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'Make a Joyful Noise' free concert is October 13

Did you know the Villages has a large beautiful organ? Did you know we have a marvelous cadre of composers, arrangers, and performers? We want to share all this talent with you! Join us for a free concert on **Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium featuring Mark Fish on the viola and Catherine Ellacer on the organ.

The program for organ and viola will include the following selections: Tomaso Vitali: Chaconne; Max Bruch: Romanze; George Frederic Handel: Largo from Xerxes, incorporating Amazing Grace; Folliott Pierpoint: For the Beauty of the Earth, incorporating Vivaldi's Winter; Andrew Lloyd Webber: Phantom of the Opera, incorporating Bach's Toccata in D minor (arranged by Catherine Ellacer); and J.S. Bach: Wachet Auf ("Sleepers, Wake!").



Organist Catherine Ellacer

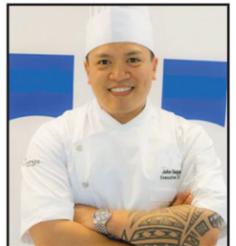
Clubhouse welcomes new Executive Chef

The Villages announces the selection of John Ilagan as the Executive Chef for the Clubhouse.

John, a Bay Area native, discovered his passion for the culinary arts through inspiration sparked by watching the Food Network. In 2009, at the age of 19, he graduated from the California Culinary Academy (CCA) an affiliate of Le Cordon Bleu in San Francisco, earning his degree in Culinary Arts. He is also a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) and holds the title of Certified Executive Chef (CEC).

With a solid background as an Executive Chef, John has worked in hotels, educational institutions, corporate dining environments, and skilled nursing facilities. Recounting his long journey in the hospitality industry, Ilagan says, "Thirteen years in this business, and I still learn something new every day."

Chef Ilagan, as a leader of teams serving large numbers of people daily, he makes it his priority to ensure that every dish maintains the highest quality. To Ilagan, food is more than just a meal—it is the creation of a story—a story that he is dedicated to bring to life through his culinary expertise.



Drop-In Flu Clinic for Villagers

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
at Foothill Center

Bring your ID and Medicare or insurance card

'Inside the Gates' Home Tour is this Saturday

By Sherry Benz

It's not too late to get your tickets to the annual Inside the Gates Home Tour scheduled for **Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Home Tour tickets may be purchased through the VMA website (vmavillages.vgcc.club) or directly from <https://rebrand.ly/hometour>. Tour tickets are \$35 and the charges will be billed directly to your house number. Tour tickets are \$45 the day of the event, available at the ticket pick-up in the lower golf parking lot. Don't miss this event! We have six incredible homes for you to visit!



flash of reclaimed metal." There is something for everyone on your gift-giving list!

Each tour ticket comes with a drawing coupon for your chance to win one of two baskets worth \$100 in gourmet items and including a \$100 bill tucked inside. Additional coupons are available for sale at the boutique. You just might be a lucky winner!

All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA). The mission of the VMA is to help residents live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible. For information, contact Penny Barcellos at 408-234-2792 or Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713. For ticket info, contact Anahid Gregg at 732-742-4874.

Anytime during the Tour, visit the boutique at the Clubhouse. You don't have to be on the Home Tour to visit the boutique. You'll find the perfect gift for a friend (or yourself!) from olive oil, seasonings, fudge, purses, scarves, jewelry, bowls ... to name only a few!

One of our vendors uses this description: "buttery bits of leather, the sumptuous beauty of silk, a

The VMA needs your help behind the wheel

By Karen Kosmala, VMA President

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has been providing transportation to medical and dental appointments since the early 1980s. Unfortunately, we are now at a crossroads where this valuable service may no longer be possible. We currently have only 28 volunteers avail-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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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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.

3 Pulse letters received this week.
1 Pulse letter deferred.
2 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

Looking back on the Villages online publication "FastLane" and the now "Fast News," which is nothing more than a link to *The Villager Online*, I pine for the FastLane. The FastLane brought us pertinent news updates on community, upcoming activities and reminders in a concise manner without going off to other sources (*Villager Online*). This replacement is just taking us to articles posted in *The Villager Online* and has much work needed to do in order to be user friendly. FYI—Because of the printing vendor issue we will never get our weekly paper back. The present online access is staying and will not be an "online newspaper" as we had hoped it to be, as our staff is not producing such a paper for online access. I do hope other people speak up and discuss what they would like to see given our printing vendor issues. I seriously doubt we will have a subscription option also.

—Walter Hlavacek

Publisher's Comment: The Club Board at their September meeting mentioned appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to collaborate with the Villages Team to review and enhance the Villager Online, FastNews, and the printed versions of the newspaper. While the Communications team works continuously to improve the user experience by listening to member feedback, the Ad Hoc Committee will be another avenue to improve our publications. The Villages Team has been directed by CBOD to present a Charter at the October meeting for the Directors consideration.

Looking at the Villager online, I was hoping to see an update from our GM in "The GM Corner." I was disappointed to say the least that it had not been updated since July 26. With all that is going on recently, I would think there would be issue, working and looking forward, which could be imparted to the Villager's. How about a monthly up-date?

—Walter Hlavacek

Editor's Note: This letter submitted for the week of September 26 will be published this week.

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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 23

IN MEMORIAM

Charlene Singleton
June 1, 1934 — September 10, 2024

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Obituaries are now also available online at:
news.thevillagesgcc.com/in-memoriam

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Condo Home Insurance at The Villages

Make sure your HO6 Policy protects you

(First in a series of three articles from the Ad Hoc Insurance Committee)

Disclaimer: These articles are provided to assist you in understanding some of the complexities in condo insurance policies. You have the ultimate responsibility in understanding your personal insurance needs and the Association's requirements as spelled out in the CC&Rs. The Association's Master Property Insurance policies are listed in the annual Association Disclosure statement and online on the Members Portal. Please use these materials in consultation with your professional insurance agent/broker.

