	Chinatown with Craig Smith	NOW
9/26	Walt Disney Museum	NOW
10/10	Wicked	NOW
10/24	Barbary Coast with Craig Smith	9/16

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](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! Michael Sunzeri will host Open Studio on Monday afternoons, 2 - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, August 17:** Home Studio Art Tour, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Diane Finley for contract at [dianefinley1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)

**Thursday, August 29:** Advisory Board Meeting, 4 p.m. in the Art Room

**Tuesday, October 15:** Annual Members Juried Show. Contact Michael Sunzeri for contract at [twosunzeris@comcast.net](mailto:twosunzeris@comcast.net)

**Art Classes—Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)**

**September 4 to October 2:** Watercolor plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and scheduled Open Studio time. \$70.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members only. 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.

## RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings can be found on [villagesrvclub.org](http://villagesrvclub.org)

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

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

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

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

**December 4, 5, 6, 7** - New Brighton State Beach, Capitola

**December 11** - Holiday Party at the Clubhouse



## 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. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday** - Walk around the golf course with Terri Vivoli and/or Cheryl Allmen, meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30.

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, August 21:** Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a 3.3-mile round trip rambler hike along the Devil's Slide trail 2.6 miles north of Montara State Beach on Hwy 1. The trail is paved and offers spectacular ocean views with great opportunities for viewing birds and marine mammals. The hike has approximately 300 feet of elevation change and should provide a nice break from the South Bay heat. Round trip driving distance is 110 miles. There are restrooms at both ends of the hiking trail and many benches along the way. We will park at the southern parking lot. Bringing a jacket is advisable. We can stop for lunch afterward at one of the many restaurants in Half Moon Bay or Pacifica. We will meet at Cribari Center at **9 a.m.** and depart at 9:15.

**Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, August 21:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

**Special Hike, Thursday, August 22:** Cheryl Allmen will lead a hike to Happy Hollow's Senior Safari, a special time when seniors get free admission/parking at Happy Hollow. You can enjoy the animals, rides and special senior activities, and there may be free items and handouts. You can even stay all day and meet up with your grandkids after 10 a.m. Our group will meet at the Cribari bell at 8:15 a.m. and leave at 8:25 for anyone who wants to carpool. Parking entrance is on Story Road just east of Senter Road. We will enter the park about 9 a.m. and you can stay as long as you like. Cheryl plans to leave the park mid-day. Food/beverages are available for purchase at the park. Hikers have many choices if driving on their own: stop for lunch, complete errands (Costco is nearby) or return to The Villages. Round trip is about 20 miles. Message Cheryl at 408-307-3979 with questions.

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, August 28:** Sandy and John Petrin will lead a 4-mile rambler hike from the parking lot on Silver Creek Valley Rd (on the right just before HWY 101). We will hike north to the picnic area by Cottonwood Lake and take a break. Bring water and a snack. The roundtrip hike is about 4 miles and is mostly shaded. There are restrooms at the parking lot and by the picnic tables near Cottonwood Lake where we take a break. We will meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 8:45. Roundtrip mileage is 9 miles. For those interested, we can stop for coffee on the way back at the coffee shop by the old New Seasons—now called Silver Creek Community Market—on Silver Creek Road.

**Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, August 28:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Valle Vista and the lower Joe Marsh Trail. We'll walk around the Village View Loop and up to the end of the circle to the shorter lower Joe Marsh Trail. The trail has a gradual hill which some of us may walk a bit slower than others. We'll end up at the garden and then walk back to our cars. Drive up the hill to Valle Vista and turn right on the first street "Village View Loop" and park. Meet at 9 a.m. Use of insect repellent and poles advised.

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, September 11:** Rich (408-499-1789) and Wendy will lead a hike in the Forest of Nisene Marks in Aptos. From the park entrance station parking lot, this "out and back hike" will have us follow the Split Stuff Trail to the Mary Easton Picnic Area, where we will stop for snacks. Round trip distance for this hike is about 5 miles, with moderate elevation in spots. The park entrance fee is \$7 for seniors. Exact change required at self-pay at the entrance. We will stop for snacks at the Porter Picnic Area. Optional lunch is at the nearby Aptos Street BBQ after the hike. Round trip mileage is approximately 90 miles. Please arrive at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 departure.

# 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  
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## Soup of the Day



For the week of 8/19 to 8/25

**Monday, August 19**

Beef Noodle

**Tuesday, August 20**

Split Pea

**Wednesday, August 21**

Cream of Spinach

**Thursday, August 22**

Chicken Tortellini

**Friday, August 23**

Clam Chowder

**Saturday, August 24**

Chef's Choice

**Sunday, August 25**

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.

## 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.

## New updated Dinner Menu began Friday, June 14

**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)**

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 8/19 to 8/25

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 8/20 to Sunday 8/25

**Sante Fe Omelet:** Ortega Chili, Onions, Cheddar Cheese and Bacon with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tortellini Pesto:** Cheese Tortellini in a Garlic Cream Pesto Sauce **\$14.95**

**Trio Salad:** Egg, Chicken and Tuna Salad over Greens with a Choice of Dressing **\$15.95**

### Dinner Specials:

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

**Lamb Stew:** Braised Lamb Chuck Stew with Onions and Vegetables **\$28.95**

**Heirloom Tomato and Peach Salad with Prawns:** Heirloom Tomato, Peaches, Sweet Onions, Feta Cheese and Grilled Prawns over Greens **\$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**

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### Clubhouse Special Offers

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



Bring your favorite bottle of wine\* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse and enjoy our no-corkage fee offer.

\* 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. This special offer is every Wednesday and Thursday.

### Single Diners' Night



**Let's dine together every Wednesday at 6 p.m.**

Shared table. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. when you come as a single with your favorite bottle of wine and share your table with another single dining member, the corkage fee is on the house!\* Please see restrictions below.

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.



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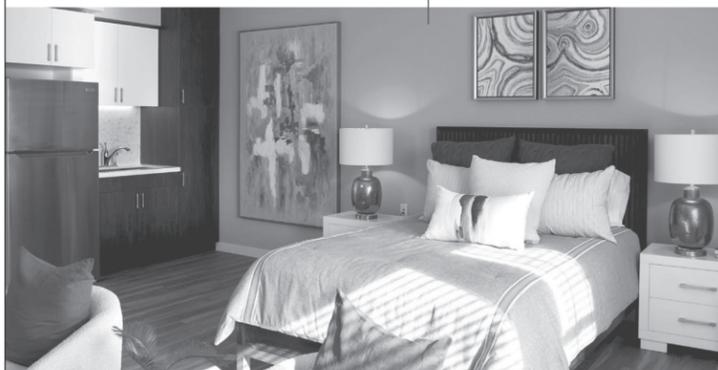


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, August 16

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Villager Online drop-ins	SEQ
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, August 17

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Home Studio Art Tour	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Chinese Ballroom Dancing	A
5:30 p.m.	Italian Golf Classico	CH

## Sunday, August 18

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Jewish Community Mem	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Desi Club Summer Picnic	GP
5 p.m.	Fairweather Potluck	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Monday, August 19

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
8:30 a.m.	Nirvana Fitness	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Round Table	PR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Villager Online drop-ins	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR

1 p.m.	VMA Health Program	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Korean Club Meeting	F
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3:45 p.m.	Aqua Zumba	FHP
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

## Tuesday, August 20

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	FC, MC, Cribari
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9 a.m.	AARP Safe Driving Pt 1	SEQ
9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga	CR
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
10:30 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Lay Board	F
10:30 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
11 a.m.	Shoni's General Meeting	GP
11 a.m.	VGC Meeting	MC
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness class	A
1 p.m.	Bylaws Town Hall	CH
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Democratic Postcard Party	FC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	VC
2:30 p.m.	Villager Online drop-ins	SEQ
7 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	PR

## Wednesday, August 21

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	FC, MC, Cribari
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9 a.m.	AARP Safe Driving Pt 2	SEQ
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	VMA iPhone class	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
2:30 p.m.	Villager Online drop-ins	SEQ
3 p.m.	Macintosh Users Group	CR

3:45 p.m.	Aqua Zumba	FHP
4 p.m.	Bocce Club Champ Potluck	FP
5 p.m.	VMA Bingo & Dinner	CH
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

## Thursday, August 22

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Villager Online drop-ins	SEQ
9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	FC, MC, Cribari
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9:30 a.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance class	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness class	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	18-H Wmn Valley Team Play	CH
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5 p.m.	Democratic Club	FC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Villages Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Friday, August 23

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Bulky Bins	FC, MC, Cribari
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
5 p.m.	Tennis Mixer Tourney	TS
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Long-9 Twilight Dinner	CH



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

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

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

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

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

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



Club Events & Notices



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[resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)

### 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>TTC</b>	Table Tennis Center	(Montgomery)
<b>VC</b>	Vineyard Center	
<b>VR</b>	Voyage Room	(Montgomery)

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The Villages Medical Auxiliary

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

### Upcoming Programs

**Is The Cure Making You Sick?** – Catherine Pham a pharmacist with LifePlus Pharmacy will explain deficiencies caused by multi-medication usage and how to counteract this depletion on **Monday, August 19 at 1 p.m.** in Vineyard Center. Register on VMA website or call our office.

