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

The Villager Online is available to you 24/7. 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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## Dozens of crafters to be on hand at Crafters Club Fall Sale

Need a good reason to visit us at the Crafters Club fall sale on **Saturday, September 14**? How about two dozen of them?! That's how many artisans will be ready and waiting to show off their newly crafted wares for your shopping pleasure! You will be able to browse among select wood workers, quilters, jewelers, ceramicists and more! There will be plenty of new items like spooky bells and Marty Blinde's "Boo" pillows as well as treasured favorites like Mishel Vanderton's unique fine art pieces and Kime Tiger's cute kitchen scrubbies. Yearning for yarn? Our knitters have you covered. A variety of fabric crafts including totes, quilts, placemats, baby items, table runners and microwave bowls will be showcased. Getting your home ready for a new season? Check out the seasonal wreaths, home decorations, succulent arrangements and lavender products! No visit to our shows is complete without stopping for a bag of Dena Travasso's home baked biscotti-but hurry, they sell out quickly! We'll all be here ready to greet the new season and see you on **Saturday, September 14** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center.



Look for Marty Blinde's "Boo" pillows at Crafters Club sale!

## SJ Council candidates to make their pitch at Vineyard

By Arlene Versaw

All politics is local, the saying goes. And there is nothing more local than our City Council and especially our own Council representative for District 8. Last March, two candidates from a field of four earned the right to face off on November 5 for the privilege of serving as our representative. On **Thursday, September 19**, the Democratic Club is pleased to provide Villages with an up-close look at the contenders vying for their vote. The discussion, which begins at **7 p.m.**, will be held in the Vineyard Center and will be moderated by Marianne Haggerty, who has years of experience in this capacity with the League of Women Voters.

Domingo Candelas is the incumbent, having been appointed in January to complete the term of Sylvia Arenas who was elected to the County Board of Supervisors in November. His opponent is Tam Truong, who was also considered for the city council appointment. Both were raised in the area, and in fact attended the same junior high school. Truong is a long-term San Jose police officer and was a County Deputy Sheriff. Candelas worked for State Senator Jim Beall, for Valley Water, and as Director of Local Government Affairs for Stanford University.

Before you vote, consider your options and join us on **September 19, 7 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.



## EPC holds successful resource fair; is recognized by City of San Jose



**Councilmember Domingo Candelas presents EPC with plaque of Commendation from the City of San Jose.**

Two years ago, residents flooded Cribari for the Emergency Preparedness Fair. This past August—August 10 to be exact—residents returned in big numbers to absorb information and tips about self-protection and readiness for the inevitable. Community agencies and EPC resources were flooded with requests for information and questions demonstrating an eager audience, eight lucky residents walked away with those all-important Go-Bags (see below), and attendees learned a lot about how to plan, what to have on hand, how to communicate with family members, and the ins and outs of the earthquake faults at our doorstep, to name a few.

In addition, District 8 councilmember Domingo Candelas spoke at the EPC Fair and recognized EPC's contribution to the safety of Villages residents in preparing them for emergencies. He presented event coordinator Linda McMullen and EPC with a plaque of Commendation from the City of San Jose.

**The Go-Bag winners were: Irene Brown-Grim** of Montgomery; **Nancy Chesterton** of Verano; **James Freeman** of Hermosa; **Anita Miller** of Sonata; **Zohreh Rahimi** of Verano; **Bill Rodman** of Sonata; **Sandy Stabile** of Hermosa; **Carol Watkins** of Olivas.

If you missed the Fair—and even if you didn't—the EPC website at [thevillagesepc.com](http://thevillagesepc.com) is rife with information on many of these subjects. We hope residents also gained additional appreciation for the EPC and its work. And a special kudo to Linda McMullen for leading the effort. Next up: The Annual Drill on October 21. Stay tuned for details soon!

# 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.

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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.

- 1 Pulse letters received this week.
- 0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
- 1 Pulse letter referred to Ask the CBOD column.

**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.**

### September WOW drop-in sessions

The WOW volunteers and the VMA are ready to help you with the Member Portal and The Villager Online and answer your questions. Volunteers will be ready to serve you. **Please bring your devices!**

#### WOW Volunteer Schedule for Cribari Sequoia Room Drop-ins

<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	2 to 4 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>	10 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, September 17	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18	10 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, September 25	10 a.m. to noon

Tech Support is now available in Building A

Questions? Email Communications at [comms@the-villages.com](mailto:comms@the-villages.com) or see the posted names and phone numbers of volunteers posted at the Sequoia Room.

## Villager Online viewing tip

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**Ctrl + = Zoom**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Irene Margaret Colligan Groot**

**October 1, 1943—August 12, 2024**

A celebration is planned for Saturday, September 14 at Foothill Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

*(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)*

**Carolyn Jane Terrill**

**March 13, 1941—May 6, 2024**

A "Remember Carolyn" celebration will be held in September. *(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)*

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

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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.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Questions for the Club Board?

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) appreciates the need of having your questions answered. The CBOD has a column in *The Villager* so our readers 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), submit your question to The Villager Online through the article submission page, 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 of 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), submit your question to The Villager Online through the article submission page 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.

## 'Ask The Club Board'

**Question:** Howard Blumstein recently pointed out that the FY25 \$47.55 increase in the monthly assessment generates an additional \$1,447,042 in Club revenues over the previous year. The Major Expense Categories increase shown in the FY25 budget documents as approved by the Club Board is \$1,025,042. Why was an additional \$422,000 in revenues needed?

**CBOD Response:** We are correcting the allocation of labor cost to the appropriate category. In recent years the cost of our staff labor and overhead has been allocated to capital projects not operating expense. Based on last year's audit recommendation we have corrected this practice so that in the future all labor related expenses will appear as an operating expense.

The additional \$422,000 in revenues beyond the major expense increases is primarily due to the reallocation of wages and overhead from the capital budget to the operating budget, and general increases in operating expenses such as insurance which increase by 27% or \$51,900 and other non-capital equipment. The edited recap of the FY25 budget (see table below) includes the wages and overhead. The increase matches the major category expenses. It is important to note that the \$422k figure represents a combination of both operating dues and capital replacement contributions.

Thank You for your question highlighting an important change in our accounting practices.

Recap on Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget							
Club Operating Budget	Fiscal Year	Monthly Dues	Units	Total Monthly Dues	Total Annual Dues		
Operating	2024/25	\$ 346.01	2536	\$ 877,481	\$ 10,529,776	Club Operating Dues FY 24/25	
	2023/24	\$ 306.90	2536	\$ 778,298	\$ 9,339,581	Club Operating Dues FY 23/24	
<b>Increase</b>		<b>\$ 39.11</b>	<b>2536</b>	<b>\$ 99,183</b>	<b>\$ 1,190,196</b>	<b>Total Net Increase on Club Dues</b>	

Detailed Changes - Club Operating Budget							
% of Additional Dues	Total Increase	Expense Categories	FY2025	FY 2024	% Change	\$ Change	
73.55%	\$ 875,412	Wages and Benefits Increase	\$ 10,501,827	\$ 9,626,415	9.09%	\$ 875,412	
4.20%	\$ 50,023	Travel, Training & Education	\$ 138,858	\$ 88,835	56.31%	\$ 50,023	
1.26%	\$ 15,015	Cost of good Sold	\$ 1,059,305	\$ 1,044,290	1.44%	\$ 15,015	
-2.65%	\$ (31,595)	Operating Supplies	\$ 550,765	\$ 582,360	-5.43%	\$ (31,595)	
29.76%	\$ 354,230	General Operating Expenses	\$ 4,178,649	\$ 3,824,419	9.26%	\$ 354,230	
4.10%	\$ 48,788	Non-Capital Equipment	\$ 55,288	\$ 6,500	750.59%	\$ 48,788	
-4.86%	\$ (57,798)	Repairs & Maintenance (R&M)	\$ 562,942	\$ 620,740	-9.31%	\$ (57,798)	
-3.93%	\$ (46,762)	Allocated Expenses	\$ 2,321,684	\$ 2,368,445	-1.97%	\$ (46,762)	
30.50%	\$ 363,012	*Wages & Overhead Removed from (Capital Replacement)	\$ 363,012	\$ -		\$ 363,012	
-31.94%	\$ (380,130)	Intracompany Expenses	\$ (2,729,996)	\$ (2,349,866)	16.18%	\$ (380,130)	
<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 1,190,196</b>	<b>Total Net Increase on Club Dues</b>	<b>\$ 17,002,335</b>	<b>\$ 15,812,139</b>	<b>7.53%</b>	<b>\$ 1,190,196</b>	

\*Wages & Overhead were located in the Capital Replacement Budget in FY 23/24 and prior. This is now included in Operating

Club Capital Budget	Fiscal Year	Monthly Dues	Units	Total Monthly Dues	Total Annual Dues		
Club Capital Replacement	2024/25	\$ 78.94	2536	\$ 200,191.84	\$ 2,402,302.08	Club Capital Replacement Dues FY 24/25	
	2023/24	\$ 70.50	2536	\$ 178,788.00	\$ 2,145,456.00	Club Capital Replacement Dues FY 23/24	
<b>Increase</b>		<b>\$ 8.44</b>	<b>2536</b>	<b>\$ 21,403.84</b>	<b>\$ 256,846.08</b>		

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
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# MANAGEMENT

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



Wednesday, September 25, 3-4 p.m. - Fairway Room  
Topic: Villages Master Insurance and HO6 Policy  
with Theresa Ostrander (GM) and ABOD Insurance Committee  
Audience - First come, first served. Maximum 50.

Please note: Registration for this month's Fireside Chat is optional.  
To submit any questions pertaining to the topic, please visit:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vgccfireside9>

## Bring your spent tech to the all-villages E-waste event September 21

An all-Villages e-waste event will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Cribari East Parking Lot, sponsored by Sustainability Services in partnership with Zero Waste Silicon Valley. This no-cost, drive-up recycling event is a great way for all Villagers to properly recycle their unwanted electronic e-waste items.

Accepted items are listed below:

- |                  |                        |                            |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Televisions      | CD players/DVD players | Musical instruments        |
| Monitors         | Video game consoles    | Audio equipment            |
| Computer systems | Arcade machines        | Microwave ovens            |
| Laptops          | Cellphones             | Small household appliances |
| Fax machines     | Household phones       | Retail and POS systems     |
| Copiers/printers | Digital cameras        |                            |
| Scanners         | Video cameras          |                            |
| Projectors       | Network equipment      |                            |
| Stereo equipment | Computer components    |                            |
| iPods            | Flash drives           |                            |
| MP3 players      | Miscellaneous wiring   |                            |



To participate, just place your unwanted items in your car or cart and drive them to the East Cribari Parking Lot (behind the hobby rooms) between 9 a.m. and noon on **September 21** and a Zero Waste Silicon Valley employee will receive them.