Introduction

Home ownership in an HOA condo is a little more complicated than when you owned your own house outside of The Villages. There's a portion of your condo that is the responsibility of The Villages Association (which is protected by the Master Property Insurance Policy paid for by the Association) and a portion of your condo plus all your personal property that you are responsible for (which is protected by your personal HO6 Condo Insurance policy).

Basically, the structure of your condo—the foundations, the walls, the roof, and the floors, as they were originally built or have been improved by the Association—is insured by the Master Policy. In a disaster, the Association's Master Policy will be applied to those elements in an attempt to replace them as is, but coverage is only assured to replace them with the same or similar build quality as when the condo was originally built. Generally, the original elements were known as "builder's grade" (i.e., Formica countertops, linoleum flooring, standard doors and windows).

Over the years, many condo owners have substantially improved their homes with new cabinets, flooring, appliances, countertops, and much more. The owner-installed improvements are called "betterments and improvements" and are generally the owner's responsibility to make sure they are fully insured. Many condos have had multiple owners since they were originally built, so a new buyer may have a hard time knowing what the original build looked like and what items have been upgraded.

The Association's CC&Rs specify that the Master Policy will actually cover some owner's improvements—those that are permanently attached to the walls, such as upgraded kitchen cabinets, countertops, and built-in appliances. This is called a "walls-in" insurance policy. Some of the benefits of a "walls in" approach is that it simplifies for the condo owner what they need to insure on their own policy. This led to a common explanation that if you turned your condo upside down and shook it, only those things that fell out would need to be covered on your personal policy. That explanation is simple and easy to visualize. Unfortunately, the world has gotten more complex and more expensive. Due to massive increases in insurance costs, the Association has had to limit the coverage it provides for owners' improvements. For most condo owners (excluding Del Lago, Sonata, or Fairways), that coverage is capped at \$50,000. So if you (or previous owners) have upgraded your condo with better cabinets, built-in appliances, marble/granite counters, expensive tile or wood floors, and so on, your improvements very likely exceed \$50,000 in replacement costs and your HO6 policy "Dwelling" coverage needs to cover the difference.

For condo owners in Del Lago, Sonata, and Fairway Villages there is no cap on improvements.

In this article and the next, we will look at what each portion of your HO6 policy covers, and what decisions you and your insurance agent should be considering at policy purchase and at each renewal.

Your personal HO6 Policy

Every condo owner is required to have an HO6 policy and provide proof of coverage each year.

What the Villages Association requires to be in your policy:

- Loss Assessment (to help you pay any "Special Assessment" from The Villages due to the Master Policy being inadequate to cover the Association's losses in a major disaster)—\$50,000 coverage
- Personal Liability—minimum \$300,000
- Personal Property coverage (the amount to be determined solely by you, the owner)

Other items you should carefully consider and get professional advice on:

- Dwelling insurance coverage to cover the replacement costs of betterments and Improvements that you, and/or previous owners, have made to your condo since it was originally built. The Association's Master Property policy will only return the Association's property to the original build quality of the unit.
- If you are responsible for the loss event, you will be responsible for up to the entire \$50,000 Association insurance deductible. Consider having your HO6 policy cover this expense (most likely covered under Dwelling coverage, but

some insurance companies may cover this under Loss Assessment instead). You also will be responsible for damages to your neighbors' units—consider that in your HO6 Personal Liability insurance purchase.

- Loss of Use (when you can't live in your condo until it has been repaired)
- Increasing the amount of Personal Liability beyond the minimum required by the Association
- Other add-on coverages like for high-value items (i.e., jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.)
- Additional insurance policies for things like golf carts, which are not included in your HO6 policy.

There are also many discounts offered by different insurance companies so look for those discounts to help reduce your policy costs. Some examples: Gated Community/On-site Security, Firewise Certification, Protective Device (i.e., smoke/Carbon monoxide alarms), Mature Policy owner, and Multi-Policy (with the same insurance company).

In the next articles in this series of three, we will examine the details of what you need in your personal HO6 Insurance Policy. Future articles will discuss how the Association is addressing the current Insurance Crisis.

Adhering to Association Rules

At the September Association Board meeting, President Michael Schwerin announced the Board's approval for the General Manager to hire a Community Standards/Compliance officer.

This officer's primary role will be to align The Villages Association rules to Villagers' behavior in our community. "Some Association rules are not adhered to, and we need to either follow the rules, amend the rules or eliminate the rules as necessary," states Schwerin. "We can now look to a dedicated resource to assist us in upholding rules that protect property and residents and keep The Villages a beautiful place to live and play."

Schwerin informed attendees that there is time for everyone to review the Association rules and take action to comply. Whether Villagers inherited a rule breaker, such as a tree that's too tall, or are personally responsible for breaking one, the violation will be treated equally—and every Villager will be treated equally.

As part of this Rule Alignment effort, an ad hoc Rules Review Committee has been formed to advise the Association Board. They will be reviewing every Association rule including the Architectural Rules and keeping those that apply, revising those that need updating, and tossing the ones that no longer fit The Villages lifestyle.

The Board welcomes questions and feedback! Please submit your questions to Ask the ABOD, or email Michael at schwerin@ix.netcom.com.

Evergreen Villages Foundation invites you to complimentary wine reception

Join the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) and your Villager neighbors at a wine reception and learn about EVF's ongoing community support that will guide its next 10 years. All Villagers are invited to "Building our Future Together" on **Tuesday, October 22 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. At this reception we'll celebrate the amazing accomplishments the members of the EVF have enabled over the years and announce new ideas on how all Villagers can work together to benefit the future of our community.

For over 15 years, the EVF has played a major role in enhancing the quality of life here at The Villages. Through the contributions of members who are Villagers, just like you, the EVF has been involved in over 35 community improvement projects. These projects include assisting with Clubhouse improvements, the Pickleball Courts, the Bocce Court project, and the upcoming Golf Course Bunker renovation among many others. They are just a few of the many projects that the EVF has participated in that improved our facilities for the benefit of all Villagers. To register for this event, go to the EVF website at evfsj.org or call Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

We look forward to seeing you there.



MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Association Parking Rules

With the Association Board announcing that Homeowners Association (HOA) rules will soon be scrutinized and more closely enforced throughout The Villages, Public Safety Director Matt Hidalgo reminds Villagers of the rules that are frequently violated—such as the parking rules.

Rule 2.17.1

Residents must have all vehicles registered with Public Safety—make, model, license plate, and your vehicle’s color. Once registered, Public Safety will place a bar code on your car for convenient entry into The Villages.

Rule 2.17.2

All registered vehicles must remain on the owner’s property, whether this is your garage, carport or driveway. Cribari and Del Lago Villages and Montgomery Circle are limited to a single parking space.

Rule 2.17.2 (A,B, & C)

Due to the limited parking in Cribari and Del Lago Villages and Montgomery Circle, common-area parking is permitted, but limited to 48 hours. If you choose to park in these designated areas, please make sure you move your car within the 48-hour period.

If a carport is part of your home, please make certain that only permitted items can be found there. As part of **Rule 2.08.5**, only vehicles, bicycles, mopeds, golf carts, ladders, and small collapsible handcarts are allowed.

If you have questions regarding The Villages parking rules, please stop by Building C, call or send an email to publicsafety@the-villages.com.

September e-waste event collects more than two tons of waste



Heartfelt thanks to the many Villagers who participated in the community wide e-waste event on Saturday, September 21 held at the Cribari East Parking lot. The Villages collected 4,744 pounds of e-waste.

Many thanks to Zero Waste Silicon Valley, our vendor. Zero Waste Silicon Valley, a program of the San Jose Conservation Corps, which strives to tackle two of California’s most significant challenges at once: systemic barriers to employment for transition-age youth and the annual disposal of 30 million tons of waste.

The next community e-waste event will be held in the spring of 2025. Details will appear as the date approaches.

If you need to dispose of e-waste before then, and have at least three items to be picked up, Zero Waste Silicon Valley will come to your door to pick them up. For appointment information please call 408-283-7171.

SRS recognizes contributions of founder Pat Janes

By Libby Nelson

Volunteerism is a fundamental aspect of life here at The Villages. Nearly all of our many organizations rely on the hard work and kindness of their members to keep things running smoothly.

One of the Villages long term volunteers, Pat Janes, a resident for over 38 years, is due some special recognition.

Pat was a long-time Verano resident and member of a number of organizations. A CPA/Educator by profession, in 2002, when she retired from SJSU, she turned her skills and knowledge to the creation of the Senior Resource Services. SRS was accredited in 2002 by the Club Board to provide business and community information to Villages Residences.

In the ensuing 22 years, it has become a stronghold in the community. The office in Cribari Center is “manned/womanned” by a trained volunteer three mornings a week, and articles in the Villager are a mainstay of knowledge to all of us.

Pat decided it was time to graduate on to an Assisted Living Community in Fairfield, and discreetly moved in early September.

She will be sorely missed for her great smile, friendly demeanor and care for all of us here at The Villages.

If you’d like to email your congratulations and thanks to Pat, she can be reached at janesp@sbcglobal.net.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

The Villages Executive Leadership Round Table is October 8

Come meet and chat with The Villages Board presidents from the Club, Association and Homeowners Boards and General Manager Theresa Ostrander. This open event is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 8 at 3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room and provides an opportunity for you to ask questions, provide suggestions and share concerns.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

EPC Drill harkens soon—be sure you have your OK sign

By Arlene Versaw

The Villages depends on the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) for information on how to prepare for emergencies and for support when one strikes. And EPC depends on drills to ensure that it is ready to respond and to remind residents that they have a role in its response. It is an easy, yet very critical role—and that is the posting and removal of the all-important OK sign in one of your windows facing the street, because that sign will let EPC volunteers know whether you need help. And why is its removal so important? Because if it is still up and a real emergency hits, your sign tells volunteers that you are OK when you aren't—and well, that's dangerous.



What's this fellow smiling about? He survived the disaster, he located his OK sign and he wants everybody to know!
Photo by Frank Langben

VMA Drivers needed... (Continued from front page)

able to drive our residents to their appointments, but we receive around 35 requests each month. Ideally, each volunteer would need to drive less than twice a month, but that's not always possible. Some volunteers are unable to drive because of their own travel, illness, appointments, etc., while others can only commit to one trip. Some volunteers don't answer their phones, which increases the burden on those who are more available. In fact, a few of our dedicated volunteers are driving as much as three to four times per month, which is simply not sustainable.

There have been many new residents who recently moved to The Villages over the last couple of years, and they may not yet be aware of this opportunity. Volunteering involves just about two hours of your time per appointment, plus your mileage is reimbursed. You choose the day and whether you're available in the morning or afternoon. If you haven't volunteered before, consider it a way to do a good deed or to pay it forward, as there may come a time when you or someone you know might need this service. As President of the VMA, I would be terribly disappointed to have this amenity disappear. The VMA would be incredibly grateful if we could gain an additional 20 to 30 volunteers.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, October 29 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, October 29 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors FY 24/25 Quarterly Business Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 19 at 9 a.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of November are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **October 25, 2024**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, November 7 at 9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is October 25, 2024.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 23

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WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA:

Thriving Through the Holidays, Together

Tuesday, October 29 • 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

The holidays may look different than you expected—but that doesn't make them any less meaningful. Join us for lunch with EmpowerMe Wellness' Donna Gallardo, who'll share strategies to help you and your loved ones fill the holidays with joyful celebrations and special traditions.

Call **669-220-7265** to RSVP by October 27.

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RECREATION

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

Sign up for SF trip to see new Art Deco exhibit at De Young

On **Thursday, November 7**, join us for a trip to San Francisco's De Young museum for a special exhibit on Art Deco artist Tamara de Lempicka.



The cost per person is **\$79 regular price, and \$51 for FAMSF members**. Cost includes admission, escort and round-trip transportation. Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco members must show valid membership card at registration. Gratuity for the driver is included; additional tipping is at your discretion. Self-guided audio tours are available for an additional \$6.

Lunch will be purchased independently at the museum café or from nearby food stalls. Due to the weather of the Bay, suggested attire is casual and warm.