**AARP (Original Certificate course) Driver Safety Class** - This two-day event will be offered on **Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room. This is not a renewal class. Irv Kaplan will be conducting this training which when completed may reduce your car insurance payment! The class is limited to 25. Payment to be made at the start of class and must be in cash or check made out to AARP (*no credit cards accepted*). Cost: AARP members \$20; non-members \$25; Free to those with United Healthcare Supplemental Ins. Register on VMA website or call our office.

**New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment** – presented by Vanessa Souza, LCSW. Senior Manager, Community Engagement, Alzheimer's Association of Northern CA & Northern NV. Coming **Thursday, September 9 at 1 p.m.** Register on VMA website or call our office.

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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Glen Arden hosts retro ice cream social

By Gabriele Ondine



At left: Sandy Tate, Glen Arden DAC member, serves ice cream to attendee Alan Pease. At center: Glen Arden resident Frank Houghton looks stylish in his new balloon hat. At right: Ice cream servers Lucy Pousho, Sandy Tate, and Mary McLane show off balloon Lucy from "Peanuts" and a stylish balloon hat.

The Ice Cream Social hosted by the Glen Arden Village DAC on Sunday, August 11 was an afternoon of fun and joy for the 60 attendees. Supported by a real old-time jukebox with scores of musical selections going back to the '40s, and a balloon master artist, residents were entertained as they consumed ice cream, a wide variety of toppings including hot fudge sauce, and an array of home-baked cookies. A strolling photographer took Polaroid shots of guests during the three-hour event.

There were lots of smiles, laughter, and camaraderie among the guests as they tried on their new hats created by balloon artist Patrick Duffek of Balloon Creations. Patrick added to his repertoire by making flower bouquets, balloon animals, and little people (including a balloon Lucy of "Peanuts" fame).

A few folks ventured onto the dance floor tripping the light fantastic to famous '50s and '60s tunes. We enjoyed watching those brave souls on the "dance stage" while remembering our experiences back in the day.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all. One guest, upon departing, said, "We should do this every month!"

## Extend your years of safe driving and independence

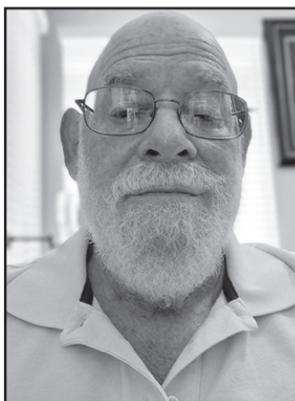
By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education

Move fast. Register today for AARP Driver Safety Class, Parts One and Two, to be held **August Tuesday and Wednesday, 20 and 21** in Sequoia from **9:30 a.m.-1:30 pm**. Sponsored by VMA, in this eight-hour class you will:

1. Refresh your driving skills and knowledge.
2. Learn of advances in roadway technology, state laws, and changes (think roundabouts and changing screens on your dashboard).
3. Learn how to navigate challenging driving conditions, such as potholes, rain, mountains, extreme heat.
4. Gain insight on how your age-related changes in hearing, eyesight, memory, and reaction time affect your driving.
5. Consider alternative ideas to your driving yourself and how to use apps and reserve Lyft and Uber.

Irv Kaplan, AARP volunteer and Sonata resident will teach this popular class. By completing the class, you may be eligible to reduce your auto insurance premium. Moreover, you may remove your fear of losing your driver's license and decreasing your independence. The cost for this Driver Safety Class is \$25, payable at the door by check or cash. AARP Members receive a \$5 discount. United Healthcare Supplement members are comped; insurance card is required.

In July, Irv's "Driver Safety Renewal Class" filled up almost as soon as VMA announced it. Class is limited to 25. Register now at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) and click on "Register for Programs." Or call Bonnie Grim, VMA Resident Services Coordinator at 408-238-4029. Check is preferred. Make checks out to AARP. Cash is acceptable. No credit cards.



Instructor Irv Kaplan

## Villages Chinese Club holds jewelry making workshop

By Valerie Smith

This month the Villages Chinese Club recently held an Arts & Crafts demonstration and workshop where participants made a beautiful Brazilian yellow quartz and aventurine necklace and earring set. All materials and step-by-step instructions were provided, along with the help of three club volunteers who assisted members with threading beads and attaching clasps as they made their own necklaces and earrings. The end results were stunning.

The Villages Chinese Club offers a rich set of activities on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and quarterly basis. In addition, it offers three major cultural events to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Dragon Boat Festival, and the Mid-Autumn Festival. Visit the club's website at <https://sites.google.com/site/villageschineseclub/home>.



Sharon Smith wearing a necklace and earring set created during a Chinese Club workshop.

## Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) to meet August 21

The Macintosh Users Group will have a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room and via Zoom.

Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be sent email notices or the link to join our Zoom meetings. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and his email is [larryroben@gmail.com](mailto:larryroben@gmail.com)



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## Explore 'Travel Photography Using Your iPhone' with Jim Koski



"Travel Photography Using Your iPhone" will be the focus of the Hiking Club's August program. Jim Koski is a Villages resident and retired professional photographer who recently returned from Amsterdam, a Viking Rhine

River Cruise through Germany and several days near Lucerne, Switzerland. He deliberately left his larger camera at home in favor of his iPhone 13 Pro. Jim will show photos from his recent trip and present tips to get the most from these amazing cameras. Much of this is relevant to Android phones too.

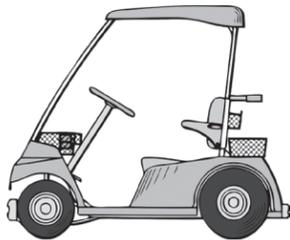
The Hiking Club meeting will be held **Monday, August 26 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

## Golf cart donations help support the VMA

Did you know that your donation of a golf cart or car to the VMA will not only support the VMA's fundraising objectives, but will provide you, the donor, a 501C IRS charitable write-off? You will receive a receipt to use when completing your taxes.

VMA uses all funds to assist Villagers to continue to live independent, active and healthy lives from the comfort of their own homes.

Donated carts are available for Villagers to purchase. If interested in purchasing a cart available through the VMA, call the office at 408-238-4230 to put your name on the waiting list.





### LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE REMINDER

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

### Business Card Ads

## Call 408-223-4657

## VMA: 'Is the cure making you ill?'

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education

You faithfully take your pills. Yet, you are feeling worse. Find out a possible "why" at VMA's presentation on **Monday, August 19** at Vineyard Center from 1 to 2 p.m.: "**Combating Drug-Induced Nutrient Depletion with Herbs and Supplements.**" Research shows that many of the top 100 drugs prescribed in the United States, may deplete a variety of our body's nutrients. Presenter Catherine Pham, Pharm.D., a pharmacist at LifePlus Pharmacy, is ardent about improving patient care and health outcomes. She knows first-hand that medications provide relief for many conditions and diseases. She also knows that these lifesavers can deprive your body of needed nutrients. Additionally, you have a higher chance for nutrient depletion based on the number of medications—prescribed and over the counter—that you take.



**Catherine Pham, Pharm.D.**

In a 2013 study funded by the Mayo Clinic and the Institute on Aging, almost 70 percent of us take at least one prescription medication. More than one-half of us take two. While each of these medications may improve your health condition, they can deplete your nutrients. Moreover, most of us may be shortchanging our nutrient needs. Sadly, just by eating our average American diet, we already suffer from inadequate nutrients. This state is before we add stress to our bodies with prescribed and over-the-counter medications. Pharmacist Pham says that these stressors and nutrient depletion can be helped.

An expert in the interactions of prescribed and over-the-counter medications, Pham will cover:

1. Categories of drugs that commonly affect nutritional status, including medications for infections, heart conditions, depression, and inflammatory conditions.
2. Over-the-counter drugs that may deplete the body
3. Signs that indicate nutritional deficiencies, such as fatigue, muscle weakness, brittle bones, dry skin, mood changes, and cognitive decline
4. Specific benefits of herbs and supplements, such as probiotics for gut health, to address these deficiencies
5. Practical strategies for patients and their caregivers on integrating dietary adjustments and personalized care plans for overall well-being.

Bring the names and dosages of your medications to the presentation. Pham, who holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy and is a doctoral candidate for Traditional Chinese Medicine, will answer your questions.

To have handouts for all attendees, we ask that you reserve your place now at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) and click on "Register for Programs." Or call Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029.

## RSVP for Evening Bingo!



The next **Night Bingo is Wednesday, August 21**. Reservations through the Clubhouse are required. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. with Bingo to immediately follow. Cards are \$2 each or three for \$5. Reminder: All monies collected for cards are returned to winning players!

## Save the date for 'Inside the Gates' Home Tour

By Sherry Benz

Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss the 2024 "Inside the Gates Home Tour" on schedule for **Saturday, October 5**. The committee is hard at work to bring several incredibly beautiful homes to the tour and can't wait to share these spectacular residential updates with you. Watch the Villager for more information. All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit VMA (Villages Medical Auxiliary). For information, contact Penny Barcellos at 408-234-2792 or Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713.



## Mark calendar for Juried Art Show



Mark your calendars for **October 15** when Arts and Crafts presents our Annual Members Juried Show.