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

## Next New Resident Orientation is November 6

Please Note: The September 11 New Resident Orientation has been canceled. The next New Resident Orientation will be held **Wednesday, November 6, at 3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.

This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information.

## Recycle Right Reminder

How do we dispose of Tetra-Paks and refrigerator cartons? Garbage or Recycling Bin?

Tetra Paks and refrigerator cartons often are used to sell all types of milk, juice, soup, tomato sauce, dairy products, etc.

Place both in the recycling. Tetra-Paks are identifiable by the smooth and glossy plastic carton and shiny metallic lining on the inside. When recycling, Tetra-Paks should not be flattened, as this can lead to them being misidentified and improperly sorted by the sorting machinery at the processing facilities. Refrigerator cartons (such as milk and juice) contain more paper than a Tetra Pak carton. Empty the cartons of any liquid or residue and, if possible, remove any plastic or metal caps or spouts before recycling. Remember to recycle right!



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## Reminder: Only aluminum in recycle bins!

The VMA currently has barrels specifically labeled for its Aluminum Can Recycling Program in most trash enclosures in each village and has a team of volunteers that do pickups. **Please, no pet food, soup, tin cans, plastic or glass—just aluminum.** For those of our neighbors who have curbside trash pickup, your aluminum cans are currently going to California Waste Solutions through The City of San Jose. We request, instead, that our residents deposit their aluminum cans in one of The Villages trash enclosures nearest you where our cans are located because this program directly benefits The Villages. The recycling proceeds the VMA receives go directly back into our community. We recycle over 2-½ tons of aluminum annually.

Because we are considered a "Community Services Provider" by CalRecycle, we are only allowed to have receptacles for depositing aluminum cans in the trash enclosure and are not allowed to make collections. We are not licensed to recycle plastic, glass or tin cans. So, please separate those from your deposits.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### Verano DAC to meet September 9

The Verano DAC will hold its quarterly meeting on **Monday, September 9 at 4 p.m.** at Vineyard Center.

### Highland DAC to meet September 12

The Highland DAC will meet Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at Foothill Center. Some of the topics to be covered are our District Financials, Water Usage, Landscaping Projects, and the Firewise program effort. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ware by phone at 530-919-1246 or by email at VillageHighlandDAC@outlook.com.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

### *You may be able to postpone your property taxes*

In early October you will receive your property tax bill for December 10 and April 10. The State Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program allows eligible homeowners to postpone payment of property taxes on their primary residence.

To be eligible for PTP, you must:

- Be at least 62.
- Own and occupy the home as your primary residence.
- Have a total household income, including Social Security, of \$53,574 or less.
- Not have a reserve mortgage on your residence.
- Have at least 40 percent equity in your property.

Applications for the PTP Program will be accepted beginning **October 1, 2024**. Funding for the program is limited, and applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive confirmation that your application was received, in addition to an approval or denial, via U.S. mail. Only current-year property taxes 2024-2025 are eligible for postponement.

Repayment under the PTP Program becomes due when the homeowner:

- Moves from the property.
- Sells to someone or transfers title in a gift.
- Dies and does not have a spouse or registered domestic partner continue to reside in the property.
- Defaults on a senior lien (i.e., mortgage).
- Refinances a mortgage or obtains a reverse mortgage.

This program is intended for those individuals who have difficulty paying their property tax when due. However, remember this is a loan which will have to be paid eventually by you or your estate with interest of 5 percent.

The application and instructions are a total of 18 pages. Also, there are many items you must include with the application.

What type of things will you need to copy and include?

- Proof of age (unless submitted in a prior year & application approved)
- Deed (unless submitted in a prior year & application approved)
- Recent mortgage statement
- 2023 income tax return or 2023 tax documents (form 1099, etc.)
- Trust agreement if personal residence is owned by a Living Trust or other trust (unless submitted in a prior year & application approved)

- 2024/2025 property tax bill

You may print an application from the State Controller's Office website. Go to [www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov); under "Public Services" click on "Property Tax Postponement" and then on "Applications". Alternatively, you may visit the SRS office and a volunteer will print one for you.

The 2024/2025 property tax bills have not yet been mailed by Santa Clara County. It is expected the bills will be mailed and will be available online by October 1. Go to [payments.sccgov.org/propertytax](http://payments.sccgov.org/propertytax)

Remember, the funding for the Postponement Program is limited and is on a **first-come first-serve basis**. We recommend that you complete the application and copy all the other required items before October 1. Then you can copy or print your tax bill on October 1 and mail your application.

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

### SRS Reminder:

## *Estimated tax due September 16*

If you file quarterly 1040-ES forms, the third payment of estimated tax is due **Monday, September 16**.

You can mail your 1040-ES form with a check to the IRS in Cincinnati, Ohio. The check should be payable to the United States Treasury.

Rather than a check, you can use the online Direct Pay Service. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the box labeled "Make a Payment" and then "Pay now with Direct Pay or "Pay by Card or Digital Wallet." There is no fee to use the online Direct Pay service giving your checking account number. There is a fee if you use a credit or debit card.

If you normally file a 540ES form, you do not have a September 16 payment. California wants its money sooner rather than later. Rather than paying 25 percent each quarter as you do to the IRS, California requires a payment of 30 percent on the first estimate in April, 40 percent on the second estimate in June, zero on the third estimate in September and the final 30 percent for the last payment in January.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, September 24 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, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

## *VMA: Donations needed for the homeless*

As fall weather approaches, the needs of the homeless are more acute. The VMA supports helping the homeless through the Charitable Outreach Program. We collect and distribute the donations to community programs that service the homeless.

You can help by contributing new or "like new" items for women or men. Men's clothing and tennis shoes are especially needed. We accept sweat suits, shirts, pants, sweaters, jackets, caps, knitted scarves, socks, blankets, and everyday clothing. Unopened shampoos, soaps, lotions, toothpaste, new toothbrushes, and combs are also needed.

If you have questions about this worthwhile program or donations to make, you can contact program coordinator Pamela Leonard at 408-613-2194 or email [pleonard43@comcast.net](mailto:pleonard43@comcast.net) or Peter Conk at 408-472-2456 or email [peter\\_conk@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_conk@yahoo.com). Please do *not* drop off donations at the VMA office.

## *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.

# RECREATION

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

## ***Building B business hours***

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

## ***2025 Master Calendar update***

Attention all boards, board-appointed committees and board-recognized organizations, it's almost time to reserve your meetings and events in 2025.

- The leaders of these groups have received email notification that the Master Calendar 2025 packet is available. If you have new email addresses or leadership, please make sure that Recreation Services has the correct information on file.

- Think about what your facility needs for next year will be. Please remember that the calendar changes every year; even if your requests remain the same you could be affected by another group. Come up with alternatives if your first choice is not available.

This year's submittal deadline is **4 p.m. Monday, September 30**.

Staff will also be available by appointment, if you need help. Email [recreation@the-villages.com](mailto:recreation@the-villages.com) or call 669-238-3252.

Questions about the Clubhouse Master Calendar 2025 packet can be discussed with Albert Salcedo at 408-223-4688 or [asalcedo@the-villages.com](mailto:asalcedo@the-villages.com)

## ***Get cooking with Dayna— food and materials included***



Join chef Dayna from SimpleCIOUS on **Monday, September 30 from 2 to 6 p.m.** for a fun cooking class in Montgomery Center. No experience needed. Dayna will bring all the ingredients and materials needed to prepare your delicious dishes. The menu for this class will be:

- Appetizer: Fig and Prosciutto Crostini (strawberries may be substituted if figs are not available)
- Salad: Caesar Salad in Parmesan Cheese Bowls
- Main: Pan Seared Ribeye (spice rubbed, with Cilantro Chimichurri) and red potatoes with butter and dill

You'll start your culinary journey by making the appetizer, then enjoy eating it while preparing the rest of the meal. The main course is enjoyed together, family style, while Dayna cleans up. When class ends, you will receive the recipes so you can practice at home for your family, friends and neighbors. The class lasts four hours, but it's a blast!

The cost per attendee is **\$123** (ingredients and other materials included). Register in Building B beginning **Tuesday, September 3**. The deadline is **Friday, September 20** or sooner if the class fills up.

Dayna launched SimpleCIOUS in 2008. Originally a catering service, it soon added cooking classes for all ages. Before that, Dayna taught early childhood education. She loves nourishing both bodies and souls. Sign up early as space is limited!

## ***Strengthen and lengthen with Mat Pilates***

Sign up for the next set of Mat Pilates classes, being offered **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** on **Tuesdays, October 1 to November 19** (six classes, skipping October 15 and 22) in Cribari Conference Room.

The cost per student is **\$68.50** (equipment purchased independently as needed, more details below). Register in Building B beginning **Tuesday, September 3**. The deadline is **Friday, September 20** or sooner if the class fills up.

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

Note: the class time has been changed to accommodate the earlier Chair Yoga class also taught by Natsuko Tsuji. She is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor, with over 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over eight years teaching Pilates.

## ***Sign up for Chair Yoga***

Sign up for Chair Yoga on **Tuesdays, October 1 and 8** (two classes) from **9:30 to 10:15 a.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. The cost is **\$23 per person** (equipment bought independently; see below).

Taught by Natsuko Tsuji, Chair Yoga uses a chair as a prop to modify traditional yoga poses so they can be done while seated. This class can be suitable for people who have difficulty with standard yoga poses and can also be a good introduction to yoga for people who want to focus on balance, coordination and strength training.

Register in Building B during business hours. The signup deadline is **Friday, September 20** or sooner if class is filled.

Note: To accommodate this class, the time for Mat Pilates (also taught by Natsuko Tsuji) has been changed. Natsuko is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor, with 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over eight years teaching Pilates.

## ***Enhance mind-body connection with Nirvana® Fitness***

Sign up for the next set of Nirvana® fitness classes scheduled for Mondays, **September 30 to December 9** (nine classes, skipping November 11 and 25) from **8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. The cost is \$92 per person (equipment recommendations are listed below).

Instructed by Barbara Bitonti, these classes blend Yoga and Pilates movements with mood-enhancing music. This unique combination provides the ideal rhythm for breathing throughout the entire session. The result is an enhanced mind-body connection. In these classes, you'll do movements both standing and on the floor. You need to get down to and up from the floor on your own. This class requires you to bring your own yoga mat. Kneepads are also recommended.

Register in Building B during business hours beginning **Tuesday, September 3**. The signup deadline is **Friday, September 20** or sooner if class is filled.