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

Register in Building B. The deadline is **Friday, October 18** or sooner if the trip sells out.

Activity Level: Moderate (walking and standing; benches may not be available).

Artist Tamara de Lempicka (1894-1980) became a cultural icon of the 1920s through her liberal and glamorous lifestyle. With works that exuded cool elegance and pushed the boundaries of sensuality she helped to define Art Deco and influence fashion. This exhibition is the first major retrospective of her work in the United States, featuring over 100 works including drawings, still lifes, and portraits of the cosmopolitan elite from postwar Paris and Hollywood. With a technique that combines classical figural style with the modern energy of the international avant-garde, she captured the opulence and vitality of her time.

Wicked Trip Canceled

The trip to see "Wicked" at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco has been canceled because we did not have enough registrants to cover the cost of the trip. Recreation programs at The Villages are self-supporting. Our office has reached out to everyone who signed up. Please contact us with any questions.

Barbary Coast Trip with Craig Smith Canceled

The trip to San Francisco's Barbary Coast has been canceled due to a change in availability for our tour guide. Our office has reached out to everyone who signed up. Please contact us with any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

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

Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and every weekday afternoon, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8: Free Art Film on Alexander Calder with host Marion Rose at 2 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

Tuesday, October 15: Annual Members Juried Show, Reception: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. In-take Day is Monday, October 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Art Room. Juror is Carole Cameron of EVA. Contact Michael Sunzeri for contract at twosunzeris@comcast.net

Art Classes - Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

October 10 - 31: Drawing with Swati Mohari, Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. \$70.

October 10: Free Gelli Plate Printing demo with Colleen Mirassou, Thursday, 2 - 5 p.m. during Open Studio.

October 11: Potion Bottles Bewitching Hallowe'en Decorations with Tere Barbella. Friday, 1 - 4 p.m. in the Art Room. Limit 10 participants. \$25. Register with barb.gottesman@gmail.com

October 15: Fall Pumpkin Decoupage with Stephanie Torres. Tuesday, 6 - 8 p.m. \$25.

November 2: Holiday Faire, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (For details see article in Clubs section.)

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 - 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. Learn knitting here.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings can be found on villagesrvclub.org

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 Lite Hike Wednesday, October 9: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We'll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike Wednesday, October 9 - Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a rambler hike to the Silver Creek Community Market (formerly New Seasons). We'll start at the old Bank of America parking lot, continue down to San Felipe, cross the creek bridge to the park and on to Silver Creek Community Market for coffee and then return. Round trip hiking distance is approximately 4.4 miles. Meet at the old Bank of America parking lot at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike Wednesday, October 16: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike Saturday, October 19: Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a Saturday rambler hike along San Francisco's Embarcadero going from the Ferry Building to Pier 39. Parking (\$8) is at the Golden Gateway Garage at 250 Clay St. Total hiking distance is approximately 5 miles over very flat terrain. The Ferry Plaza farmer's Market will be in progress for those who want to get something yummy for breakfast before starting. Points of interest along the way include the Bay Bridge, Transamerica Building and Coit Tower. Plenty of benches along the way. Meet at Cribari Bell at 9 a.m. for 9:15 a.m. departure. Lunch can be at Pier 39 or any of several restaurants along the Embarcadero.

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.

TECH CORNER

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!** See the schedule online at: <https://help.thevillagesgcc.com/wow/>

WOW Volunteer Schedule for Cribari Sequoia Room Drop-ins

Tuesday, October 8	2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 9	2 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15	2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16	2 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, October 22	10 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, October 23	10 a.m. to noon

Tech Support is now available in Building A

Questions? Email Communications at comms@the-villages.com or see the posted names and phone numbers of volunteers posted at the Sequoia Room.

Villager Online tip #3

For readers viewing the Villager Online, here is another tip to improve your experience.

There's No Place Like Home

Did you know that The Villager Online logo also acts as a home button? Wherever you navigate on the website, simply click on the logo at the top left of the page to return to the home page.



Is your grandchild really in danger?

It would be nearly impossible to list all of the telephone and computer scams perpetrated against seniors. Many of the techniques employ very similar methods. The ones listed below are of a particular variety that have been reported by Villages residents over the years. Always be on the lookout for new scams as well as the “old favorites.” These two old favorites rely on the very powerful emotion of fear and the ensuing panic:

Your friend in trouble abroad. You get an email that appears to be from someone you know—a relative, friend or neighbor—in a predicament, desperately asking for help, usually in the form of money to be wired overseas. Being the compassionate person you are, you immediately send them the money so they can get out of their unfortunate situation—after all, you know they will pay you back. If you wire the money, you have just donated your mad money to criminals. This scam is simple to defeat. Just STOP and THINK. Call the supposed “victims” at their home number, and they’ll most likely answer the phone and tell you that they are not trapped in a holding cell somewhere over seas. Of course, to foil the criminals, they’ll have to change their e-mail address because someone has hacked their email address book.

The grandchild in trouble. Similar to the previous scam, you get a panicked call from someone with a young voice saying, “Grandma I’m in jail! I need bail money or they’re going to...” You panic and send the money to the place the voice tells you. Oops! You forgot to ask that poor “victim” a few questions in order to prove the scammer was really a family member. (Have a family code word to verify identity.) Don’t panic, call the parents and most likely you will find that your grandchild is on the couch watching television.

Sadly, just last week a Bay Area news broadcast featured just such a story about a grandmother who was seen at a local supermarket feeding hundred-dollar bills into a cash-for-coins/Bitcoin machine. After several people approached her and tried to convince her she was being scammed, she came to the realization that the call from a distraught young voice was fake when she called her grandson to find out he was not in police custody in need of bail—the damage was done, however, because she had converted \$90,000 into Bitcoin and lost that money forever. (The criminal callers had upped the amount to \$160,000 by that time.)

And recently, some of the scumbags came up with a new wrinkle—hire an Uber or Lyft driver to come and pick up a box of cash or gift cards, etc. that has been placed on your porch to be picked up.