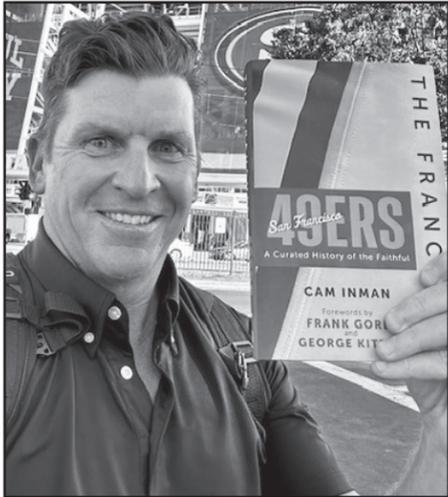
The venue is Cribari Conference Room from **2:30-4:30 p.m.** Contracts are available in the Art Room, Cribari mailbox, and at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org). You can also contact Michael Sunzeri at [twosunzeris@comcast.net](mailto:twosunzeris@comcast.net) or call 408-622-6860

# Sports columnist Cam Inman to speak at VMFSC luncheon

On Tuesday, September 3, the speaker for the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will be Cam Inman, sports columnist for the Contra Costa Times.

Social Club members should make lunch reservations on the website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend the presentation and should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:15 p.m.

Cam Inman is a Bay Area native who grew up in Cupertino with the dream of becoming a sportswriter. He's entering his 25th season covering the San Francisco 49ers and the NFL for the Bay Area News Group, which includes the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper he used to deliver on his bicycle as a pre-teen. His second book, "The Franchise: San Francisco 49ers," officially comes out on September 24. He and his wife, Jennifer Branchini, have raised three children in Pleasanton.



# Get tickets for the dance party and do the Hustle!

By B. Brown

This August 31 event may be a first in the Cribari Auditorium—Professional Hustle Dancers! Stephen Ward and Deborah Davis will guide you through an easy-to-follow beginner's Hustle lesson. They will also entertain you with a dazzling ballroom performance that includes lifts, dips and drops!

Next, The Villages' very own Celia Schiffner will be leading the participants in line dancing. It's going to be great!

This makes two opportunities to get on the dance floor (with or without a partner) and learn some new club moves.

And last but not least, music with DJayZee and catered, finger food will keep the energy going until 9 p.m.! (That's like midnight in our past lives!)

Join The Village Dancers Saturday, August 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. BYOB (alcohol is permitted).

For questions or to order tickets, call 408-274-1882, text 408-375-1760 or email vms.dancers@gmail.com. Charge to HOA. Villages Dance Club Members pay \$20. Non-members are \$25 each. Pre-ordered tickets will be available at Will Call. In person ticket sales: Cribari Auditorium Lobby on Mondays, August 19 and 26 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.



Professional Ballroom dancers Stephen Ward and Deborah Davis.



Montgomery resident and line dancing extraordinaire Celia Schiffner.

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## Get ready for Front Porch Quilt Show

By Marilee Kline



Save the date—the Third Front Porch Quilt Show, sponsored by The Villages Quilters is **Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

We would like to display some of our art to brighten your day. There are 16 homes signed up to participate. Look around, some members are using creative ways to display their quilts. They may use their fence, tree, bench or nearby wall. Please join us if you have a treasured quilt you would like to share with all of us. If you have a friend in The Villages who owns a quilt that they would like to display, please invite them. I must know by August 15, 2024. Please email marileekline@yahoo.com or call 831-809-4313.

Homes participating in the Quilt Show:

**Sonata**

2101 Mataro Way

**Hermosa**

8054 Chardonay  
8216 Claret Court  
8237 Claret Court  
8352 Charbono Court

**Cribari**

5434 Cribari Green  
5476 Cribari Green

**Montgomery**

6238 Gerdt's Drive  
6279 Blauer Lane  
The Heights  
8470 Grenache Court

**Verano**

7019 Via Cielo  
7342 Via Laguna

**Olivas**

8676 French Oak Drive  
8765 McCarty Ranch Drive  
8792 Grape Wagon Circle

**Highland**

7504 Deveron Court

## Senior Academy to return with powerful lineup

By Arlene Versaw

What do the League of Women Voters, Islam and U.S. politics have in common?

They are all part of the fabulous menu of presentations the Senior Academy will bring to you this fall. These are merely those to be held in September and October, with the impressive November and December schedule to be released later. Here's what's on tap for the next two months, so mark your calendars and watch for further information on the events, including how to register, as we get closer to each presentation.



**September 10** – The League of Women Voters: Empowering Voters – Defending Democracy  
**October 7 and 16** – A Story of U.S. Presidential Elections – They've Always Been Messy – (timely!)  
**October 20** – Islam – The Second Largest Religion in the World (note this is a Sunday evening)  
We look forward to sharing these entertaining and informative topics with you. See you soon!

## The Crafters Club will see you in September

When the summer's through, we'll be here for you! Save the date—**Saturday, September 14**— the Crafters Club will be back with our second show of the year! We've been busy crafting during these long hot days of summer preparing our best fall showpieces! Your favorite crafters (and some new ones!) will be on hand with exquisite jewelry, quilts, fashionable totes, ceramics, succulents, lavender, wood working, paper goods, home decor and of course fall decorations. Browse our one of a kind hand-crafted selections and get a jump on your holiday shopping, or pick up a unique item just for yourself! After a long summer, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 14 at Cribari Center from **10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** As always, we'll have coffee and a selection of cookies for you! See you in September!



## Come play with us on Game Night

Come to the Game Night on **Tuesday, September 17** at Foothill Center from **7 to 9 p.m.** sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community.

Bring your friends in The Villages and your favorite games like Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Mexican Train, Porker or Board Games. Enjoy a fun evening with your friends or make some new ones.

We ask that each table to bring a dessert to share. Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408-440-4940 for reservations and additional details.

We welcome all Villagers to join us. Space is limited so reservations get priority. We look forward to seeing you.



## Grasp new advances in Alzheimer's treatment

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education

You lose your glasses or forget someone's name. Inwardly you cringe. "Is it Alzheimer's?" For your peace of mind, learn "New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment" on **Monday, September 9 at 1 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, sponsored by the VMA. In an informative and interactive talk, Vanessa Souza LCSW, Senior Management in Community Engagement of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern CA and Northern NV, will cover:

- Newest advances in Alzheimer's treatments.
- Overview of the role that disease-modifying treatments may have in slowing Alzheimer's progression.
- How individuals can learn more about whether they may be candidates for treatments.
- Current accessibility of treatment.

Souza will also speak about the underlying biology of Alzheimer's Disease, including two prominent biomarkers. In addition, participants will receive handouts listing resources for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's and their caregivers and family members.

Souza's professional experience spans work as a memory care director assisted living administrator and social worker in adult day healthcare. Most importantly, in addition to her professional experience, Souza responds carefully and kindly to the complexities of navigating Alzheimer's Disease. She said, "I have a particular passion in ensuring people living with Alzheimer's and dementia—and their family and friends—have the needed knowledge to prepare for the future" and can live fully now. For your inner peace when you experience forgetfulness, join this VMA presentation.

Save your spot now for "New Advances for Alzheimer's Treatment," on September 9. For online reservations visit [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club). By phone, call 408-238-4029.



**Vanessa Souza, LCSW, will present encouraging new research on Alzheimer's.**



### VMA Bingo & Dinner Wednesday, August 21, 2024



Reservations Begin Thursday, August 1 at 9 a.m.

- No Host Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
- Two-Course Served Dinner:
  - Assorted Rolls & Butter
  - Pot Roast with Gravy
  - Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
  - Dessert: Apple Pie
  - (Veg Option: Pasta Primavera)

\$24.94 Plus Service Charge & Tax per guest  
An Additional \$1 is Then Added for VMA

Come join us for Bingo & Dinner at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, August 21. Reservations can be made by calling The Clubhouse Special Event Line at 408-754-1337 or e-mail at [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com). Reservations for all size parties are accepted with a maximum of 8 guests per table. If you wish to organize a table of friends, only one person needs to call but must furnish the guest names and house numbers for all players. Bingo cards will be sold (three for \$5 or \$2 each) in the reception area starting at 5:30 p.m.

## Come join us for Village Voices Open House



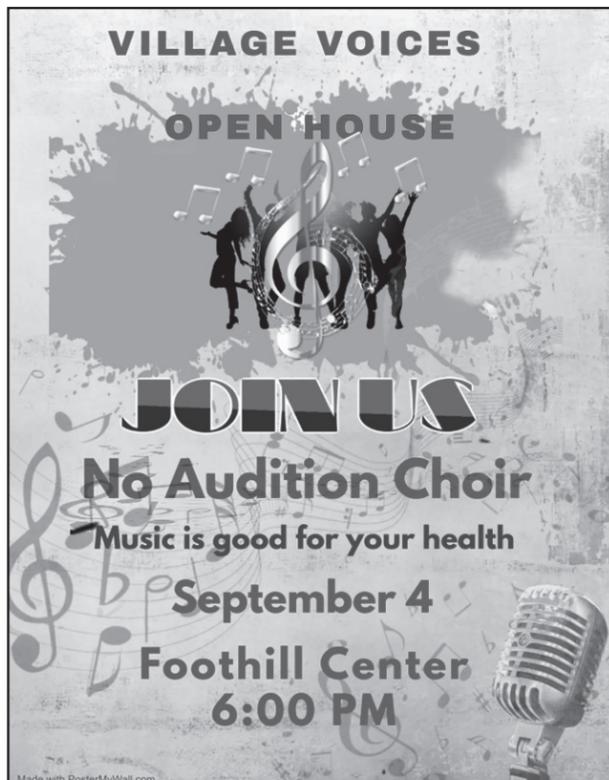
Have you been singing in the shower? How about singing in a choral group?

Village Voices is gearing up for the season's new program "A Winter Spectacular." We will kick off with an Open House on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.**, in Foothill Center.