Barbara Bitonti is a certified FWHHA Wellness Health Coach, a Nirvana® fitness instructor and an immunologist. With a solid medical background, she stays updated on health and wellness best practices. Barbara advocates for holistic well-being and invites you to explore the benefits of this cutting-edge exercise technique.

## ***'Hamilton' musical signup coming soon***

Join the revolution! If you thought the life of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton would be dry and boring, think again. This musical incorporated jazz, hip-hop and R&B in a way that sparked a cultural phenomenon that is still rippling through America. Don't miss out, the performance will take place **Wednesday, December 4**. More information will be available the week of **September 6**.

### 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.

## Explore 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. 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)

## EVF projects confidence in The Villages

At times, the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) gets asked: "How do projects that the EVF support such as the pickleball project get initiated?"

It all starts with the Club Board of Directors (CBOD), and the Club Project Requirements Form which can be found under "CBOD Documents" on the Villages Member Portal. Once submitted to the General Manager's office, the request is reviewed. If the project receives CBOD support by formal acceptance at a Club Board Meeting, planning can begin.

After a Club Corporation capital improvement project is approved, the EVF can become involved if the project meets EVF's specific requirements. EVF supports new Club capital projects or the enhancement of existing Club amenities. Project request forms to initiate support are available on the EVF website, [evfsj.org](http://evfsj.org). When the EVF approves support for a project, the EVF Projects Committee, CBOD and the project contact begin discussions to determine the plan of action and funding levels.

The EVF Board looks forward to working with the CBOD as they approve new projects and looks forward to participating in future capital improvements here at the Villages. If you would like to work with the EVF and help to provide enhancements to the Villages lifestyle by contributing to the General Fund go to its website, [evfsj.org](http://evfsj.org) and become a Sustaining Member. You can do this for as little as \$5 per month. Or single one-time donations to the EVF via the website are welcome at any time.



# CLUB CALENDARS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink and Taf Tafaroddi, beginning at 10 a.m., Mondays and Fridays. All Arts & Crafts members and all media welcome! Michael Sunzeri will host Open Studio on Monday afternoons, 2 – 5 p.m.

**Monday, September 16:** New Members Reception, **5:30 p.m.**, Art Room. New Members are invited to display one art work.

**Tuesday, September 17:** Free Art Film "Andy Warhol: The Godfather of Pop Art," **2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose.

**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)**

**Tuesdays, September 3 to 24:** Watercolor plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, **10 a.m. – 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)

**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, 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 station. 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.

**Rambler-Lite Hike Wednesday, September 11:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at **9 a.m.**

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, September 18:** Al Girolami (209-531-6553) will lead a hike in our Lower Hill Lands, less than 3 miles long with about a 400-ft. elevation gain. We will meet at **9 a.m.** at the Cul de Sac at the end of Village View Drive. We will enter the Joe March Trailhead at the Mailbox and then hike Richter to Oak. Then go downhill on Quail and Turkey; at Rawhide, we will proceed downhill and take the new alternate to the Garden Steps (likely to be named Bobcat) to return to the Cul de Sac. Afterward, we can meet for coffee at the Outdoor Bistro. Bring poles and water.

**Rambler-Lite - Wednesday, September 18:** Please choose a leader from the group to lead a hike to LARKSPUR HILL. We'll walk through the Villages gate to San Felipe Road where we'll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the slow long hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite public safety/Villages gate at **9 a.m.**

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, September 25:** Jim Koski (408-313-4848) will lead a 4-mile beach hike through Seacliff State Beach to the New Brighton Beach campground and return. The pier and old cement ship were damaged by winter storms and the pier has been removed. We'll start at the parking lot near the Pixie deli (Rio Del Mar Blvd at the ocean) and have lunch there when we return. Meet at the Cribari Bell at **8:45 a.m.** to carpool. Distance to Aptos is about 48 miles one way.

**Rambler-Lite Hike Wednesday, September 25:** Please choose a leader from the group to lead a hike through Cribari starting at the west side. Meet at the clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 9/9 to 9/15

- Monday, September 9**  
Corned Beef and Cabbage
- Tuesday, September 10**  
Cream of Broccoli
- Wednesday, September 11**  
Minestrone
- Thursday, September 12**  
Roasted Pepper and Artichoke with Feta Cheese and Cilantro
- Friday, September 13**  
Seafood Chowder
- Saturday, September 14**  
Chef's Choice
- Sunday, September 15**  
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.

## Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

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 9/9 to 9/15

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 9/10 to Sunday 9/15

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

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 9/9 to Sunday 9/15—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Prawn Scampi Pasta:** Prawns and Pasta sautéed in a Garlic Lemon Butter Sauce **\$17.95**

**Caribbean Chicken Salad:** Spinach, Marinated Chicken, Apples, Strawberries, Mandarin Oranges, Candied Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette **\$16.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 9/10 to Sunday 9/15—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Calamari Steak Amandine:** Sautéed Calamari Steak with a Garlic Butter Sherry Wine Sauce and Toasted Almonds with Choice of Sides **\$27.95**

**Sirloin Steak Salad:** Sirloin Strips, Peppers, Roasted Potatoes and Portobello Mushroom over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette **\$27.95**

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday to Friday

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

### Saturday and Sunday

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

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

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

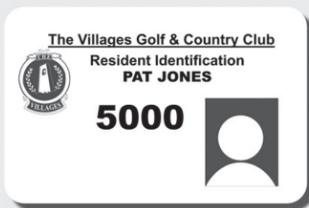
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

### Online

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

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

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




**Whole Rotisserie Chicken**

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

**New Price \$9.95** plus Service Charge & Tax

408.223.4687 opt 2 or online at clubhouserreservation.com

Click for more information

### Clubhouse Special Offers

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



Bring your favorite bottle of wine\* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse 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.

### 555 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.

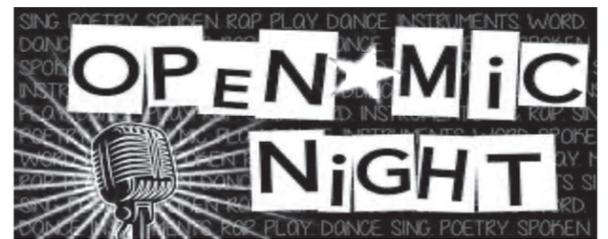
Price subject to service charge and tax

### 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.



## Tuesday, October 1

Join Ed Knott and the Talents of the Villagers  
Welcome singers, dancers, comedians, poets or whatever talent you may have, or just come and cheer.

### 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

Salad Bar

Mediterranean Chicken, Salmon with Dill Sauce

Pasta Primavera, Vegetables Medley

Assorted Cakes and Pies, Coffee or Tea

Full Bar Available

### 6 to 9 p.m. Open Mic

\$28.95 Plus Service charge and Tax

## Reservations Required

call **408-754-1339**

or email: [ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com](mailto:ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com)

## Special Offer for The Villages

Each year there are over 14,692 home dryer fires reported. The leading cause of dryer fires is a failure to clean the duct. A clogged duct wastes energy and puts you at risk. Save wear and tear on your clothes dryer and BE SAFE! About 30% of the dryer ducts we've serviced at The Villages, were at risk of fire when we got to them. Don't delay.

Take advantage of our Fall offer. Our normal price is \$249, now for The Villages it is \$209.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, September 6

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9:30 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Music Cmte.	SEQ
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Republican Board	F
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
3 p.m.	Dink and Drink	PC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6 p.m.	Private event	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, September 7

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Private event	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9 a.m.	Tennis Doubles Tournament	TS
10 a.m.	Dog Club Social	GP
10 a.m.	Quilters	P
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
6 p.m.	Skip Bo	RED
6 p.m.	Private event	FC
6 p.m.	Private event	CH

## Sunday, September 8

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9 a.m.	Tennis Doubles Tournament	TS
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Private event	CH
2 p.m.	Korean Club	GP
4 p.m.	Men's 6.5 USTA Tennis	TS
5 p.m.	Fairweather Friends	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV Karaoke	SEQ
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Monday, September 9

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
8:30 a.m.	Nirvana Fitness	CR

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

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Emergency Prep Cmte (EPC)	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9:30 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	MC
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	U-Jam	A
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Cmte.	F
1 p.m.	Stitchery	FC
1 p.m.	VMA: Alzheimer Treatment	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3:30 p.m.	SCCWGA Tournament	CH
4 p.m.	Verano DAC	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Camera Club Orientation	CR

## Tuesday, September 10

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga	CR
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Senior Academy: LWV	FC
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
10:30 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Crafter's Club	VC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Tech Volunteer Support	SEQ
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Amateur Radio Potluck	FC
5 p.m.	Bandini Patrol Dinner	CH
5 p.m.	VMS Board	PR
6 p.m.	Dem Club Pres. Debate	VC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Wednesday, September 11

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
9:15 a.m.	VMA Board	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Tech Volunteer Support	SEQ
10 a.m.	Yoga	A

11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	New Resident Orientation	CH
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

## Thursday, September 12

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Pool Advisory Cmte.	VR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Comms. Advisory Cmte.	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	Pickleball Club	PR
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Villages Dancers	F
7 p.m.	Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	Highland DAC	FC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

## Friday, September 13

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11:30 a.m.	9-H Mens Golf BBQ/Picnic	VC
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
5 p.m.	Private event	CH
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	World Today	PR



Club Events & Notices



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## Upcoming Programs

**Death, Coffee and Desserts** – With Grace Hospice will again offer an open forum to discuss the next stage of our existence. Come join the discussion with coffee and desserts in the Conference Room on Tuesday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. Please register online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call 408-238-4029.

**Hip Bursitis** – Zoe Kienenberger from Silver Creek Physical Therapy will present on causes, prevention and treatment of bursitis in your hip. Thursday, November 2 at 11 a.m. in the Sequoia Room. Please register at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call 408-238-4029.

**Cremation with Dignity: Rescheduled from July** - Terry Nellis from Neptune Society will explain how the process works with dignity, affordability and simplicity. The Neptune Society has been serving Santa Clara and surrounding counties since 1974. December 6 at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. Those who have already registered do not need to re-register. You can register online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call Bonnie at 408-238-4029.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Groove to the 'Heat Wave' with us

By B. Brown

*"It's Like a Heat Wave! Burning in My Heart (Ohhhh My)."*

"Heat Wave" is a 1963 song written by the Holland-Dozier-Holland songwriting team. It was first made popular by the Motown vocal group Martha and the Vandellas, on July 10, 1963, on the Motown subsidiary Gordy label.

Despite the summer heat, the Village Dancers will be moving and grooving to this throwback song on **Monday nights at 5:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. (This song and dance runs throughout September, except Labor Day, Monday September 2.)