Remember, it is easy for criminals to pose as agents or representatives of government agencies, financial institutions, companies or organizations in order to trick you. Most often they’ll use the powerful motivators of fear or greed to entice you into their traps. As they pull you in, they’ll urge you to “hurry” because of enhanced consequences or a potential missed opportunity. Once they have you in a state of panic or in a “feeding frenzy,” you’ll be easily manipulated because you’ve been misdirected.

Depending upon the type of fraud, there are numerous agencies you can contact to report criminal activity. You may call the San Jose Police Department’s 311 number to report credit card fraud or attempts to steal your identity. The FBI and Federal Trade Commission also have fraud departments. Furthermore, these attacks fall under the category of elder abuse. The county district attorney’s Elder Abuse Unit can be reached at the toll free number 1-855-DAELDER or 1-855-323-5337.

You can fight back by not being fooled. Simply remember to stop, not to panic, think about the situation, and report illegal activity.



Congratulations to Jeanette Campa at JABEZ Realty for being our first display advertiser on The Villager Online.

Jeanette has been a longtime advertiser in the traditional *Villager* newspaper and the Villages Telephone Directory.

Thank you for your continued support, Jeanette!

Logging in to The Villager Online no longer required!

Beginning **September 30**, Villagers will no longer need to log in to The Villager Online. The decision to protect member-only content with login credentials (username and password) has been solved by placing content-sensitive information on the Member Portal.

The Member Portal, already protected behind a firewall, is the spot to access The Villages financials and Board voting records—the only content-sensitive information published in *The Villager* printed and online versions.

To find this information and more, simply go to the portal’s Governance tab. We trust that this change will thrill *Villager Online* readers.

To further protect the privacy and safety of our community and its information, we’re taking a second step. *The Villager* printed version will align to *The Villager Online* and will no longer publish our voting records and financials.

As a reminder to all Villager content contributors, article content and images are accessible to the World Wide Web audience.

If you have any questions regarding this move, please contact Elizabeth Park at: comms@the-villages.com.

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m.
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All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at thevillagesgcc.com

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 10/7 to 10/13

Monday, October 7
Broccoli Cheddar

Tuesday, October 8
Chile Con Carne

Wednesday, October 9
Chicken Noodle

Thursday, October 10
White Bean Minestrone

Friday, October 11
Pier 39 Style Clam Chowder

Saturday, October 12
Chef's Choice

Sunday, October 13
Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

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

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.

See all menus on The Villager Online:
news.thevillagesgcc.com/menus

Weekly Specials

For the week of 10/7 to 10/13

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 10/8 to Sunday 10/13

Steak and Eggs: O5-oz. New York Strip with Two Eggs Any Style, Hashbrowns and Toast **\$24.00**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 10/7 to Sunday 10/13—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seared Ahi Poke Bowl: Sesame crusted with Baby Mixed Greens, Edamame, Seaweed Salad, Avocado, Grape Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Green Onions, Sriracha Aioli **\$18.00**

Fried Chicken Sandwich: 12-Spice Blend, Coleslaw, Pickles, Chipotle Aioli on Toasted Brioche Bun with Choice of Side **\$16.00**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 10/8 to Sunday 10/13—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Ravioli Veal Osso Bucco: Chardonnay Wine Tomato Sauce, Blistered Tomatoes, Basil, Parmesan Cheese, Grilled Crostini **\$29.00**

Lamb Shanks Halal: Bone-in with Burgundy Wine Reduction, Mire Poix, Whipped Potatoes **\$29.00**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

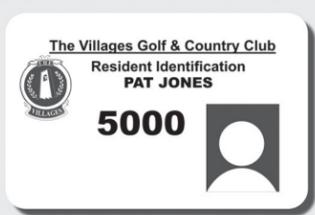
Saturday and Sunday

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

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

Online
Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

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




Whole Rotisserie Chicken

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

New Price \$9.95 408.223.4687 opt 2
plus Service Charge & Tax or online at clubhousesreservation.com

John Yu F&B Director retires

After more than a decade of service to The Villages Golf and Country Club as Director of Food and Beverage, with mixed emotions John Yu makes the decision to retire.

He was honored on his last day (October 1) with a retirement get-together and Open Mic Night attended by residents and staff.

Under John's leadership, the Clubhouse has seen many changes, including managing the Clubhouse through the 2020-2023 pandemic. As a way to keep the Clubhouse doors open during COVID, The Villages Clubhouse pivoted and introduced Curbside pickup, which remains to this day a popular convenience for Villagers. In John's words, "It has been an honor to be a part of this company and work with such a talented and dedicated team."

John takes with him the memories of Villagers, staff and management and wishes the Club, its teams and members the best of luck, health and success.



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

Single Diners' Night

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



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

Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.

Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

* Item must be of equal or lesser value.

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All Day on Monday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

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



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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday, October 4

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
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, October 5

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Cribari Decorating Cmte.	F
10 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals	GP
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
10 a.m.	VMA Home Tour	CH
3 p.m.	Desi Club	FC
5 p.m.	Olivas Oktoberfest	A

Sunday, October 6

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Rehearsal	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
4 p.m.	Men's Tennis 6.5 USTATS	
5:30 p.m.	Tennis Doubles Tourney	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV Karaoke	SEQ
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, October 7

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
8:30 a.m.	Nirvana Fitness	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Meeting	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR

10 a.m.	U-Jam	A
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Assoc.	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	MC
1 p.m.	Israel Course	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	18-H Women's Golf Board	PR
4 p.m.	Village Valle Vista Social	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, October 8

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
11 a.m.	9-H Women's Golf Board	SEQ
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness Class	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
1 p.m.	VMA Health Program	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Crafters Club	VC
2 p.m.	WOW Tech Support	SEQ
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	FC
3 p.m.	Club Board Pres & GM Q&A	CH
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	PR
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, October 9

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.	Yoga	A
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	WOW Tech Support	SEQ
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, October 10

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.	LSAL Fitness Class	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Chapel Organ Practice	A
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Homeowner Arch Ctrl Cmte	VR
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	Highland DAC	FC
4 p.m.	Pickleball Club	PR
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Village Dancers Board	F
7 p.m.	Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

Friday, October 11

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
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
5 p.m.	Jewish High Holy Days	FC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Report Coyote Activity

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

- Public Safety at publicsafety@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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Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029

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

October Programs

Microbiome and Your Health—Amy Wang, RN, FNP, PA-C, and founder of Ready 2 Nurse Home Health will explain what our microbiome is and how it affects our overall health. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 8 at 1 p.m.** in Montgomery Center. Register on VMA website, vmavillages.vgcc.club or call our office at 408-238-4029.