**We welcome all new and returning singers.**

Join a no-audition choir! Bring friends and neighbors!

Come for the fun! Come for the food! Try out a rehearsal! Celebrate the love of music!



## Cat Club to resume meetings in September

The Village Cat Club will resume meetings on Monday, September 23 in the Foothill Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Our guest speaker will be MedVet.

MedVet promises to offer an outstanding presentation which will include information about preparing for emergency evacuation for your cats and other current topics about cats. In addition to our guest speaker, we will also have the exchange table (**Leave something take something**). This is a free exchange, so bring something that your cat doesn't like and try something new. Also, pick up a ticket for the drawing when you enter at the signup table.



Drawing items will be new and high-end items for cats. Anna Thompson will also attend the meeting to share updates on her move to Sacramento and to inform us what days she will be returning to The Villages to offer in home pet services.

*Please sign up so we know how many people will be attending.*

Sign up by going to the cat club website at <https://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club> or reply to Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798.

## Save date for Drop-in Flu Shot Clinic

Villagers, it's almost flu season, so...

Save the date: VMA and Life Plus Pharmacy will present a

**Drop-In Flu Clinic for Villagers**

**Sunday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Foothill Center**

It will be easy peasy! No pre-registration! No appointments!

Just drop-in, show your ID and Medicare Card or your ID and a valid insurance card (if you're not yet 65), fill out the standard questionnaire, get your flu shot, rest a bit, and enjoy the rest of your day!

See you to get your '24-'25 flu shot!

FYI: Unfortunately, flu shots will not be available to Kaiser members, but VMA can provide a ride to Kaiser for you to get your shot.

Call Liz Adams at 408 621-5653 with questions.



## Embrace the heat with 'Summer in the City'

By B. Brown

The Lovin' Spoonfuls were among the first American groups to challenge the British Invasion bands in the mid-'60s. The song "Summer in the City" spent 10 straight weeks on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1966 and is #2 in our musical series.

For the month of August, we will dance and groove to "Summer in the City" and we can't wait for you to join the fun!

Dance, socialize and exercise with us **every Monday night at 5:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed. All are welcome. Each month brings a new dance style and new dance theme.

Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers. She can be reached at [vms.dancers@gmail.com](mailto:vms.dancers@gmail.com). Please see the Music Society website: [villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3](http://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3)

The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee to participants. All monies go toward support of the club.



## VMA events...

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### Support Groups

**Grief Support Group:** Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health meets with those facing loss in their lives. Next meeting is **Monday, August 19 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. Next meeting **Thursday, September 19 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 408-784-3325.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place on the third Thursday. Next date is **Thursday, September 19 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.

## Giddy up & get ready for The Hermosa/ Heights Hoedown & BBQ



**When & Where:** Saturday, September 21 at the Gazebo Park

**Who:** Wanted all cowboys and cowgirls  
After registration for Hermosa and Heights' residents, registration will be open to all Villagers  
Wear your best cowboy and cowgirl gear

### FEATURING:

a Saloon, an Ice Cream Parlor, and a Grub Wagon (Catered meal—chicken, ribs, burgers, and vegetarian entrees)

Dancing and music

Watering hole so bring your own water bottle and let's save on plastic

New games and photo area

Look for more information and registration details to follow as time gets closer

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.

Here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among the bestsellers. There's also a wall of mystery, fiction and non-fiction large print editions in the backroom. While you're there, take a look through the biography section.

Our devoted library volunteers are 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.

### Our latest recommendations:

**"Funny Story" by Emily Henry.** Publisher's description: "Daphne always loved the way her fiancé Peter told their story. How they met (on a blustery day), fell in love (over an errant hat), and moved back to his lakeside hometown to begin their life together. He really was good at telling it...right up until the moment he realized he was actually in love with his childhood best friend Petra. Which is how Daphne begins her new story: Stranded in beautiful Waning Bay, Michigan, without friends or family but with a dream job as a children's librarian (that barely pays the bills), and proposing to be roommates with the only person who could possibly understand her predicament: Petra's ex, Miles. Miles is exactly the opposite of practical, buttoned up Daphne, whose coworkers know so little about her they have a running bet that she's either FBI or in witness protection. The roommates mainly avoid one another, until one day, while drowning their sorrows, they form a tenuous friendship and a plan that involves posting deliberately misleading photos of their summer adventures together.

**"Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand.** Publisher's description: "Chief of Police Ed Kapenash is about to retire. Blond Sharon is going through a divorce. But when a 22-million-dollar summer home is purchased by the mysterious Richardsons—how did they make their money, exactly? Ed, Sharon, and everyone in the community are swept up in high drama. The Richardsons throw lavish parties, flirt with multiple locals, flaunt their wealth with not one but two yachts, and raise impossible hopes of everyone they meet. When their house burns to the ground and their most essential employee goes missing, the entire island is up in arms."

**"On Call" by Anthony Fauci.** Publisher's description: "Anthony Fauci is arguably the most famous doctor in the world today. His role guiding America sanely and calmly through Covid earned him the trust of millions during one of the most terrifying periods in modern history, but this was only the most recent of the global epidemics in which Dr. Fauci played a major role. His crucial role in researching HIV and bringing AIDS into sympathetic public view and his leadership in navigating the Ebola, SARS, West Nile, and anthrax crises, make him truly an American hero. His memoir reaches back to his boyhood in Brooklyn, New York, and carries through decades of caring for critically ill patients, navigating the whirlpools of Washington politics, and behind-the-scenes advising and negotiating with seven presidents on key issues."

## Villagers turn out for Barbara Gottesman's art exhibit reception



Villagers and members were invited to a reception on **Thursday, July 25** for the exhibit of Barbara Gottesman's Solo Show paintings. Michael Sunzeri mounted the 13 paintings in Cribari Conference Room, which will remain up for viewing until October 15. Attendees were Villagers, fellow artists, members of Arts & Crafts, East Valley Artist members, Bay Area artists and people from San Jose State University where Barbara taught in the graduate school for Educational Leadership.

Barbara's display of paintings included "Ginkgo Dancer in Tempera" which she painted in 1999 and "The Comfort of Birds," a collage she completed in June 2024. Her artwork includes watercolor, acrylic, collage, charcoal and Chinese Brush Painting.

The next exhibit for Arts & Crafts will be the Annual Members Juried Show on **Tuesday, October 15.**



Joanne was recently honored with the annual President's Award for her 45+ years of contributions to the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors!!



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### Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Club Championship - Match Play

- When:** September 14 through September 22, 2024  
 - Round 1 Matches – Saturday, Sept. 14  
 - Round 2 Matches – Sunday, Sept. 15  
 - Round 3 Matches – Saturday, Sept. 21  
 - Round 4 Matches – Sunday, Sept. 22 Final Flight Championships
- Note:** Play will be conducted over two consecutive weekends. Tee times will be assigned by the Pro Shop. Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted.
- What:** Club Championship  
**Format:** Individual Match Play  
**Signup:** Aug. 31 through Sept. 12 – Sign up with the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop will make the pairings.
- Handicaps:** 100% of Sept. 12 Handicap  
**Flights:** Flighted, determined by Handicap  
**Tees:** #5, #4, #4/3, #3, and #3/2 Tees. Determined by Handicap  
**Tee Times:** Tee Times TBD  
**Cost:** \$20 plus Green Fees per Round



# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

### Weekly:

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

### Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

## EPISCOPAL



### 'St. Mary the Virgin'

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

I confess: I wasn't raised with a Marian piety. Actually, I wasn't raised with the Christian faith at all, but when I became a college-age convert, Mary—mother of Jesus—was not an especially lively figure within my spiritual life. But I am grateful for my "big tent" Episcopal Church, wherein many understandings of Mary are possible. And because of my parishioners and clergy colleagues who have a higher view of Mary, I am grateful to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin this week.

As one friend reminded me, every time (and in every way) we honor St. Mary, we are honoring the Incarnation of Jesus. He would have had no human body—and no experience of vulnerable humanity—but for his mother's faithfulness expressed through her body. In this—and in Mary herself—I have found a sister who shows me how to give myself fully to God's redemptive purposes. In my body, as well as in my heart, soul and intellect.

What might it look like for us to embody our love for God? This is a question for Christians of all genders. We won't all bear children, but we can all offer ourselves to God through our courageous assent to God's call, through our labors as well as through labor, and through our motherly care for one another. And thereby, know our very bodies to be filled with grace... as hers was.

Please join us Sundays at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center for worship and fellowship.

## 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 pm., August 26 at Vineyard Center.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### 'Jesus, the God of Life'

By Joe Cabrido

In a world that seems to be in endless crisis mode, it is not enough to say that Jesus is God. We need to know what kind of God is embodied and revealed in Jesus. Pope Benedict once wrote, "We have to rediscover God, not just any God, but the God that has a human face, because when we see Jesus Christ we see God."

John's gospel helps us with many images to reveal the identity of Jesus. For three consecutive Sundays, we've heard Jesus proclaim himself as the bread of life. Later on, he proclaims himself as the light of the world, the gate, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the way, the truth and the life, and the true vine. Jesus can make these claims because he and the Father are one and therefore possesses the life-giving power of the Father.