Dance, socialize and exercise with us every Monday night in Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed. All are welcome. Each month brings a new dance style and new dance theme. For September, we will focus on '60s jazz moves.

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



## Camera Club awards top prize to Ernie Murata

By Rich James



**"Sandstorm at Mesquite Flat Dunes" by Ernie Murata**

At its July end-of-year competition the Villages Camera Club awarded Ernie Murata the "Best in Show" award for his stunning monochrome entitled "Sandstorm at Mesquite Flat Dunes." Ernie's image was selected from nearly 250 images that placed in competition during the Club's past year's competitions.

The Villages Camera Club is about to begin its new season of presentations, outings and competitions. The Club plans a whole host of programs in the areas of smartphone, landscape, night sky, travel, wildlife and general photographic techniques. It's open to all Villagers, beginner to advanced, with any kind of camera, smartphone to pro equipment, and the motivation to capture better pictures. The first program will be a member orientation on **Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room.

If you are not a member of the Camera Club and wish to know more or to attend the presentation, please contact Sy Gelman at s.gelman@ymail.com

## It's almost fall—have lunch with Lunch Buddies!

By Liz Adams

It's Lunch Buddies time again! Are you excited for fall to begin and to be out and about, mingle with likeminded folks, and feel like you belong? Well then, Lunch Buddies is for you. Join us on **Wednesday, September 18 at 11:30 a.m.** for lunch in the Clubhouse. Call the VMA office at 408 238-4230, no later than noon on September 16, to make your reservation. Remember, if you need transportation, just let VMA know and you can be picked up at your home and brought back afterward.

Lunch will be a half-sandwich, a salad, ice cream for dessert, iced tea, lemonade, or a cup of coffee. And again, all this for only \$11 charged to your house account. A lovely lunch, delightful company, and good conversation! I'm looking forward to September 18. I hope you are too. Make sure you call the VMA to reserve your spot!



## Learn about 'The League Of Women Voters: Empowering Voters – Defending Democracy'

By Arlene Versaw

Well-known, but perhaps less understood, the League of Women Voters has been, since its inception more than 100 years ago, working to engage and inform voters, expand voter access, fight voter suppression, examine money in politics—and impact public policy.

At our Senior Academy presentation on **Tuesday, September 10 from 10 a.m. – noon** in Foothill Center, you'll learn how the League operates and how it influences the national political scene. A trusted voter resource, you'll get an inside view of how the League selects issues to focus on and makes decisions about supporting legislation and ballot measures. Of immediate interest—the speaker will share its "Vote with the League" recommendations for the November ballot and review the multitude of propositions we will have to decide on when we cast our votes.

The LWV is in all 50 states, many of which are battling increased and heavy-handed efforts to deny some voters access to the ballot box. Get an overview of national issues that the League is confronting and working on; learn how the LWV in California with its 62 associations throughout the state advocates in the best interest of the public.

The LWV is a non-partisan organization—it never supports or opposes any political candidate or party—but it is a political organization that takes action in the public policy arena. Find out what it's doing and why, and how this grassroots, largely volunteer-run group has a major impact on our political life.

Speakers include Gloria Chun Hoo, second Vice President for Program and Advocacy, League of Women Voters of California, two other local League leaders and Village residents Pat Reardon and Maryann Haggerty, both past board members of the League of Women Voters of San Jose and Santa Clara.

Gloria is a member of the State Board for the LWV and carries a portfolio for program and advocacy. She chairs the Legislative Committee for the state League and works in partnership with the Leagues' lobbyist in Sacramento. She is past president of the LWV of San Jose/Santa Clara. She is retired with a background in marketing and communications in the corporate and museum sectors.

Please register at VillagesSA.org or call Diane Taylor 408-912-5594.

## Take Mah Jongg lessons in September!

By Meril Smith

What is that game with crazy looking tiles all about? What is a "bam," "crak" or "soap"? Ever wondered why so many people in The Villages play Mah Jongg on a regular basis? Now you can find out!

A new Mah Jongg class will begin in September. Judy Rogers is teaching a class of up to 10 people starting **Tuesday, September 10 at 1 p.m.** Groups meet once a week, usually for 6-8 weeks. Classes will be held at 8051 Chardonay Court (Hermosa Village). If you are interested, please contact Judy Rogers at 408-223-9020 or judy.rogers8@sbcglobal.net



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**Sunday, October 6, 2024  
4 to 6:30 p.m.**

Montgomery Lake

Pizza and Salad

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BYOB

Bring a chair, seating is limited.

RSVP by October 1 to Celia Schiffner at  
montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com

Include names of attendees, address,  
and phone number.

**Get decorating and remodeling ideas at  
'Inside the Gates' Home Tour**

By Sherry Benz

If you are a couple who loves entertaining, what can you do to maximize your space to include a largest number of friends and family? It's simple ... just remove the walls between the living room, dining room and kitchen! Add to this a gorgeous sunroom and expansive patio overlooking the golf course. This extensive remodel incorporates calming color with natural wood and definitely has the "wow" factor!



A delicious lunch is planned at the Clubhouse. The menu includes roasted vegetables en crouete with a beet salad with oranges, feta and toasted walnuts. Top that off with raspberry panna cotta and a cookie for dessert. Yum!

Stop at the boutique before or after your lunch. We are excited to welcome Lightonance, a handcrafted jewelry business using natural materials

including gemstones, recycled leather, and hammered metal designed into one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces, and cuffs. The unique designs range from elegant to bohemian, whimsical and playful. Perfect gifts for those who enjoy natural beauty.

Tickets for the 9th annual "Inside the Gates" Villages Home Tour are now on sale. Be sure to save the date (**October 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**) and include your neighbors, family, and friends. Home Tour tickets and luncheon tickets may be purchased on the VMA website (vmavillages.org) or directly from <https://rebrand.ly/hometour>. Tour tickets are \$35 (tour tickets are \$45 the day of the event) and luncheon tickets are \$30. The last day for luncheon tickets is **September 20**. The charges will be billed directly to your house number.

All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit VMA (Villages Medical Auxiliary) that provides much needed assistance to our residents. For information, contact Penny Barcellos at 408-234-2792 or Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713. For ticket information, contact Anahid Gregg at 732-742-4874. Watch *The Villager* for future updates on this popular event.

**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.**

**Opera Lovers to return with  
'The Elixir of Love'**

Please join The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers on **Thursday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center when we present Gaetano Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore."

This charming comedy, filled with glorious melodies (e.g., the beautiful aria "Una furtiva lagrima"), tells the story of the young, impressionable Nemorino who is in love with Adina. Unfortunately, Adina has eyes for the over-confident Belcore.

Along comes the fraudulent Dr. Dulcamara who sells Nemorino an "Elixir of Love," which is nothing more than cheap wine! But Nemorino is tricked into thinking that the potion actually works and sets out to win Adina's attention in hilarious fashion.

This Metropolitan Opera production stars Luciano Pavarotti and Kathleen Battle, along with Juan Pons, and is conducted by James Levine. The opera is sung in Italian with English subtitles and runs 2 hours 10 minutes.

No registration is required and all Villagers are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at 408-887-3293 and visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for information about other VMS events. We look forward to seeing you on September 19.

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



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**Sign up for Republican Club Membership  
meeting and BBQ**

The Republican Club at The Villages will host its General Membership meeting on **Saturday, September 28 at 3 p.m.** at Gazebo Park.

Come join like-minded Republicans and listen to speakers as follows:

- Will Swaim and Liz Lawler from the California Policy Center
- Tam Truong running for San Jose City Council District 8
- Peter Coe Verbica former President of the California Congress of Republicans
- Shane Patrick Connolly, Chairperson of SVGOP

A BBQ dinner will follow the program catered by Golden Harvest. The cost is \$32 per person billed to your house (check required in advance for non-residents payable to "The Republican Club at The Villages" and mailed to Laura Swenson, 7052 Via Belmonte, San Jose, CA, 95135), which includes dinner plus wine/beer/soda/water.

If you have not pre-registered already, please contact Jean Corrigan today at 408-223-8676 or [jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com) prior to **September 21**. We already have 53 attendees signed up, so please contact Jean today so that your spot is guaranteed.



## MedVet will present again at Cat Club meeting

The next Cat Club meeting will be held **Monday, September 23** in Foothill Center from **2 to 4 p.m.**

The Cat Club now has over 130 members!

Please continue to sign up for this free/no dues club.

**MedVet** will be presenting again!

MetVet, the emergency hospital for dogs and cats is located 6 miles from The Villages. They are open 365 days a year 24/7. If you missed their presentation earlier this year, you have the opportunity to hear about their services at the September meeting. New information will also be shared by MedVet so all are encouraged to attend.

Ana Thompson, our in-home pet groomer will be attending this meeting. Learn about her recent move to Sacramento. Hear what days she will be returning to The Villages to groom your cats.

The "Leave Something, Take Something" table will be at every meeting so plan on bringing something that your cat doesn't like and pickup something new to try. Free!

If you've been saving your cat fur, bring it in a baggy to this meeting. We will start encouraging art projects to be made.

At the sign-up table, pick up a drawing ticket for a chance to win a new cat item. Also make a name tag and indicate your Village.

Sign up by visiting the Cat Club website at [sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club](https://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club)

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



**Lily and Tabitha, adopted by Betty Garcia.**

## Villagers and pets invited to Annual Animal Blessing

By Barbara Sunseri

The Villages Dog Club will have their Annual Animal Blessing on St. Francis feast day. Francis feast day is celebrated because of his love for animals on **Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m.** at the Gazebo. Refreshments will be provided.

The blessing will be given by Pastor Bill Hayden from The Villages Chapel. There will be a short ceremony and individual blessing beginning at 10 a.m. There is another conflict with the "Inside the Gates" tour on this day. Please try and join our feast day with your pets at 10 a.m. before the tour starts.



### ADVERTISEMENT

#### Real Estate

##### Homes with no stairs are selling like hotcakes.

At this writing there are only 21 homes for sale in The Villages. 14 of them have stairs. In a 55+ community, most residents will eventually have a problem with stairs. Until then, homes with stairs are more affordable than those without. If you are ok with someone above or below you (most residence are quiet and polite in the Villages) and are able to navigate stairs, you can find beautiful homes for a very nice price at this time.

##### New procedures for agents to follow, but things have not changed all that much.

There are more forms to go over with buyers and sellers and more explaining to do, but the general negotiated commissions at the time the listing agreement is signed has not changed much. The way the buyer's agent's commission is negotiated has changed, but the importance of a buyer's agent has not. So far, the biggest change is the amount of paperwork.