All About Afib—Dr. Anthony Ea, DO Board certified in Internal Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, and Interventional Cardiology will be explaining the symptoms, risks and treatments of atrial fibrillation on **Thursday, October 22 at 11 a.m.** in Montgomery Center. Register on VMA website or call our office.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health meets with those facing loss in their lives on **Monday, October 7** at 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. Next meeting **Thursday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place on the third Thursday. Next date is **Thursday, October 17 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.

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)

RELIGION

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., October 14 at Sequoia**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Celebration Time!

By Patricia Galli

The Villages Catholic Community is part of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi on San Felipe Rd. This week we celebrate the feast day of the Saint for which the parish is named, Francis of Assisi. Francis lived in Assisi, Italy in the 13th century and is known for his connection to nature, and practice of poverty. The Eucharist is essential to his devotion to Christ. In his instructions to his own followers Francis said for them “to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps.”

The parish of St. Francis of Assisi on San Felipe Rd has activities all day in celebration of the Feast Day on **October 5, 2024**.

Morning Festival

9:30 am Blessing of the animals

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

Talent Show

Balloon Artist and face painting

Bay Area Photo Bus

Afternoon and Evening

4:45 p.m. Procession of the statue of St. Francis to church

5 p.m. Mass including installation of Fr. Vincent as pastor by Bishop Cantu

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Standing Reception with music, dancing and appetizers.

All are welcome. Come and join us in the celebration!

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

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

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 11—Yom Kippur—Candle Lighting and Kol Nidre **7 p.m.**

Saturday, October 12—Yom Kippur—Morning Service **10 a.m.**

Afternoon Service Neilah and Yiskor **5 p.m.**

Break the Fast **6 p.m.**

Friday, November 15—Shabbat Services **7 p.m.**

Hanukah

Sunday, December 29—Hanukah **Time TBD**

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



EPISCOPAL

‘Saying Goodbye’

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

Saying goodbye is never easy, and—for a pastor—it’s like saying goodbye to a whole family at once. In the Episcopal Church, departure is a bright boundary: my job is to leave my congregations with love, but also with firm commitment to stay away so that you can wholeheartedly welcome your new pastor. No comparisons (which might be for good or for ill) allowed!

For those of you who may not yet know, I am retiring (alongside my husband, who retired two months ago) to live our next life adventure together. I look to you Villagers for inspiration: you know how to retire with dignity and delight! Because Trinity Cathedral is a bilingual community, I often find myself thinking in my second language—Spanish—in which the verb for retire is “jubilar.” It echoes the Biblical jubilee, a period of rest and renewal which was to occur after every seventh Sabbath year. That is, every 50 years: when the land would rest, workers would be freed, and debts be forgiven. It wasn’t a permanent cessation of farming or commerce, but it was intended to re-set and restore the relations that sustain us.

I like to think of my goodbye-saying and retirement that way. As a moment to pause and give thanks for the communities that I have served (and that sustain me) before returning to ministry in new ways. So farewell for now, and I look forward to seeing you on the other side of jubilee!

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



COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Just Tell The Truth’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

I’m sure that we have all heard the expression, “Just tell the truth.” This statement is often asked by the person hearing the information because they have difficulty believing what they have heard. I admit that some things seem unbelievable when first heard from certain people, but on the other hand, some individuals sound so convincing in their falsification of the truth that we accept what they say without fact-checking their statements.

I have had friends, who I grew up with, who were so convincing that you were willing to follow them. Sometimes, a brother or sister in your family convinces a parent that they are being truthful, and someone takes the blame. What happens is, they become adults who are skillful in the game of deception. As kids, we lied to our parents with straight faces when we didn’t want to tell the truth... “Did you eat your broccoli?”

Untruthfulness reminds me of the first time I planted a small bush in front of a bedroom window that grew out of control. So, I decided to remove the plant, digging deep... removing every visible root! When I finished, there was no evidence that it was ever there, and for many years, nothing grew there. Ten years later, suddenly, up from the ground, that plant began to emerge.

The truth is that I placed that plant in the ground and tried to conceal all evidence of its existence. I had dug deep and wide in the ground, removing all the roots... so, I thought!

Telling the truth keeps a person free. Regardless of the circumstances, the truth will always surface, no matter how deeply we try to bury it. People may not want to hear and accept the truth, but happy is the person who can be truthful in all ways.

Let’s remain free and happy and always be a person who speaks the truth in love. Proverbs 12:17 NLT: “An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies.”

“Heaven will be filled with truth-tellers!”

October is our celebration of renewal, reconciliation, and revival! Please celebrate with us and experience the Good Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place for needs to be met, faith to be affirmed, and new friends to embrace. You can view our worship services on YouTube at [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)






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CLUBS & EVENTS

Annual Animal Blessing is this Saturday

By Barbara Sunseri

All Villagers and their pets are invited to the Annual Animal Blessing, sponsored by the Villages Dog Club, 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.



Chinese Club celebrates Mid-Autumn Festival with BBQ

By Margaret Lam



On Sunday, September 22, the Villages Chinese Club celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival with a barbecue at Gazebo Park. From paper lanterns, mooncakes, to the legend of Chang'E, the festival is celebrated by Asians around the world for autumn harvest, when the moon is round and brightest.

At the Gazebo Park, over 200 members and guests came together to enjoy a festive dinner filled with juicy rib-eye steaks, honey glazed chickens, pineapple sausages, and potato salad. And for dessert, the iconic mooncakes, made with lotus seed paste and salted egg yolks. As we enjoyed the golden autumn breeze, we shared a spirit of togetherness with neighbors, friends and families under the luminous supermoon.