All of us have developed different images of Jesus, a personal image which affects how we read the gospel, the way we nourish our faith and shape our life. Jesus is God who cares for us very much, sees our suffering and who seeks us out when we are lost, forgives us and continues to love us. What he cares about is not religion, but a more human and friendlier world. What makes God happy is to see us happy, now and forever. That is the good news revealed to us in Jesus, the God of life.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'I'm Not Ready'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

When I was a youth playing tag football on the streets of Gary, Indiana, I ignored my mother's request to come home. At first, she asked my sister to tell me to go home, and I said, "OK, I'll be there." I was determined to finish the game because it was close, and we started winning. Later, my mother yelled from the porch, and I said, "OK, I'm coming!" After a while, she returned to the porch, and my response was the same. I will never forget a few minutes later, she marched down the street as I ran to catch a pass, with three willow switches in hand. Matter-of-factly, she began to escort me home, telling me, "I told you to come home."

As my peers observed the love I was receiving, my response to my mother was, "I was coming home, Mom! I was coming home!" I did not turn around as I walked briskly home, trying to play it cool as she applied the strokes of love to my back.

I learned a valuable lesson: You can't keep putting off the things you need to do to maintain a healthy life. What was I thinking? That was Mom I kept putting off.

We can postpone commitments for a more convenient time or avoid them altogether. It's not unusual to defer a dentist or doctor's appointment, especially if we anticipate an unfavorable report. You may even avoid paying your taxes if you owe the government, but sooner or later, they will come for you, and you will pay the reaper.

We cannot ignore, postpone, or avoid the day and time to meet the Lord face to face. I think that we are all aware that someday will be our last day, and everything we thought was more important will no longer have its pull on us.

Are you failing to respond to a request to have a relationship with the One who loves you and holds life and death in their hands? As a youth, it was my mother who held that authority!

Hebrews 3:14-15 ESV *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

Please celebrate with us and experience the Good Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium 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 [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)

# SPORTS NEWS

## PICKLEBALL



Pickleballers were treated to a fantastic spread laid out by the Dinkin' Dolls at the last Dink & Drink.

By Anahid Gregg

We had another fun Pickleball member event on August 3—the Big Dills BBQ! The “Dinkin’ Dills,” led by Chef Michelle McQuay, served barbecued ribs, chicken, beans, garlic bread, potato salad, green salad, and dessert to the “Big Dills,” who had free rein on the courts. Special thanks to the Dinkin’ Dolls who helped out—Cindy, Sherry, Valerie, Regina, Anahid, Sonia and those who showed up to help without being asked... Julie H., Nancy S., Gail K. and of course, Joyce!

We had a great turnout, and a good time was had by all. The follow-up was last Friday’s Dink & Drink, which was a potluck and BYOB. A good time is always had at these events, make sure to sign up for next month, September 6!

After that, we have our trial Drop-In on Thursday, August 22. Just show up and play, it’s a great way to get to meet new people. After all, strangers are just new pickleball partners waiting to happen!

And for all you “Dinkin’ Dolls”, we’re going to have the guys barbecuing for us on August 24. The bar has been set pretty high—they are going to have to go all out to try and top what was served to them.

Not a member yet? No problem! Head on over to [villagespickleball.vgcc.club/](http://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/) to sign up!

## BOCCE NEWS



### La Bocce Vita comes back to win 2024 Round Robin Championship

By Tom Hunt

The La Bocce Vita team, led by team captain Jana King, claimed the top spot at the Round Robin Bocce Championship last week in a roll-off. La Bocce Vita’s comeback proved to be too much for the runner-ups, Game of Throws, in a great finale. The tournament was a great success, and there were lots of enthusiastic residents on hand to watch the finale!



First Place—La Bocce Vita team members, Colleen McIntyre, Ross Bollinger, Frank Garcia, Betty Garcia, Jana King, Roger King and Bonnie Barrett.



Second Place—Game of Throws members, Shel Schumaker, Todd Horvatich, Tom Hunt, Maria Burn, Espie Martinez and Tricia Hunt.

## 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, August 8, 2024, was another bright, sunny and warm day. Perfect for some golf. Twelve Ironmen played.

Doug Herring, Sang Nam and Hiei Takazawa shared **Third Place**, each with a net 30; Ari Galicki and Victor Hong shared **Second Place** with net 29s; and Mike Schwerin and Bill Travis shared **First Place** each with a net 25!

There were four **Birdies**: one by Larry Dorsey on hole 5; one by Sang Nam on hole 2; and two by Mike Schwerin on holes 3 and 5.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 8 at 5 foot, 2 inch.

Mike Schwerin won **Low Gross** with a one under par 26!

Mike Schwerin won **Golfer of the Day** honors with low gross, a first place finish, and two birdies. Way to go, Mike!

**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:**

“The first time I played the Masters, I was so nervous I drank a bottle of rum before I teed off. I shot the happiest 83 of my Life.” - Chi Chi Rodriguez, winner of eight PGA tournaments and a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame

“There is no similarity between golf and putting; they are two different games. One played in the air, and the other on the ground.” - Ben Hogan, winner of nine Major championships






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# SHONIS



**Low net Captain's Trophy winner Nancy Chesterton.**



**Low gross Captain's Trophy winner Marty Blinde.**



**Our newcomer who had a great game, Amy Lo.**

## By Betty Hall

Tuesday, August 6 was our Olympics duckies day. Everybody drew a ducky for their shotgun hole and partner and then got to keep their ducky or float it.

It was also our monthly Captain's Trophy day and there were some great games played today. Today's best gross winner was Marty Blinde with her 37 game while Nancy Chesterton got the best net trophy with a net of 23. And we also had a newcomer winner, Amy Lo. She had a gross of 35 with a net of 21. So the newcomer trophy went home with her. These three Shonis also got a special Olympics ball marker as part of our Olympics celebration. Congratulations to all of you!

Today's Putting for Pesos winners today was a quartet of Shonis: Donna Erickson, Bonnie Evans, Robin Fish, and Karen Rooney. Nice putting, ladies.

The birdie pot got emptied again today and it was our low gross Captain's Trophy winner. Nancy Chesterton dropped that birdie in the hole on #9 and helped herself get that Trophy today. Here's all three of our Captain's Trophy winners.



**The Shonis got into the Olympic spirit with their duckies.**



**This month's Captain Trophy winners each received an Olympic-themed ball marker.**

# 18-HOLE WOMEN

## By Loanne Rube

All For One and Fun For All: It was all fun for those that played this week in the M and M tournament. All candy aside, this is the member/member two-week tournament. You're partnered with another 18 hole member and compete within your colorful candy flights for low net. So far, the scores are low, from -6 to -9 for the leaders in each flight. Don't fret if your team is not the best yet, because next week brings an eclectic addition to this tournament which will keep everyone in the running until the very end. The flights were named after the colors of M and M candy, our sweet sponsor. Whether you were a ravishing red, gorgeous green, beautiful blue or yummy yellow, you're still in the mix to win. Be sure and attend the luncheon next week to celebrate the winners.

Last week, five 18 hole ladies from our club participated in the Santa Clara County Women's Golf Association two-day tournament at Boulder Ridge. That's one tough course! The standings for women from our club was fabulous. In flight four Marky Olsen won 3rd low net, Kerry Besmehn won 4th low net and Betty Sharps won 5th low net. Awesome! In the fifth flight Kitty Ohtaka won 3rd low net and in flight 6 Hyong Suk Pau won 7th low net. Our club was well represented at this yearly gathering, and we hope that these winners will encourage even more Villagers to compete next year. Congratulations!

On deck: Highlighting September for the golf club is the two-day Club Championship. The competition will be September 12 and 19. The Club Champion will be the player with the overall low gross score over the field. Additionally, there will be one low gross award in each flight and there will be low nets, one third of each flight, awarded as well. Sign up now with Janet Gonzales. Signups close on September 5. Don't miss out.

We are continuing with the Eclectic tournament until the end of October. There are five play days left. Pick up your scorecard, mark only your improvements, and be sure to turn in your attested scorecard after each round. The mid-year report of standings based on July 1st handicaps is posted in the posting room. Check it out! You can only get better in this fun format. Captain's trophy is September 5. Watch out for details about our mixer with the Shonis on September 24, a Tuesday. There is lots going on this month. Keep your calendar current and come out and play with us.

# MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

**Senior Net Results**—There was a great turnout for the tournament last weekend. There were 105 competitors set up in four flights determined by age. The 9 lowest net scores in each

flight were in the money with purses ranging from \$20 to \$50. The winners of each flight turned in some great scores. Flight 1 - John Seeger net 64. Flight 2 Doug Moore 67. Flight 3 Len Townsend 66. Flight 4 Shel Schumaker 70. See the list of winners on the *Scoreboard* page.

**It's next up! 2024 Club Championship—Match Play** (see info on page 16)—We want to make sure that all of you who are planning to participate in this year's event participate. Play will



**Ray Blinde**

be conducted over two consecutive weekends.

**September 14-15 Club Championship – First and Second Rounds**

**September 21-22 Club Championship – Third and Fourth Finals Championship Flight**

Tee times will be assigned by the Pro Shop. Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted. This is always considered to be an "MGC Major." See you there!

**Hole in One for July Ray Blinde** - July 26/24 - Hole #6 175 Yards - Driver

After being out of golf for three months for a medical reason, it was his first 18 hole round. He wasn't getting his normal distance, so he pulled out a driver to shoot at the 6th green. They all watched as a slight draw bounced once in front of the green on a perfect line to the blue flag and right into the hole. Way to go, Ray!