**21 active listings for sale with 12 in contract.** This is a pretty good ratio. Not a lot for sale and there are more than half as many in contract. In the last couple of months I sold a single level, no stairs, Cribari Villa in less than 6 days and closed it in 6 days.

**A wrong size or wrongly placed rug can ruin a room design.** A well-placed, thoughtfully chosen rug is important to the overall look and feel of a space. Too often, homeowners opt for the wrong size rug. **General Rule:** Ensure the rug is wider than the sofa. Rugs that are narrower can throw off the proportions of the room and tend to sit awkwardly with the furniture. You want your rug to sit comfortably within the room, not dominate and cover it wall to wall. Leave some breathing room around the edges. Let some floor shine through.



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## Save date for Drop-in Flu Shot Clinic

Villagers, it's almost flu season!

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 2024-2025 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.



## Village Readers: Do you want to join a book group?

By Trudy Nicholls

A meeting of The Village Readers Club will be held at 2 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 16** at the Montgomery Center. Any Villager who would like to join an existing group or to form a new group is invited to attend. There are currently 13 book groups, each with eight to 10 members. Each book group is managed independently and functions differently, from the genre of books read to the snacks provided. Groups usually meet once a month in members' homes. If you love to read, want to make new friends, and enjoy interesting book discussions, please attend. Please contact Trudy Nicholls at [trudy\\_nicholls@hotmail.com](mailto:trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com) with any questions.



## Free Art Film: 'The Life of Andy Warhol: Manufacturing Intellect'

On **Tuesday, September 17 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, The Villages Arts & Crafts Association will present "The Life of Andy Warhol: Manufacturing Intellect."



If you've ever felt mystified or dismissive of modern/pop art, you must see this excellent film. Andy Warhol turned the world upside down and took American culture by storm, radically revising the meaning of art and our sense of what a painting could be. Grasping as no one before or since the function of fame in a mass society he would force us to confront and re-envision the world we live in, forever transforming the way we see the world.

He became the most controversial and famous artist of his generation calling everything we've thought about "art" into question.

This showing is **free to all Villagers and their guests.** An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film showing. This film runs just under two hours and there will be a short intermission.

## Macintosh Users Group to meet September 18



The Macintosh Users Group will have a hybrid meeting at **3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18** in the Cribari Conference Room and by 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 email is [larryroben21@gmail.com](mailto:larryroben21@gmail.com).

## THE VILLAGES RESIDENT APPRECIATION EVENT BY XFINITY

We're excited to celebrate with you! Come enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries, and take part in our fun raffle prizes and giveaways.

**When: Tuesday, September 24**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Where: Clubhouse restaurant**

We will have retail representatives and technicians available on-site to help with any of your Xfinity needs, sign up for a timeslot below.

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### Save the Date for Village Highland Social

The Village Highland Social Committee is planning the next event. A fall Oktoberfest on **October 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.** is on the calendar. More information will come soon. Plan on coming and join the fun.

## VMA: ‘Brain Fuel: How to Eat Your Way to a Happier, Healthier Brain’

By **Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Programs Co-Ordinator**

Hear Dr. Diana Long, Founder and Medical Director of Evergreen Natural Healing Arts, give the latest research on the Gut-Brain Connection and Your Health on **Wednesday, September 18** in Sequoia at **1 p.m.** Known as your “second brain,” your gut affects your digestion, mood, health, and even your clarity of thought. Dr. Long focuses on providing natural, drug-free solutions for mind-body health.

A sought-after speaker for VMA and other Villages clubs, Dr. Long will:

- Explore the science of the Gut-Brain Connection
- Explain how to you can optimize the Gut-Brain Connection for your mind and body
- Dive into the current research about which foods and supplements can boost brain health and help prevent dementia.
- Demonstrate acupressure techniques to improve both your digestion and brain function.

“One of my goals in caring for my patients is to provide natural, drug-free solutions for mind-body health,” said Dr. Long. She has 20 years of clinical experience as a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. In addition to her medical knowledge, Dr. Long teaches Mindfulness Meditation, another healing remedy for gut-brain health.

Reserve your seat now for “Brain Fuel: How to Eat Your Way to a Happier, Healthier Brain,” online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs) or call 408-238-4029.



Dr. Diana Long

## Matinee Theater: Be onstage and follow your dreams!

Become part of the Villages Amateur Theater and fulfill that dream you might have had a long time ago. You know the one. When you wanted to be on stage, but didn’t do it. When you thought you might try out for a role in the senior play, but you chickened out at the last minute. It could also be that this is something you’ve never even contemplated until today.



Well, Matinee Theater (formerly Reader’s Theater) is the place for you! Take on a role, have a lot of fun with it, and remember **there’s no memorization**. Actors get to act, but don’t have to memorize. Read your lines from your script, put your heart and soul into it, and, best of all, make new friends, and have fun!

Matinee Theater will perform two short plays: “Alias Cinderella” and “The Big Snooze” on **Friday, October 25 at 3 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium with just two rehearsals before the performance. But first comes auditions. There will be two days of auditions, both from 4 to 5 p.m. The first day, **September 30**, will be in Cribari Auditorium and the second day, **October 1**, at Vineyard Center. Come join in the fun! Adopt a new persona! Let your inner actor free!

Think about this. You might become Justin Thyme, in “Alias Cinderella.” He’s a tough talking, hard-boiled Bogart like detective, or you might be tempted to become Sleeping Beauty in “The Big Snooze” who’s self centered and vacuous when she’s awake. Think of the fun you might have playing these characters.

We look forward to seeing you at auditions and “on stage” on October 25. If you have questions call Kellen Perry, Producer, at 408 623-0538.



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## 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.

## 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:

**"The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn.** Fiction. Publisher's description: "Washington, DC, 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss, whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; policeman's daughter Nora, who finds herself entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Beatrice, whose career has come to an end along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: who is the true enemy in their midst?"

**"The Conditions of Unconditional Love" by Alexander McCall Smith.** Fiction. Publisher's description: "Isabel Dalhousie, everyone's favourite moral philosopher, is once again called on

to help navigate a decidedly delicate dispute. One that will require all of her reserves of insight and compassion. What makes Isabel's investigations so unique is her uncanny ability to view all sides of a situation with coolness and reserve – and she will tap deep into her stores of both in order to help see this one through. Meanwhile, Isabel and her husband Jamie will together be dealing with tricky personal issues of their own. Philosophical observations and humorous asides abound in this fifteenth instalment of the beloved series."

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## Villages Tai Chi Club holds Summer BBQ

Members of the Villages Tai Chi Club and their guests joined in a barbecue lunch feast at Gazebo Park on Tuesday, August 27. Jeff Rose, the grillmaster, served up burgers, all manner of sausages, hotdogs and marinated lamb. Members brought a fabulous spread of special entrees, sides, salads and desserts. The warm company was just perfect for the warm weather!



The Tai Chi Club is open to Villagers of all experience and fitness levels. Tai chi can improve balance, stability, strength, cognition and mood. Members have even reported big improvements in blood pressure! Practice is on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** in Cribari Plaza from **8:30-9:30 a.m.** Dues are just \$7 per year. Come by for a practice and see if Tai Chi is for you! For more information, contact Ling Yu at 408-712-3470 or Mary Robinson at 512-964-3976.

## Join Hiking Club for End of Summer Potluck Picnic

Join the Villages Hiking Club for our annual End of Summer Potluck Dinner, **4:30 to 8 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 19** at the Gazebo. We will gather at the picnic tables near the bocce courts. Bring your own tableware (placemat, plate, cup, cutlery), and wine/beer, as this is a BYOB event. Water will be provided.

Wear your dancing shoes as the music for the evening will be provided by the ever popular and lively Ed Knott.

The meal will consist of your yummy potluck offerings. If your last name starts with: A-E – please bring a dessert; F-K – please bring a main dish; L-R – please bring an appetizer; S-Z – please bring a salad or side dish. Plan for 8-10 servings. No RSVPs are necessary. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact Rose Eagan at 408-416-1118 or rosieeagan@aol.com. Looking forward to seeing you there on September 19 for a fun, lively evening!

## Red Hat club tours Allied Arts Guild

By Betty Olsen



Left to right: Cheryl Allmen, Margot Paoli, Lynda Mckiney, Alice Sullivan, Sharman Watkins, Linda Hackel and Betty Olsen.



On Tuesday, August 27, The Villages Red Hat club enjoyed an outing and tour of the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, a beautiful and historic showplace.

In 1929 the Mercer family purchased 3.5 acres and buildings from Rancho de las Pulgas, a land grant from the King of Spain. The Mercers wanted to create a European style arts and crafts guild to foster education and promotion of arts and handicrafts in California. It is a wonderful example of our early Spanish Californians with their thick adobe walls, tile roofs, tile floors, as well as beautiful gardens.

In 1932, this lovely property became a provider of funds for the Lucille Packard's Stanford Children's Hospital.

## Study Groups Club launches iPhone class

By Judy Rogers

The Villages Study Groups Club's iPhone class is up and running. The class is designed to help smartphone owners with the basics of using their device. There are three experienced teachers. The class consisted of four two-hour sessions and is just one of the many study groups the club offers. For more information, visit [studygroups.vgcc.club](http://studygroups.vgcc.club)



# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### ‘Pass it On’

By Lerma Simpson, Pastoral Associate, St. Francis of Assisi

This Sunday’s Gospel speaks of a deaf man being brought to Jesus. Not only was he deaf, but he also had a speech impediment. The people who brought him to Jesus, begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man so he could be healed. But Jesus did more than lay his hands on the man. He took the man away from his friends to be alone with him. Jesus gave the man personal one-on-one time and attention. He signaled to the man that he understood the source of his suffering by specifically touching his ears and tongue. Then, with compassion, he looked up to heaven and said to the man “Ephphata!” – “Be opened!” Immediately, the man could hear and speak clearly. This act of Jesus clearly shows that he wants one-on-one time with us and desires to free us of our individual barriers that block us from knowing him.

This is where grandparents are a bridge to Jesus. They continue to pass on the faith to the younger generations because of their love for their grandchildren and their love of Jesus. Even if grandparents aren’t able to bring the grandkids to Mass, grandparents find many other opportunities to let their grandchildren know about Jesus, such as reading them stories from Scripture, blessing them before and after a visit, teaching them to pray grace before meals, and telling them and showing them of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Through their words, prayers and actions, grandparents are beacons of spiritual light, guiding their grandchildren toward a deeper relationship with God. In one of his homilies, Pope Francis calls grandparents a treasure. They truly are a treasure through whom Christ works to free their grandchildren of the impediments that prevent them from hearing and speaking clearly of Jesus’ love and from spending one on one time with Jesus that he desires from each of us.