Over two dozen volunteers participated in making the event a success. Kudos to Clay Curtin for helping with setup. Most of all, our "hats off" to the team of excellent grill masters, which included GM Theresa Ostrander, whose hard work rewarded us with the most delicious food. The Club's Leadership Team extends their utmost appreciation!

The Chinese Club offers members a wide variety of activities and cultural events. For more information, please check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/villageschineseclub/home>

RSVP for Tennis Club Awards Dinner

The Tennis Club is holding its Awards Dinner to celebrate the players that played in the Tennis Club tournament. We will have a catered Italian dinner at Foothill Center on **Sunday, October 6** at Foothill Center at **5:30 p.m.** The menu includes: Italian salad, short ribs on horseradish mashed potatoes, buttered carrots and asparagus, homemade cheese filled ravioli with marinara sauce, dinner rolls, wine, beer and ice tea, with ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$35. Guests are welcome. To register for the dinner, go to villagestennis.vgcc.club.



Macintosh Users Group to hold last meeting of the year

The Macintosh Users Group will have a hybrid meeting on **Wednesday, October 16** at **3 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room and by Zoom. This will be our last meeting until next year. 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.



Save the Date for the Village Highland Oktoberfest

The Village Highland Social Committee is getting ready for the next social event. A fall Oktoberfest is planned for **Thursday, October 17** from **5 to 7 p.m.** to be held at Foothill Center.

A German menu will include Bratwurst Sausages, German Potato Salad, German Chocolate Cake, and a complimentary glass of beer. Mark the date on your calendar.

(See flyers distributed to Highland tubes for full information.)



Zoe Caron to demo at Arts and Crafts Membership meeting

By Michael Sunseri

On **Monday, October 7** at **1:45 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference, please join us for a beautiful, lively, and personable demonstration geared to delight you.

Zoe Caron is a local East Bay artist who specializes in biology-inspired work in pen and pencil, watercolor, and digital media. She focuses on highly detailed, realistic animals set against backdrops of dynamic, abstract patterns that bring the vibrancy of living forms to the paper.

Zoe's work is a celebration of all things alive, and their unique inner worlds. Her artistic practice is steeped in science and the outdoors. Her early works feature drawings of the microscopic world only visible through a microscope in a lab. Zoe attended UC Berkeley for her undergraduate degree, earning a BS and BA in plant biology and integrative biology.

She spent her childhood learning about nature with her biologist parents and has been forever captivated. She naturally gravitated toward pencil and ink work due to the high levels of contrast and crisp lines and high degree of realism she could achieve with those media, and her work evolved to include abstract patterns of lines and dots which flow with the energy of the diverse life on Earth. Zoe hopes that observers will experience some of the same childlike wonder for the natural world that inspires her when viewing her pieces.

We will have a brief business part first and then Zoe will be presented and away we will go.



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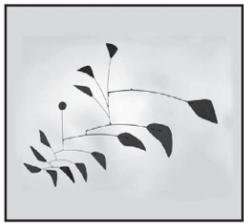
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Art film: 'Alexander Calder: Artist, Sculptor, Inventor'

On **Tuesday, October 8 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, The Villages Arts & Crafts Association will present another excellent film on the life and work of Alexander Calder, hosted by Marion Rose.



Alexander Calder invented the art form of mobiles and in doing so has taken sculpture from being beyond an object of art to more of an event. Inspired by modern artists like Juan Miro and Piet Mondrian, his work was a marriage of abstraction and movement full of play and innocence. See what inspired him to produce a world of work with no evil, that was kinetic, organic, and wondrous. He forever changed what was

possible for sculpture going forward.

If you have any interest in 3-dimensional design or assemblage, please join us for this excellent and inspiring film.

This event is free to all Villagers and their guests. An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film. Free popcorn will be served. This film run for an hour and there will be no intermission.

Donate a car to EVF

Have an old car that you no longer need? It is easy to donate it to the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF). It only takes a phone call or an email. The EVF and the donation company do all the rest. More information can be found at www.evfsj.org



Get spooky with 'Zombie Jazz' dance number

By B. Brown

"She said, 'Shut up and dance with me.'" This lyric from the song may sound a bit pushy but it is an awesome pop rock tune recorded on the RCA label by the band, Walk The Moon. On **Mondays in October**, the "Just For Fun" group of dancers will get ready for Halloween with a "Zombie Jazz" style of dance to the song, "Shut Up and Dance."



Note: There will be no class on Monday, October 21 due to the annual EPC drill.

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

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

'Man of La Mancha' is finally coming to The Villages

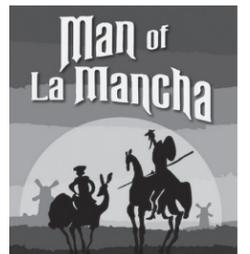
The Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT) is delighted to announce that the long awaited play, "Man of La Mancha," will be presented on **November 15, 16 and 17** in Cribari Auditorium. The Friday performance will be at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday performances at 3 p.m.

This musical is one of the most inspiring stories ever told on Broadway, with absolutely stirring music and dramatic action. A huge hit on Broadway, our troop of talented actors will bring this show to life right before your eyes.

The cast includes Susan Pastorini as Aldonza, Jason Herfurth (a newcomer to the VAT) as Don Quixote, and Connie Henderickson, Chris Leisy, Katherine O'Toole (another newcomer) and Larry Miller in major supporting roles.

This is a performance you really don't want to miss.

Tickets go on sale on Friday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Sequoia Room at Cribari center, as well as November 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets may be charged to your house account.



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VMA: What does gut microbiome have to do with your health?

By Barbara F Zahner, VMA Health Education

Microbiome? What's that? On **Tuesday, October 8** in Montgomery Center from **1 to 2 p.m.**, Amy Wang RN and founder of Ready2Nurse covers this key element for heart, gut, mental health and well-being. Current research shows that healthy Microbiome can reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

A popular presenter for VMA, Amy will cover:

- What is a Microbiome & its significance for your overall health and longevity.
- Importance of probiotics in your diet.
- What type of specific probiotic is best for you.
- What is the best time to take probiotics.
- Which foods promote Microbiome health.