**Eagles for July**

**Tom Gibbons** – July 26/24 - Hole 18 #4 tees. With the wind in his face Tom hit driver to 102 yards in the left ruff. Next, he hit a 52 degree at the pin. The ball hit and one hopped back into the jar for 2!

**Mark Kieker** – July 27 - Hole #13. Mark hit a nice drive to set up his next shot. Then from 130 yard he put it in the hole for a two! Great shot, Mark.

**Age Shooters for July**

**Dave Dimmick** (76) - July 7 shot 76

**Pres Miranda** (84) – July 8 shot 84 and July 29 shot 84

**Larry Angel** (81) – July 8 shot 80 and July 29 shot 79

**Bob Dolci** (73) - July 10 shot 71 and July 17 shot 70

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

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center MGC members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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



**Tom Gibbons**

# PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

On this day, 10 Pinseekers played the back nine of our Championship Course. Once again, the early tee times were greeted by slightly chilly weather. By the time we finished our nine holes it was clear that this was going to be another extremely warm day. Those of us who came off the course between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. were quite ready to hit the Bistro and have an Arnold Palmer, or three.



We continue to see some improvement in our group wide putting, today just one player completed the back nine with more than 18 putts. The group average putts for 9 holes was 17.8 and our low putt winner was a tie at 16 putts for Ron Speer and Richard Schroeder.

In the Net Score competition, Ron Speer ran away from the field with a Net 32, Don Lee grabbed second with a Net 35, at Net 35, Jim White took the third spot, and, for the second consecutive week we had a tie for fourth went to Chuck Benjamin and Tom Hunt finishing the day with Net 39.

A call out to all golfers in this resort we are blessed to call home. If you are looking for an opportunity to play a quick round of full course golf, contact the Pinseeker Vice-President / Secretary Jim White at 408-348-8370 (leave a message) or email whit3744@pacbell.net. I can answer your questions and provide you with a sign-up sheet to get you headed out to the course on Friday mornings, have a fun round of golf, and make some new friends.

As always, we love golf, we love fun, and we enjoy the fellowship of our membership. Please stay tuned for upcoming social events.

# FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

**Saturday, August 17** – Italian Club Annual Golf Classico 12 p.m. Tee Times – Front-9 *closed*

**Friday, August 23** – Twilight Mixer 4:30 p.m. Shotgun – Last Tee Time 18-Hole Course at 11:45 a.m.

**Monday, August 26** – Charity Tournament Shotgun 12 p.m. – *course closed all day*

**Wednesday, August 28** – Wednesday Casual Nine & Dine 4 p.m. Shotgun – Front-9 *closed 2 p.m.*

**TaylorMade Fitting Day—Friday, August 16 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Come out and try the new TaylorMade Qi10 drivers and woods! The new Qi10 features their carbon face technology as well as the speed slot and movable weight ports to control left to right or right to left ball flights. To sign up for a fitting from a TaylorMade professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 ext 1.

**Cobra Fitting Day Rescheduled—Sunday, August 18 – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Come and try or get fitted for the new Cobra DarkSpeed woods and irons and Cobra King Irons. Boasting the hottest clubface of 2024! Increase your ball speed and distance with the new Cobra DarkSpeed! As used by PGA Tour players Rickie Fowler, Lexie Thompson, Gary Woodland, Justin Suh, and World Long Drive Champion Kyle Berkshire!

**Villages Golf Committee**—The August VGC Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 20 at 11 a.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages Residents are welcome to attend.

**Bandini Patrol**—On behalf of all Villages residents, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to all of the members of the Bandini Patrol. The Bandini Patrol is a group of volunteers who come out every Tuesday morning at dawn between April and October to fill all of the divots on the golf course with sand and seed mix. This is an invaluable service and is instrumental in keeping the golf course in wonderful condition. I would also like to recognize the entire Shonis Par-3 Women's Group led by Betty Hall for their same efforts on the Par-3 Course every week! Please take the time to personally thank the members of the Bandini Patrol the next time you see them:

**Helen Varenkamp, Gary Sharps, Young Song, Susan Anderson, Jan Anderson, Bob Lippert, Tom Fedrow, Diana Hallock, Kerry Besmehn, Marky Olsen, Gloria Landry, Mary Jo O'Neill, Mille Anne Schwerin, Mike Schwerin, Glen Seidel, Bill Johnston, Brooks Fuller, Jim Castle, Dianne Doughty, Camille Giuliobarbari, Kathy Kline, Betty Sharps, Geri Wilk, Chris Leisy, Loanne Rube, Kitty Ohtaka...and the entire Shonis Women's 9-Hole Group.**

**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— Straight Jacket...Let the left arm bend for more distance**

Go on YouTube (or the version of this article on The Villager Online) and see the golf swings by Tom Watson and Angel Cabrera. What do they have in common?

They all bend their left arm on their backswing. The truth of the matter is that not all of us are flexible enough to make a complete backswing keeping the left arm straight. Some people can, like Rory McIlroy, but for those of us who cannot, go ahead and let that left arm bend. It will help create a longer club-head swing and will allow for more natural momentum generation and club speed. Think of a complete backswing as the longest possible club-head swing...not the biggest turn. There are many ways to generate distance and bending the left arm not only creates a longer club-head swing, it creates a leverage source as on the downswing the arm straightens which creates a "snap" effect at impact. So if you are trying for more distance, instead of thinking more turn, think bend my left elbow and swing the clubhead longer. Be careful not to collapse the right arm and to maintain a gap between the right arm and right shoulder, but don't worry about keeping the left arm straight.

**To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)**






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# WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

Congratulations to our August Captain's Trophy winners. Front nine Captains Trophy winner Suzanne Fazzio inching out Rene Woolard in a scorecard playoff. Both had net 33 and saw Joyce Mukuno, 34, and Kathy Kyne, 35, nipping at their heels. Well played, ladies.

Back nine Captains Trophy winner Tamsen Burke also won in a scorecard playoff with a 34 over Gail Tuft. Sachiko Coleman and Barb Weisend shot net 35. Great scoring today and excitement to the end.

The front nine flight two winner was Carol Begley followed closely by Anka Hoek, Gwen Binden, and Pat Smith.

The back nine second flight winner was Karen Carlson with Charlotte Waugh, Song Cho, and Josephine Chan close behind.

Hopefully by now you are all using Cobalt to make your tee times. If you are still having difficulty here is a message from Clay that may help you: "If anyone who is having problems or hasn't received the email to send a message to memberportal@the-villages.com. I'm sure they are swamped, but they will log the issue and get back to each person."

Our General Meeting is on Tuesday, August 27 and at that time we will be voting on our new executive board members. We will also have our Charity of Choice presentation from BAATC. (Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition). More details coming soon. Be sure to attend.

## ADVERTISEMENT

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### Real Estate

**Home sales in the Villages are moving right along.** We are at 19 active listings and 10 pending sales. Seems like a neutral market with low inventory. I will note that out of the 10 pending sales, 5 lowered their price before they sold. The other 5 were priced correctly and or had that hungry buyer ready to go. Mortgage interest rates have recently fallen to a year low. Lower rates should spur some action in the market.

**I bet you've heard that something is happening with Realtors and how they do business.** It is true. I will try to keep a complex situation simple. There was a lawsuit against the National Association of Realtors. Each state has individual associations and Multiple Listing websites. Procedures are different in every state. It was argued in the lawsuit that (in some states more than others) the commission appeared to be fixed. The argument was that since the multiple listing website stated what percentage of the sales price was to be paid to the buyer's agent, that it was fixed. In California, the sellers' and buyers' agents' commissions are negotiated at the time the listing agreements are signed.

**What is happening now?** In California, the Association of Realtors has had attorneys write our standard contracts, so we have always had full disclosure of the negotiated commissions written into our listing contracts. Since this lawsuit, our attorneys have changed and/or added many contracts and disclosures to ensure that the sellers and buyers understand that commissions are negotiable. The MLS will no longer state what commissions the sellers will pay. The buyers will now have to sign agreements to pay for their agents' commission if they cannot be negotiated through the purchase contract or in any other way. This agreement to pay the agent is signed before the buyer's agents can show properties to their buyers.

**Here is my prediction on how this turns out.** Apprehension on the buyer's part. It may be uncomfortable for a buyer to commit to pay the buyer's agent's commission not knowing for certain if the seller will give a concession in the end. I believe it is possible that buyers' cancellation of offers may occur if buyers find that sellers will not give concessions for the buyers agents commissions. Often the buyer has to come up with down payments, loan points, fees **and** now possibly the buyer's agent's commission. Instead of certainty of who pays for what, it all becomes an added negotiation. The buyers agents need to be paid for their work, we just need to get used to new procedures. For now, I am studying these new forms, rules and regulations. Feel free to call me with questions. These changes go into effect Aug 17th, 2024.