**St. Francis of Assisi’s  
Village Catholic Council**  
Invites you and your guest to our  
**Annual Dinner Dance**  
**Sunday, September 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**  
Cost is \$40 per person  
Email [mpcolaizzi@gmail.com](mailto:mpcolaizzi@gmail.com) or  
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### Message to Readers

By Patricia Galli, RSM

In the early days of the Covid event of isolation and uncertainty the contents of our column in The Villager needed to change. We could not post times of religious services and activities because there were none. This column then became a collaboration of writers from the Catholic Community here in The Villages and members of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Over these years several persons became the coordinator of our endeavor. Irene Groot was a coordinator for the publishing of more than 100 articles.

Irene placed her writing talents and her love for sharing her faith at the service of the community and especially those of us who contribute to this column. She made each of us connect with our own faith and the freedom to share it. She challenged us to clarity and truth.

Irene has now transitioned to her new life in Christ. She passed from this earth on August 12. Her dear husband Peter was at her side. May she rest in peace and continue to shine her light on us.

*Editor’s note: please see Irene Groot’s obituary on the In Memoriam page of The Villager Online.*

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Be Open!’

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

For those churches like my Episcopal Church that follow the Revised Common Lectionary, this Sunday we’ll hear from the seventh chapter of Mark’s Gospel, in which Jesus put his fingers into the ears of a deaf man and said to him, “Ephphatha.” That is, “Be opened.” That command shocks me every time I hear it. Restoration of hearing is one thing, but in how many other ways do I remain closed? To the unfamiliar, to the new, to the startling possibilities of what God might do with my senses and my heart and my mind? Julia, be opened!

There’s a second part of this story, though: one that gets less attention. Just after the man’s hearing was restored, “his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.” (Mark 7:35b) Jesus didn’t command this—as far as we know—so maybe it was a natural consequence of hearing clearly? Or maybe it reflects the very human reality that listening precedes speaking. Or at least it should! When we listen deeply to each other, and hear them through ears of gratitude, our words become the currency of love. Jesus himself modeled this practice, when he placed his healing fingers on two ears. Twice as many ears as the disabled man had tongues. So perhaps God the creator intended us to listen twice as often as we speak!

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

## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

With the High Holidays fast approaching, we wanted to let everyone know our schedule for Services this year. Services will be led by Rabbi Laurie Matzkin and will be held at Foothill Center.

### Rosh Hashanah

**Wednesday October 2—**

Candle Lighting and Evening Service **7 p.m.**

**Thursday October 3—**Morning Service **10 a.m.**

Tashlikh at Montgomery Lake **2:30 p.m.**

Please contact Marilyn Goldsmith at 732-672-8601 or Larry Dietz at 408-718-0385 if you have any questions. Shanah Tovah.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



We are studying the Book of Jeremiah. Have you wondered about this astounding Old Testament Book? Come join us! We meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. Our next meeting is at **10 a.m., September 9 at Vineyard Center.**

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘Just Be Grateful’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

My mother taught me a great lesson as a child: to be grateful and say “Thank you” when given a gift.

Living with gratitude keeps my heart tender and reminds me not to neglect small things that we can take for granted. I have gone here and there with little thought or effort because I have become accustomed to the daily routine. I am sure that others can relate to a daily routine that seems effortless. Every now and then, I receive a big dose of reality that awakens me to appreciate the small things that I have taken for granted. These small things, often overlooked, are the true treasures of life. Embracing gratitude can make us feel appreciative and content with what we have.

When you and I are physically fit, the challenges of competing are fun and exciting, whether we win or lose. Our attitude could be, wait until next time... it will be my turn to win! Seldom do we think, “It could be our last game or competition together.” We could be at the top of our game, and within a day, that could all change. Very few of us have plans when that day comes. Sometimes, there may be gentle signs like your timing is off, reoccurring stiffness, longer recovery from injuries, etc.

What are your plans when you can’t do the things you have taken for granted over the years? Will you become a bitter person or a better person, who reflects on the past joys you shared with others while thanking God for His love? Reflecting on past joys can bring a sense of nostalgia and appreciation for the good times we’ve had.

If we dwell on what we cannot do, it can affect us mentally, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Having all our senses and abilities intact is undoubtedly a tiny thing we can often take for granted, but it is a significant and precious gift. I’ve known people who have withdrawn from others because of disabilities due to aging. Believe me, that is not the time to fold your arms and close yourself off from others. If there was ever a day that we needed to walk with open arms to embrace those who understand and love us, it’s then!

Each day, I’m abundantly grateful for all I have experienced and will experience with the gift I have been given. I make a habit of giving thanks to the Lord for the simple things throughout the day. You will be amazed by the peace in your soul. May we be reminded of Psalms 118:24: *“This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

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. You can also view our worship services on YouTube at [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)

# SPORTS NEWS

## 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, 8/29/2024, was sunny and warm. Another great day for some golf. Thirteen Ironmen played.

Chuck Benjamin and Bill Travis shared **Third Place**, each with a net score of 28; Joe Alarcon, Walter Lucas, Sang Nam, Hiei Takazawa, and Jim White shared **Second Place** with net 26s; and Mike Schwerin won **First Place** with a four under par net 23!

There were seven **Birdies** today: one by Joe Alarcon on hole 6; one by Chuck Benjamin on hole 7; one by Walter Lucas on hole 1; one by Jim White on hole 4; and three! by Mike Schwerin on holes 7, 8, and 9.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 2 at 3 feet, 5 inches.

Mike Schwerin shot the **Low Gross** score with a 3 under par 24!

Mike Schwerin won **Golfer of the Day** honors with low gross, first place, and three 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

### Deep Thoughts:

"I can only tell you one thing that I do know for sure, I am a dreamer. There are not many people that will recognize or want to recognize the fact that they are dreamers in their own life ... I continue to get up in the morning, enthusiastically, and go pick up a golf club with a thought that I can somewhere find that secret to making the cut. That's just an example, but it applies to other things in life, too, and that's the way I live and the way I think and the way I feel." - Arnold Palmer, winner of seven Major Championships

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Loanne (Scoop) Rube

It appears that our own Dianne Doughty is Superwoman. Fifty-one players mixed it up on this sunny, bright summer morning. We had five threesomes, so Dianne flew in dressed in knickerbockers, a backwards Payne Stewart

cap *and a cape*. She joins *all* five threesomes to make them hole (sic) foresomes (sic) for a two best ball, play day. Say that five times fast. OK, read it five times fast! The 18 hole women duked out a very close team competition. A three-way tie for top honors! Using the NCGA tie-breaking rules, the scores work out like this. Winning first place are Monica Saneholtz, Superwoman, Helen Varenkamp, and MaryAnn Diridon with a -17 to par, net 127. In second place is Patti Bell, Priscilla Piper, Jan Mahoney and Auralie Citrigno, net 127. Third place is Tamsen Burke, Mary Jo O'Neill, Donna Quartaro and Barbara Nilsen, net 127. In fourth place is Vicki Krattli, Cindy Fuller, Carol Zaccheo, and Superwoman, again, net 129. Eight out of 14 teams scored between net 127 and net 133. That's 6 strokes between the top eight teams. Way to soar and way to score lassies! Check out all the details in the Scoreboard.

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## TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

The first weekend of this month, **September 7 and 8** will be our Men & Women's doubles club tournament, so please sign up *now* so we can complete the draws.

There will be two categories, "A" and "B." We will use a compass draw which needs eight teams. If we do not get enough teams, we may use a round robin format.

Three weeks later, **September 28 and 29** will be our Mixed double club tournament. You can sign up now for both or one at a time. Here is how:

Go to our website at [villagestennisvgcc.club](http://villagestennisvgcc.club) and click on Tennis Club Tournament under Recent Posts located on the right side. Then scroll down and find registration forms for Doubles and Mixed.

We will post the draw for M&W doubles at the Viewing Stand on **Friday, September 6**. You will be emailed the time of you first match. You will be responsible for reading the draw and finding the time of your next match. Remember, you keep playing whether you win or lose in a compass draw.

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore [douglas.moore865@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.moore865@gmail.com), [villagesgolfers.com](http://villagesgolfers.com)

Hey guys it's right around the corner, the **2024 Club Championship Match Play Tournament**. It's going to be held September 14 through the 15th for the first and second rounds, then September 21 through the 22nd for the third and fourth final flights.

We want to make sure that all of you who are planning to participate this year are aware that it will be played and conducted over those two consecutive weekends.

Note: Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted so please make sure to plan accordingly to attend this event.

Signups go through September 12. This is considered to be an MGC major event so make sure that you're there!

The next tournament that will follow this up will be the **Fall Classic and MGC Annual Meeting**. You are not going to want to miss this one, so stay tuned for more information.

### Golf Thoughts:

Aren't our fairways looking pristine? They absolutely do and I'm not sure if they've ever looked better. Mark and his crew are doing a phenomenal job, and they should be commended. Let them know when you see them when you're out on the course about how much you appreciate their efforts.

Now that being said, let's make a concerted effort to keep them looking this way! Next time you take a divot that looks like size of a beaver pelt, don't be a honey badger, take that divot mix you got on your cart and fill that baby in. What if your ball landed in that crater, and your one of the guys that does not use the "CC bump", I'm sure you would be less than pleased.

It really doesn't take that much time to keep our fairways looking great.

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. The next meeting will be **October 1, 2024**. 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.

## 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

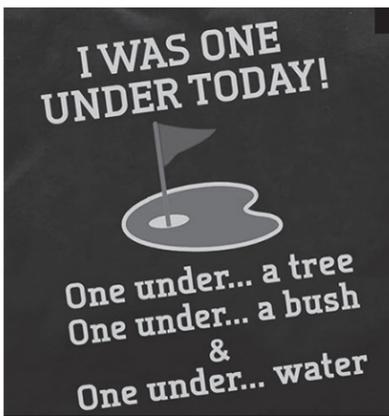
**Note:** Play will be conducted over two consecutive weekends.  
 Tee times will be assigned by the Pro Shop.  
 Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted.

**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



## SHONIS



By Betty Hall

Well, today was our August birthday game but no birthday Shonis came out to golf. But Happy Birthday to them anyway—Kathy Tanaka, Nanci Newell and Rose Loy.

No birdies today so the birdie pot rolls over.

September 3 is Captain's Trophy day so maybe someone will also take home the birdie pot.

Putting for Pesos today had two winners. Manoli Kelly (welcome back) and Schinae Ogihara. Their putting must have helped them as they both got into sweeps plus they got another in their sweeps envelopes. Good job.

Welcome to Amy Song who joined us today for her 1st qualifying game. And stayed for lunch.

## PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

August 30 was more terrific weather for golf on the Championship Course. The first group to tee off on hole number one was greeted by temperatures in the low sixties. By the time our fourth, and final, group completed hole number nine, the temperature was still trying to climb into the low eighties. Again, a beautiful day to be hitting the little white ball.

Our individuals reaching this week's championship podium were, in first place, Dick Henderson, Net 34; Tom Hunt, for the third straight week, grabbed the second position with a Net 36; finishing the day, rounding out the low four Net Scores of the day, shooting a Net 37 was a tie between Walter Lucas, and Ron Speer. Low Putts for this week were, once again, the subject of a very tight race. Thomas Hunt finished with 15 putts. Dick Henderson and Will Ector finished with 16 putts, Will Ector dropped in a 40 foot plus putt on the 18th green for a zero putt to secure the tie with Dick for the second top best putter of the week.

When you finish your round, we invite you to join us in the bistro for a no host bit of socializing. Have a late breakfast, early lunch or just a cup of coffee or an Arnold Palmer. It's an opportunity to better know your fellow Pinseekers. Hope to see you next week.



Larry Milligan

Accompanying my weekly diatribe into the activities of the Pinseekers is an announcement for a memorial service honoring Larry Milligan, a long-time member of this fellowship of golfers just having fun. Larry's service will be in the Cribari Center Oak Room on **Sunday, September 8 beginning at 1 p.m.** Please join us for a Day of Remembrance. In memory of our beloved Larry, please wear your favorite golf attire. Please RSVP to Veronica Damon at 408-892-4622 or [sunnybird22@charter.net](mailto:sunnybird22@charter.net)

No "words of wisdom" or golf humor this week. I suggest that you follow the advice of our Director of Golf Operations, Scott Steele, as he shares hints and ideas for improving your game. See his article every week in the Villager.

## PICKLEBALL

### Battle of the Paddle and Taco Fiesta coming up!

By Sherry Benz

Where has this year gone? Looking back at the "May I Have This Dink" and "King/Queen of the Hill" tournaments, interspersed with Dink & Drink and other social events, it's been a fun-filled schedule with more than enough friendly competition. But...it's not over yet!

The Pickleball "Battle of the Paddle" is coming **Saturday, September 14** (men's and women's doubles) and **Sunday, September 15** (mixed doubles). The deadline to register is **5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10**, so don't delay. The tournament has 3 divisions: Advanced, Advanced Intermediate, and Intermediate, so you will be playing with others at your same level of skill. Don't have a partner? Let us know and we will find a spectacular partner for you! Visit [villagespickleball.vgcc.club](http://villagespickleball.vgcc.club) for link to register! If you have questions, contact me at 408-887-5497 or [sabenz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sabenz@sbcglobal.net).



The Taco truck is returning on **Saturday, September 14** for the third annual Taco Fiesta! They brought a fabulous array of street taco "makings" last year and we couldn't wait to have them back. So Members, if you are playing in the tournament, just watching some great pickleball, or are simply hungry, please join us 1:30-4:30PM. The fee is only \$5, but you must register. Visit [villagespickleball.vgcc.club](http://villagespickleball.vgcc.club) for a link to register. If you have questions, contact Michelle McQuay at 408-858-8249 or [michellemcquay.villages@gmail.com](mailto:michellemcquay.villages@gmail.com).

More SPORTS

## WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

The 9 Hole Ladies golf group held their General Meeting on Tuesday and had a very informative speaker discussing The Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition. This is the organization our group has chosen to support as our charity this year. Betty Ann Haganeau, BAATC's Executive Director spoke about the reality of human trafficking in our communities and what we can do to help. It was very enlightening and a bit scary that it is right here in our community.

Remember that we have several opportunities to play golf in the next few months so mark your calendars and sign up to play.

**Tuesday, September 3, 8:45 a.m.** Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Captain's Trophy

**Tuesday, September 10, 8:45 a.m.** Swingers Golf / Sweeps /

**Tuesday, September 17, 8:45 a.m.** Swingers Golf / Sweeps

**Tuesday, September 24, 8:45 a.m.** Swingers Golf / Sweeps

/ Mixer w/18 Hole Group

**Meetings:**

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m. Sequoia Room following golf. All members are welcome to attend club meetings.

**Special Events ... Mark Your Calendar!**

**Tuesday, September 10**—Peninsula Golf & Country Club Exchange Day 7:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. \$60 includes breakfast, golf, sweeps, cart and lunch. See Wendy's emails.

**Friday, September 20**—Twilight Nine and Dine Mixer "Cowboy-Up." Signups are through the Pro Shop only. 4:30 p.m. Shotgun start, dinner to follow.

**Tuesday, October 1**—Lake Wildwood Golf Course Invitational. 7:30 am. registration and breakfast, 9 a.m. shotgun start. \$70 includes breakfast, golf, sweeps, cart and lunch. See flyer.

## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**September Golf Schedule**

**Monday, September 9** – Course *closed* Outside Tournament – Par-3 Course Open – Range Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Saturday, September 14** – Men's Club Championship – 8 a.m. tee times

**Sunday, September 15** – Men's Club Championship – 8 a.m. tee times

**Friday, September 20** – Twilight Mixer 4:30pm Shotgun – Last Tee Time 18-Hole Course 11:45am

**Saturday, September 21** – Men's Club Championship – 8 a.m. tee times

**Saturday, September 21** – Villages Koren Club 1 p.m. Tee Times

**Sunday, September 22** – Men's Club Championship Finals – 8 a.m. tee times

**Friday, September 27** – 8 a.m. Open Shotgun – 12:45 p.m. Charity Tournament Course *closed* and Range *closed* 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

**Fall Aeration Schedule**

**Monday, September 30** – Back-9 Closed all day for Greens Aeration – Front-9 Swingers 9 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 1** – **All golf facilities closed all day including driving range and Pro Shop – completion of greens aeration**

**Wednesday, October 2** – Par-3 Course *closed* all day for greens aeration

*More information coming...*

**September Villages Golf Committee (VGC) Meeting**

Thursday, September 17 at 3 p.m. at Montgomery Center – All Villages Residents are welcome to attend.

**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—Your basic Chip and Run...**

The art of the classic chip and run (or bump and run) shot has been somewhat lost with the advent of high spinning golf balls and wedges with grooves like razors that create suction-like backspin. Also, the best players in the world usually miss a green on the side that the flagstick is located, therefore "short-siding" themselves, which requires a different type of shot, but not a chip and run. A chip and run is played when you have a bit of green to work with, and when you do not need to carry your ball over any obstacle or rough. Here at The Villages where we have large subtle and sloping greens, and a wide greenside fringe cut; the chip and run is a perfect stroke saver to learn and have in your short game repertoire. For instance, if you are just short of the green and the hole is cut in the back of the green.

**Here are some simple starting points for good chipping...**

A chip is played when your ball is near the putting surface but not on it (5-15 feet from the green)

A chip is a LOW shot with just enough loft to carry your ball over the fringe or rough and onto the edge of the green

A chip has more GROUND time than air time...so you want to see it roll

Use a less lofted club...a 9,8 or 7-iron can be used to chip depending on the length of the shot

Position the ball BACK in your stance closer to your right toe (left toe for lefties)

Keep your hands ahead of the ball with the club-shaft leaning toward the target

Narrow your stance and pre-set your weight slightly into your left foot...keep you lower body still

Use a 1-lever motion void of wrist hinge (like a putting stroke)

The club must go slightly up on the backswing and slight down on the through swing

The club-head should always point down to the ground on backswing and through-swing

Be sure to brush the grass at the ball

Keep the club moving and accelerating through impact.

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





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# SCOREBOARD

## BOCCE NEWS



### Join the Bocce Club for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

By Tom Hunt

Come celebrate at the newly updated Bocce Pavilion on Friday, September 6 at 3 p.m. at Gazebo Park!

Enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, games, and community spirit. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.

**Last chance for Fundraising Matching Funds from EVF—** That's right, we are only \$9K from reaching our fund-raising target, so help us out bring your check books, because after September 13, the EVF will no longer match our funds dollar for dollar.



**Event Highlights will include:**

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony—be there as we officially open the courts.
- Friendly Matches—participate in or watch some exciting games.
- Refreshments—enjoy light snacks and beverages.
- Special Guests—there will be members of the Villages Management and CBOD in attendance.

Why Bocce? Bocce is a fantastic way to bring people together, fostering community and promoting physical activity. Our new courts are designed for players of all ages and abilities, ensuring everyone can join in the fun.

Don't miss out on this exciting event! Bring your friends and family, and let's make this a memorable day for our community.

**For more information, visit the bocce website at [villagesbocce.vgcc.club](http://villagesbocce.vgcc.club)**

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



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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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## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Wednesday, August 28**

Kit Hultquist	173
Shirley Bellavance	233
Remy Pessah	279
Sylvia Rozewicz	304

**Friday, August 30**

Sylvia Rozewicz	144
Kit Hultquist	186
Bev Waller-Wharton	221
Remy Pessah	291

## BOCCE

**2024 Guys & Gals Tournament Week #4**

**Monday 9:30 a.m. (win/loss)**

Bocce Queens	4-4
The Masters	4-2
Bocce Babes	4-4

**Monday 6 p.m.**

Big LeBocce	5-3
Lady Rollers	1-7

**Wednesday 9:30 a.m.**

Femme Fatales	5-3
Ball Busters	7-1
Straight Shooters	3-5

**Wednesday 9:30 a.m.**

The Progressives	7-1
Bawlers	4-4

**Thursday 9:30 a.m.**

Bocce & Gabanna	4-4
Testosterones	6-2
Pink Ladies	4-4

**Thursday 6 p.m.**

Merry Bocce Band	6-2
Bocce Ballers	4-4

## SHONIS

Tuesday, August 27  
All Nets

**Flight One:**

1. Marty Blinde	23
2. Tied. Joyce Baptiste and Manoli Kelly	24
3. Tied. Betty Hall and Judy Rogers	26

**Flight Two:**

1. Tied Nancy Chesterton and Katen Rooney	24
2. Peggy White	25
3. Schinae Ogihara	26

## BRIDGE



**Monday, August 26:**

1. Louann Partridge – Guest
2. Mary LeGrand – Jonna Robinson
3. Art Lind - Lorrie Scott

**Wednesday, August 28:**

1. Art Lind – Guest
2. Mary LeGrand – Louann Partridge
- 3/4. Jan Kiernan – Sumi Minami; Hank Koransky – Jane Michaels

**Friday, August 30:**

1. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
2. Mary LeGrand – Guest
3. Karen Kosmala – Jonna Robinson

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

**Thursday, August 29  
2 Net Best Ball**

1. Monica Saneholtz, Helen Varenkamp, Mary Ann Diridon 127
2. Patti Bell, Priscilla Pepper, Janice Mahoney, Auralie Citrigno 127
3. Tamsen Burke, Mary Jo O'Neill, Donna Quartaro, Barbara Nilsen 127
4. Vicki Krattli, Cindy Fuller, Carol Zaccheo 129

## Golf Fees as of July 1

Please note the new golf fees starting July 1, 2024:

Resident 18-Holes	\$35
Resident 9-Holes	\$23
Resident Par-3 Course	\$13
Guest Weekday 18-Holes	\$62
Guest Weekend 18-Holes	\$82
Guest Weekday 9-Holes	\$42
Guest Weekend 9-Holes	\$47
Guest Par-3 Course	\$21
Unaccompanied Guest Weekday	\$66
Unaccompanied Guest Weekend	\$86
Guest Day Weekday	\$57
Guest Replay	\$21
Resident Cart 18-Holes	\$16 Per Rider
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Guest Cart 18-Holes	\$22 Per Rider
Guest Cart 9-Holes	\$16 Per Rider

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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Landscape Maintenance

Weekly Landscaping Maintenance, hand, and mechanical weed control.