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# SCOREBOARD

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

### Wednesday, August 7

Maribeth Berlie	124
Kitty Heston	221
Sylvia Rozewicz	223

### Friday, August 9

Maribeth Berlie	191
Audrey Osuna	238
Kit Hultquist	274

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

### 2024 Men's Club Senior Net Tournament

Flight One	To Par Net	Total Net
1. John Seeger	-8	64
2. Jim Hansell	-2	70
3. William Bowman	-2	70
4. Mike Guidry	-2	70
5. Rod Rodriguez	-1	71
6. Martin Kelley	-1	71
7. Jeff Steinberg	E	72
8. Marlo Beltrano	E	72
9. John Olson	E	72
10. Kurt Pagnini	E	72

Flight Two	To Par Net	Total Net
1. Doug Moore	-5	67
2. David Bacigalupi	-4	68
3. Mickey Wagle	-3	69
4. Tomas Mendoza		69
5. Geoff Gault	-2	70
6. Jim Holt	-2	70
7. Steve Tomei	-2	70
8. Don Lingofelter	-1	71
9. Taegyu Kim	-1	71
10. Steve Grady	E	72

Flight Three	To Par Net	Total Net
1. Len Townsend	-6	66
2. Lawrence Angel	-5	67
3. Bob Maass	-2	70
4. Bill Johnston	-1	71
5. Gary Swenson	E	72
6. David Korb	E	72
7. George Welch	+1	73
8. James Livingstone	+1	73
9. Jeff Buckingham	+1	73
10. Larry Martinson	+2	74

Flight Four	To Par Net	Total Net
1. Shel Schumaker	-2	70
2. Tom Morse	E	72
3. Ray Blinde	+1	73
4. Terry Barnhart	+1	73
5. Pres Miranda	+2	74
6. Jim Valenti	+2	74
7. Gary Sharps	+3	75
8. Noel Lancot	+3	75
9. Yong Kim	+3	75
10. Ben Vitcov	+3	75

## BRIDGE

### Monday, August 5:

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Mary LeGrand - Art Lind
3. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels

### Wednesday, August 7:

1. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels
2. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho

### Friday, August 9:

1. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
- 3/4. Cathy and Ray Struck; Carol Reid - Lorrie Scott

## Tips for preparing for power outages

Extended power outages may be the result of wildfires, earthquakes or other emergencies and may impact the whole community as well as the economy. In the event of such a power outage, you may be able to reduce some of the impact by being prepared. Review the following tips for ways you can ease potential difficulties.

### **Prepare NOW before the power goes out.**

Take an inventory of items you need that run on electricity.

Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines. Find out how long medication can be stored at higher temperatures and get specific guidance for any critical medications.

Have batteries and other alternatives to meet your needs when the power goes out.

Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.

Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home.

Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last.

Review the supplies that are available in case of a power outage. Have flashlights with extra batteries for every household member. Have enough nonperishable food and water.

Put thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer so that you can know the temperature when the power is restored. Throw out food if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher.

Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.

### **Survive DURING the outage.**

Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for a few hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Monitor temperatures with a thermometer.

Maintain food supplies that do not require refrigeration.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp

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## About the Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan:

Successfully preparing for a wildfire requires you to take personal responsibility for protecting yourself, your family and your property. We hope to give you the tips and tools you need to prepare and be successful.

To find more information:

About Ready! Set! Go! : [www.WildlandFireRSG.org](http://www.WildlandFireRSG.org)

Contact the San Jose Fire Department—Local station 11.

Santa Clara County Emergency Alert System—[www.AlertSCC.org](http://www.AlertSCC.org) (Text your Zip Code to 888777 for emergency alerts.)

San Jose Office of Emergency Management: [oes@SanJoseCa.gov](mailto:oes@SanJoseCa.gov)

NIXLE Emergency Alert System—Register on EPC website: [thevillagesepc.com](http://thevillagesepc.com) or sign up with Public Safety at 408-239-5246.

## Get Ready!

### *Prepare your family*

- Create a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans and rehearse it regularly. Include in your plan the evacuation of large animals such as horses.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas shut-off is and how to use it.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire.
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.

## Get Set!

### *As Fire Approaches*

- Evacuate as soon as you are set!
- Alert family and neighbors.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants. Have goggles and a dry bandana/particle mask handy.
- Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit on hand.

### *Inside Checklist*

- Close windows, unlock doors.
- Remove flammable window coverings.
- Move flammable furniture to center of room.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Shut off gas and pilot lights.
- Shut off air conditioner.
- Leave your house lights on!

### *Outside Checklist*

- Bring all flammables inside the house.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Shut off sprinklers. Don't leave on!
- Back car into driveway, shut doors/windows.
- Have an outside ladder ready.
- Extinguish small outside fires until you leave.
- Seal off attic and ground vents, if able.

### *Tips—If You Are Trapped*

- Stay away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hose inside house.
- Patrol inside home for spot fires—extinguish.
- Wear long sleeved, cotton clothing.
- Stay hydrated—keep drinking water.
- Ensure that it is safe to exit home if it catches fire.
- Fill sinks and tubs for emergency water.
- Place wet towels under doors.
- After the fire has passed, check roof for fire.
- Check inside attic space for embers.
- Patrol your property for fire.
- Call 911 if you cannot put out fires with small amount of water.

## GO! EARLY!

### *When to Leave*

Do not wait to be told by authorities to evacuate. Leave early enough to avoid being caught in the fire, smoke or road congestion. If and when you are advised to leave—don't hesitate!

### *Where to Go*

Leave to a predetermined location (it should be a low-risk area, such as a well-prepared neighbor's or relative's house, a Red Cross shelter or evacuation center, motel, etc.)

### *How to Get There*

Have several travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or emergency vehicles and equipment. Choose an escape route away from the fire.

### *Emergency Supplies*

- One gallon of water per person per day.
- Non-perishable food.
- First Aid kit, emergency blanket, multi-purpose tool.
- Flashlight, radio, extra batteries.
- Keys, cash, credit cards, travelers checks, cell phones and chargers.
- Map with evacuation routes.
- Family/emergency contact information.
- Sanitation supplies/personal hygiene items.
- Prescriptions and medications.
- Important numbers and documents.
- Photos/easily carried valuables.
- Hard drive information.

# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Maintenance Activities

#### Landscape Maintenance

**Weekly Landscaping Maintenance, hand, and mechanical weed control.**

#### Cribari

5001-5076—In progress.

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—8/19-8/23.

#### Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—In progress.

#### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—8/19-8/23.

#### Highland

7500-7573—In progress.

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—8/19-8/23.

#### Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—In progress.

#### Estates

8809-8875—8/19-8/23.

#### Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—In progress.

Parks and Banks – 8/19-8/23.

General hand shrub pruning practice has been gradually implemented throughout The Villages as it can be better for shrubs than using power hedge trimmers and helps to maintain shrubs to stay healthy with a more natural form etc.

Pro chip jet mulch installation at Highland—Falkirk Drive, Buckhaven Drive, and Stoneshire Ct. Scheduled for week of 8/19.

Pro Chip jet mulching installation at Glen Arden— Galloway Drive. Scheduled for week of 8/19.

Fire Fuel weed clearing in designated areas—In progress:

Olivas, Glen Arden and Valle Vista.

Cribari—Vegetation clearing along property fence line areas—In progress.

Hermosa—Colombard Ct.—Creekside.

Turf selective herbicide weed spraying throughout the district:

(Turflon Ester Ultra- EPA Reg. No. 62719-566)

Montgomery—In progress.

General herbicide weed spraying at shrubs beds, street cracks throughout the district,

Prosecutor—Non- Selective Herbicide

Montgomery—In progress.

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels:

(Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%)

Olivas, Estates, Hermosa, and The Heights scheduled for 8/19.

Watering Schedule—Monday, Wednesday and Friday:

Cribari, Fairways, Montgomery, Verano and Del Lago (shrubs only) Admin Office.

Watering Schedule—Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday:

Glen Arden, Highland, The Heights, Hermosa, Olivas, Valle Vista, Estates, Sonata and Del Lago (lawns only) Cribari Center.

Valle Vista- Watering Schedule has been increased to water 4 days per week to all the Rosemary bank hills due to Wildfire Concerns. The new irrigation days will be Sunday- Monday and Wednesday and Thursday.

### Association Maintenance

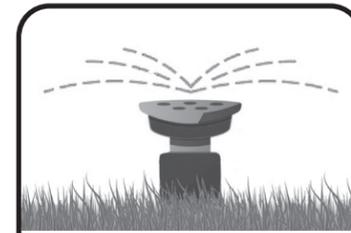
Glen Arden roof replacement in progress.

**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

## 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.

## Power outages...

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stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.

Check on your neighbors. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme. (Be aware that community shelters may not be available during the coronavirus emergency.)

Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary "surges" or "spikes" that can cause damage.

### Be Safe AFTER the outage.

When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise. If a life depends on the refrigerated drugs, consult a doctor or pharmacist and use medicine only until a new supply is available.