#### Cribari

5364-5383 and 5433-5488—In progress.

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—9/9-9/13.

#### Montgomery

6246-6336—In progress.

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—9/9-9/13.

#### Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—In progress.

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—9/9-9/13.

#### Hermosa

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and around Chardonay Lake area—In progress.

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—9/9-9/13.

#### Heights

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—In progress.

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—9/9-9/13.

#### Club

Buildings A, B, C and D—In progress.

Clubhouse, Tennis Courts and Driving Range—9/9-9/13.

Turf White Grub Activity at various lawn areas at the Estates front lawns—spot soil granular insecticide treatments, and damaged lawns cleanups—In progress. Live raccoon/skunk trapping around affected lawn areas—In progress.

Fire Fuel weed clearing in designated areas—In progress:

Corporation Yard Creek side by Mansion and Highland areas.

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)

Del Lago and Sonata—In progress.

Highland, Glen Arden and Valle Vista—Schedule for the week of 9/16.

General herbicide weed spraying at shrubs beds, street cracks throughout the district, Prosecutor-Non-Selective Herbicide—EPA Reg. No. 524-536-10404).

Del Lago and Sonata—In progress.

Highland, Glen Arden and Valle Vista—Scheduled for the week of 9/16.

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels:

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

Cribari, Fairways and Verano- scheduled for 9/9.

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 four 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.**

### Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse or household member

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 .

## Community Battery Recycling Program to continue

The 90-day community battery recycling pilot program ended August 16. The response from residents made it a success.

Heartfelt thanks to the 144 households and three DACs that participated and kept 696 pounds of batteries out of the landfill. Villagers recycle right!

Special Projects and Sustainability Services will continue to offer this program. As we head into the fall, collection days will be the **second** and **fourth Fridays** of **September** from **9 a.m.** to **10 a.m.** in the parking lot near the tennis courts and air station. As the seasons change, we may make adjustments for inclement weather.

The District Advisory Committees (DACs) collecting batteries in their villages are asked to call by Wednesday with details about the weight (in pounds) of batteries to be dropped off on Friday.

**September Dates: Friday, September 13 and Friday, September 27**

**Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** (No early drop off)

**Location:** Administration offices parking lot near air station and tennis courts

**Accepted Batteries:** Household batteries only (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt and button batteries)—corroded batteries need to be bagged in plastic—no e-waste or rubbish please.

If the above dates and times are not convenient, please contact the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site directly for an appointment: 408-299-7300.

Questions? Contact Mary Tatum 408-754-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com.

## Maintenance Project Notice:

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

## Report Coyote Activity

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

- Public Safety at mhidalgo@the-villages.com and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Vector Control at vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org or 408-918-4770. Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.



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**We're ready for more travel photos!**

**Please send photos and the details of your recent trips to: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com)**

Enjoying the beautiful Norwegian city of Bergen are Villagers Carol Patterson, Donna Quartaro and Peg Van Camp. They recently returned from this enjoyable two-week cruise in cold and rainy Scandinavia. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway. The trio also visited Copenhagen, Denmark, and sailed into the fjords. Although it was a great trip, these travelers are thankful they can come home to *The Villager*!



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## CARPET CLEANING

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**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST!**

After recently losing her husband, my sister lost her diamond solitaire wedding ring while visiting The Villages. If found, please call  
831-809-1457.

## Hiking Club has lively day at Senior Safari



Recently the Villages Hiking Club had a very historical hike at the August 22nd Senior Safari led by Cheryl Allmen at San Jose's Happy Hollow Park. Meg Rodger, Eilene Stiller, Guy Hoover and Cheryl Allmen hiked around viewing a wide variety of animals in the zoo, walking through the beautiful Japanese Garden and around the San Jose Historical Museum seeing the numerous historical signs, homes and businesses. Eileen Stiller won one of the drawings at the Safari, returning home with a lovely Senior Safari T-shirt.

Visit the Hiking Club's website at [villageshikingclub.vgcc.club](http://villageshikingclub.vgcc.club) to see all the ways a Villager can walk a few blocks or even more distances to get those 10,000 recommended steps in per day!

## Villagers hike Devil's Slide Trail



Thirteen Villagers had an exciting 3.3 hike led by Guy Hoover along the very interesting Devil's Slide Trail several miles north of Montara State Beach on Highway 1. Villagers had a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean with great views of birds, lovely cliffs below with white sandy beaches and awesome mountains displaying rocks, forest-like trees and hopefully the possibility of actually seeing the journey of whales, other marine life and land animals along the hike.

More special activities, adventures and hiking opportunities are available. Check out our website at [villageshikingclub.vgcc.club](http://villageshikingclub.vgcc.club) to view many possibilities to enjoy hiking nearby and also other California landscapes, scenes from mountains, forests, parks and waterways.

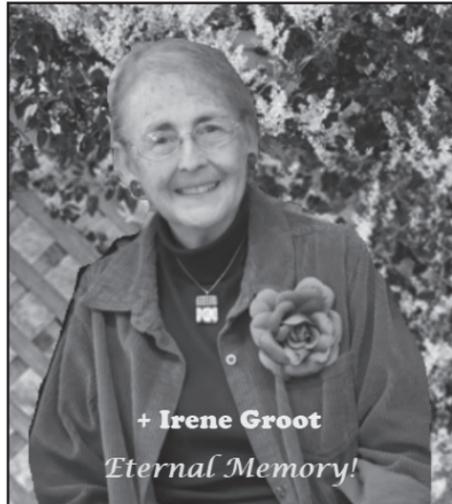
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## OBITUARY

### Irene Margaret Colligan Groot

October 1, 1943 — August 12, 2024



+ Irene Groot

*Eternal Memory!*

Irene Groot, a born teacher, gifted writer, and explorer of ideas from today's fashion to yesterday's ancient philosophers, died of cancer at her Glen Arden home on Aug. 12.

Peter, Irene's beloved husband for 45 years, cared for Irene throughout her months of illness.

In 2019, Irene and Peter moved from Almaden to The Villages. Irene edited the Catholic Column for The Villager Religion Page from 2021-2023. Irene encouraged those in The Villages Catholic Community to dig into the Sunday Scriptures, to pray about their meaning in their lives today, and to write about their reflections. With steady coaching for the writers, Irene built a cadre of 18 columnists ranging from a pre-Vatican II priest to a more recent convert to Catholicism.

Daughter of Arthur J. Colligan and Lucille Lawler, Irene was born in Santa Monica, CA. An only child, Irene credited her Aunts Mary and Janie for profoundly influencing her. Irene recalled her Aunt Janie teaching sewing to "the girl cousins." These early sessions with scissors and thread led to Irene's deep interest in dress design, liturgical vestments, and fabric art. Irene's other interests included theology, history, and writing. For 39 years Irene taught history in middle schools in the Evergreen Elementary School District, and won several state-wide awards. Her students kept in touch and thanked Irene for her guidance and for setting rigorous academic standards. She wrote an Earthquake Preparedness Handbook for schools. Irene wrote a handbook for teachers preparing for the Administrative Credential exam; a handbook that continues to guide educators to move to their next career step. On a different plane, Irene wrote theological essays published in Carmelite Digest, Adoremus Bulletin, and Homiletic and Pastoral Review.

In 2016, Irene published "**BioCube Escape**," available on Amazon. It is a dystopia run by slogans "Right angles make right thinkers." Irene's book was hailed as "an adept story, 'BioCube Escape' works as sci-fi, political treatise, mathematical irony, and adventure tale."

Peter expresses gratitude for the food and support from his Glen Arden neighbors, cards and prayers from Irene's Prayer Group, and the comforting presence of many in The Villages during the past five months. Irene's Byzantine Catholic funeral mass will be held SAT Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. at St. Basil the Great Byzantine Church, 14263 Mulberry Dr., Los Gatos, CA. **A celebration in The Villages is planned for September 14 at Foothill, 2-4 p.m.**

## OBITUARY

### Carolyn Jane Terrill

March 13, 1941 — May 6, 2024



Carolyn Jane Terrill passed away peacefully on May 6, 2024.

Carolyn was born in San Francisco, grew up in Belmont and later resided in San Carlos. Carolyn graduated from Carlmont High School and attended San Mateo College. Carolyn spent most of her 43-year career at Stanford Research Institute where she was manager of Government Accounting. She and her life partner, Kathy, moved to The Villages almost thirty years ago.

Carolyn was a devout 49er fan who grew to love the team starting in her early years while attending games at Kezar Stadium with her dad. However, golf was her first passion. She and Kathy devoted hundreds of hours to women's golf including several years as scoring supervisors at the USGA Women's Opens. A 30 year member of the Villages 18 Hole Women's Golf Assoc, she loved playing on her "own" course in The Villages.

She is survived by sisters, Patty Liner (Rod's wife) and Kathy Logan (Jim's wife) and many nephews and nieces

A "Remember Carolyn" celebration will be held in September. Please contact Kathy by text at 408-221-2115 for details.





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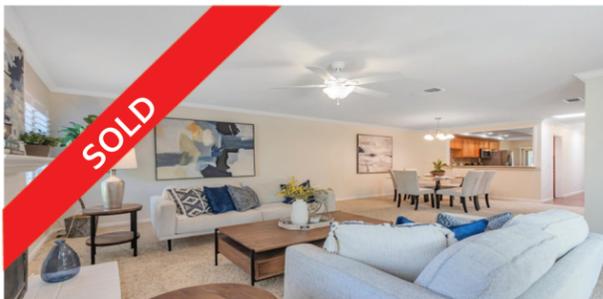
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