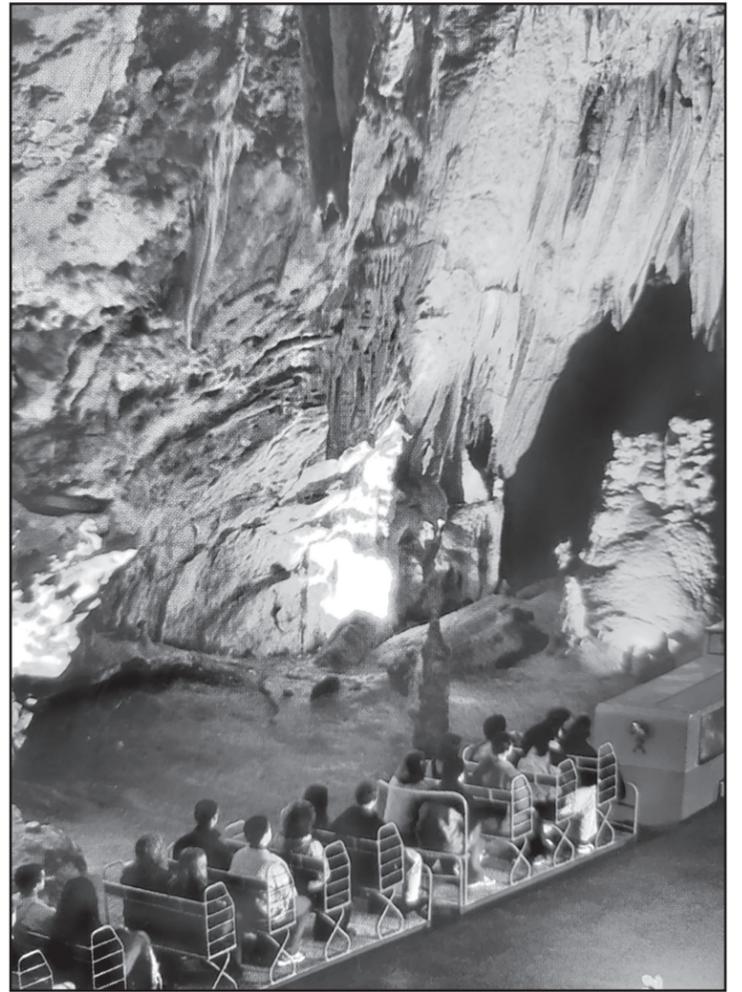
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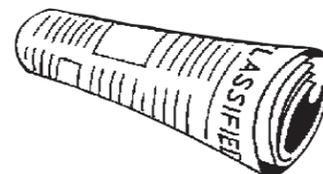
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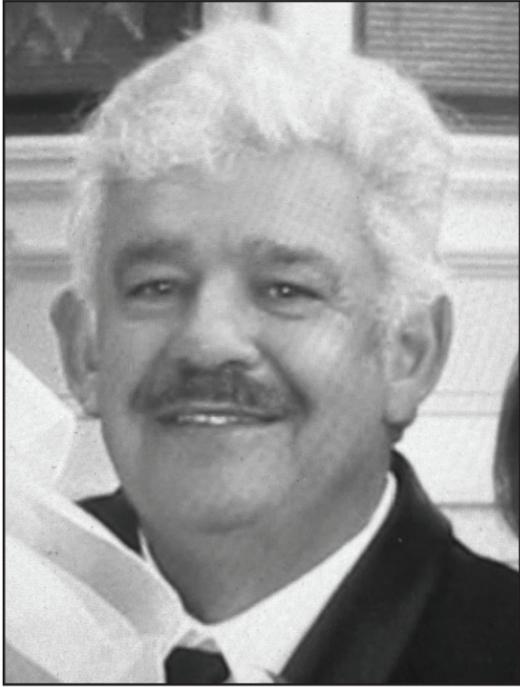
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## OBITUARY

### Rodolfo (Rudy) Lopez December 18, 1936 — July 31, 2024



Rudy Lopez peacefully passed away on July 31, 2024 with his beloved wife of 65 years by his side. Rudy was a father to three children, Mary, Martha and Daniel and loving grandfather (Popo) to Nicole, Brooke, Grace, Shea and Caden. He was born on December 18, 1936 and lived in Santa Clara where he met and married the love of his life, Lydia. He retired after 35 years working first for General Motors followed by New United Motors and decided to move to The Villages in the early 2000s where he enjoyed spending time on the golf course and being members of the RV Club and the Spanish Club for many years until illness took him away from all that he loved. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him including his large family living in Texas including 11 brothers and 2 sisters. A memorial will be held Friday, August 16 at the Vineyard Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Anthony G. (Tony) Branco January 19, 1941 — August 3, 2024

Anthony Gregory (Tony) Branco passed from us August 3, 2024 following an unexpected and brief illness. Tony was born January 19, 1941 to Todd and Carmelita Branco of Atwater. Having grown up in the Central San Joaquin Valley, Tony went on to work for Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation in Sunnyvale for the next 42 years. He and his late wife, Sally, had two children, Scott (and Alexandra) Branco and Kelly Rodman, and four grandchildren, Julianna Rodman Cooper (and Andrew Cooper), Anthony Rodman (and Taylor Gemmet), Ethan Branco and Declan Branco.

Beyond their passion for their family, Sally and Tony were devoted and passionate 49er fans following them faithfully through the good seasons and those others. They enjoyed travel and a bounty of good friends. Tony and Sally moved to the Villages in 2012 and lived in Del Lago.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 17 at 10 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium. All Villages friends are welcome.

## OBITUARY

### George Barry January 24, 1945 — August 4, 2024



George died suddenly at his home in The Villages. He enjoyed family gatherings, classic cars, swimming, and the Men's Fun Club. He will be missed by all, especially his wife Andrea Butler, his close friends and his dog Ginger.

#### More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### *Scam alert: Don't click on 'inactive voter registration' texts*

By Arlene Versaw

It's that time of the year. An election is looming, and scams targeting voters are more common. According to a story on KQED recently, registrars in several Bay Area counties have been contacted by voters who have received a text telling them that their voter registration is "inactive." The text contains a fraudulent link you are encouraged to use to register to vote.

The text looks like this: "Your Voter Registration Appears Inactive. Time is running out to register to vote. It takes less than two minutes. You can now register online at the California Secretary of State's website. Click here >>>"

Please be aware that these texts are fraudulent and are sent by Fix California (the text actually says so), a politically motivated organization—not by county registrars. County registrars do *not* contact voters by text. So do *not* click on the link. If you want to check on the status of your voter registration, go directly to the Santa County Registrar of Voters website at <https://vote.santaclaracounty.gov>.

### *Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse*

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

### *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.
- Vector Control at [vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org) or 408-918-4770. Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.



### *In Memoriam and Obituary Notices*

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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



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**JULY SALES REPORT FOR ALL HOMES IN THE VILLAGES 2024 — SUZANNE RODDA**

Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	Sale \$	\$/Per. SqFt	Close Date
Active	8877 Wine Valley Circle	2,032	3	2 0	\$1,400,000	16		\$688.98	
Active	7109 Via Portada	1,790	2	2 0	\$1,398,000	CS		\$781.01	
Active	7606 Halladale Court	1,751	2	2 1	\$1,199,000	11		\$684.75	
Active	3218 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,776	2	2 1	\$999,000	3		\$562.50	
Active	2022 Carignan Way	1,746	3	2 0	\$975,000	3		\$558.42	
Active	7692 Galloway Drive	1,751	2	2 1	\$959,000	49		\$547.69	
Active	8351 Charbono Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$768,000	1		\$466.59	
Active	6041 Montgomery Bend	1,314	2	2 0	\$750,000	94		\$570.78	
Active	7335 Via Laguna	1,442	2	2 0	\$749,888	25		\$520.03	
Active	7334 Via Laguna	1,442	2	2 0	\$749,888	59		\$520.03	
Active	6340 Whaley Drive	1,496	2	2 0	\$749,000	159		\$500.67	
Active	7015 Via Valverde	1,837	3	2 0	\$748,888	114		\$407.67	
Active	7222 Via Sendero	1,588	2	2 0	\$748,800	96		\$471.54	
Active	5084 Cribari Bluff	1,223	2	2 0	\$514,950	13		\$421.05	
Active	5438 Cribari Green	1,240	2	2 0	\$514,500	CS		\$414.92	
Active	5363 Cribari Dell	1,240	2	2 0	\$498,888	6		\$402.33	
Active	5398 Cribari Crest	1,223	2	2 0	\$485,000	72		\$396.57	
Active	5430 Cribari Court	947	1	1 0	\$468,000	20		\$494.19	
Sold	6031 Montgomery	1,300	2	2 0	\$550,000	11	\$550,000	\$423.08	7/19/2024
Sold	6122 Montgomery Court	913	2	1 0	\$618,880	17	\$618,880	\$677.85	7/26/2024
Sold	6197 Gerdts Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$650,000	0	\$650,000	\$543.02	7/31/2024
Sold	7018 Via Cielo	1,406	2	2 0	\$697,018	137	\$670,018	\$476.54	7/31/2024
Sold	7706 Galloway Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$675,000	57	\$675,000	\$453.02	7/3/2024
Sold	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$728,000	68	\$710,000	\$451.94	7/19/2024
Sold	7730 Kilmarnok Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$738,898	24	\$740,000	\$496.64	7/25/2024
Sold	6177 Montgomery Place	1,307	2	2 0	\$769,888	9	\$780,000	\$596.79	7/25/2024
Sold	7603 Halladale Court	1,509	2	2 0	\$825,000	60	\$805,000	\$533.47	7/25/2024
Sold	2096 Mataro Way	1,746	3	2 0	\$997,500	13	\$981,250	\$562.00	7/31/2024
Sold	7348 Via Laguna	2,037	3	2 0	\$1,198,999	11	\$1,218,000	\$597.94	7/23/2024
Sold	8058 Chardonay Court	1,521	2	2 0	\$1,187,000	4	\$1,288,000	\$846.81	7/16/2024
Sold	9010 Village View Drive	2,224	2	2 1	\$1,330,000	7	\$1,385,000	\$622.75	7/2/2024
Sold	7102 Via Portada	2,681	3	2 0	\$1,698,000	7	\$1,701,500	\$634.65	7/23/2024

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM AVERAGES	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	18 ↓ from 21	1,527	\$815,322	43 ↑		\$523 ↑
Cont/Pend	11 ↑ from 10	1,338	\$677,772	47 ↑		\$507 ↓
Sold	14 ↑ from 12	1,599	\$904,585	30 ↓	\$912,332	\$565 ↑

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