Known for her ability to make complex topics easy to digest, Amy will answer questions and provide handouts. Amy will also provide her slides via email to those who request them.

Space is limited. Sign up now for "What you Need to Know about Microbiome for Health & Longevity" on Tuesday, October 8. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or by phone at 408-238-4029.



Vineyard Ridge holds annual summer BBQ

By Phyllis Mueller

On Saturday, September 28, Vineyard Ridge once again hosted its annual barbecue, which is usually held at the end of summer. Twenty-six neighbors turned out and spread our tables in the street. This year John Perry fixed a pulled pork to be made into sandwiches with coleslaw, and also cooked other food people brought. After the feast, we played a dice game called Left-Right-Center that has become very popular with us all. A few dogs also came by for treats. Eilish and John put up a cover and everyone pitched in to help and clean up.



Front Row (left to right): Fen Tran and Lucky, Tony Tran, John Perry, Leighton Horio, Linda Koski, Eilish Perry, Jim Koski, Sumi Minami. Middle Row: Dennis Davenport, Phyllis Mueller, Asako Nakamura and Becky, Olga Silva, Mary Horio, John Mueller. Back Row: Ann Davenport, Michele Bosakowski, Suzy Kim, Jinhee Kang, Steve Kang, Mario Silva, Margaret Arneson, Lesley Chen, John Wang, Don Minami. Photo by Jim Koski

Piano Open Studio Fall Recital

Autumn enthusiasts, come gather with us on **Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 p.m.** for our matinee recital in Cribari Auditorium. This is a free event!

You will be entertained with a panorama of music genres—classical, Broadway show tunes, bygone love songs from the 1930s and '40s, duets and solos.

A reception in the Cribari Conference Room will follow the performance.

Our pianists are Barbara Aguila, Larry Broderick, Karen Carlson, Charlotte Dickson, Ciel Duke, Vera Johnston, Katherine O'Toole, and Hey Won Winn.

Volunteer to be a Greeter and distribute program booklets. Email Estelle Kabbani at marchstar@comcast.net.



Volunteers invited to VMA Luncheon



Attention VMA volunteers—You should have received an email invitation by this time for the all-VMA Volunteer Luncheon on **Monday, October 21** at Foothill Center at **11:30 a.m.**

If you plan on attending, please respond to Karen Peters by October 11 at karen03@swbell.net



Friends of San Jose State University 9 Hole Golf Tournament & Dinner Sunday, November 3, 2024



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- ____ Villages resident: Dinner & golf \$100 per person
- ____ Non-resident: Dinner, golf & cart \$125 per person
- ____ Dinner only: \$50 per person

Send this form before Oct. 21, 2024
Make checks payable to the Friends of SJSU.

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this registration form to:
Victor Castillo, 5470 Cribari Green, San Jose, CA 95135

For more information or questions
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*Interested in combining golf with sponsorship? Call Luke Levers at 408-532-6414

Villages Handbell Ringers seeking new director

Remember experiencing the rich and glorious sound of a handbell ensemble as they played at holiday concerts, patriotic events, musical venues, and at church services? Maybe you were once a handbell ringer yourself. The Villages Handbell Ringers are looking for a new music director.

Every Friday afternoon, the Villages Handbell Ringers meet in the **Cribari Conference Room at 3 p.m.** to enjoy creating music together using handbells and hand chimes. The group was formed over 25 years ago and invites you to come to a Friday session and find out how fun and rewarding it can be. We have a wide selection of hand bells in various sizes.

For more information, please contact Louise Connors at 408-221-6485 or Buffie Stillman at 408-960-8633.



Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

Honor the life of your friend or loved one by funding the services to extend the quality of life for other Villagers. A memorial gift to the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) honors the loved one lost and promotes the work of the VMA. If you have any questions on how to give, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230. All donations to the VMA are tax deductible.



VMA Bingo & Dinner

Wednesday, October 16



Reservations Now Open

No Host Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Two Course Served Dinner:

Assorted Rolls & Butter

Turkey & Stuffing with Gravy

Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans

Dessert:

Pumpkin Pie

(Veg Option: Eggplant Parmesan)

\$24.94 Plus Service Charge & Tax per guest

An Additional \$1 is Then Added for VMA

Come join us for Bingo & Dinner at the Clubhouse on Wednesday October 16.

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

Holiday Faire is coming November 2

By Diane Finley

Start your holiday shopping right here in the Cribari Center on **Saturday, November 2** from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Hundreds of unique, handmade gifts will be on display to purchase, Jewelry, Soaps, Aprons, Ceramics and much more. Over 50 tables of handmade items from local artists. Of course, we'll have our annual Bake Sale with tasty treats, so bring your sweet tooth. Come early, grab some coffee and sweets, and browse through the amazing, handcrafted treasures and meet the Artists that make them.



Deborah Strauss
Ceramics

Diane Rubin
Wine Cork Trees

Sign up for Decoupaging Pumpkins with Stephanie Torres

Stephanie Torres is offering a unique Hallowe'en workshop, Decoupaging Pumpkins, for Villagers on **Tuesday, October 15** from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room.

Create a spooky or elegant pumpkin décor which you can use year after year. Have fun with your friends, sharing ideas and perhaps making these fake pumpkins for your Hallowe'en party or for your grandchildren. Stephanie will be showing you how to use a variety of products so you can create a fun faux pumpkin you can save and use each year.

The cost is \$20 and all supplies are included. There is a maximum of 10 participants.

Register by October 12 by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com.



Webmasters Guild: How to present your club's photos

By David Cook

Come to the next Villages Webmasters Guild meeting at **4 p.m., Thursday, October 17** in the Sequoia Room at Cribari. The topic will be how to use Envira to organize and display your club's photos easily and effectively.

Getting on the Road to the 21st Century

Fireside Chat

with Theresa Ostrander



Wednesday, October 30, 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>

More CLUBS

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

“Margo’s Got Money Troubles” by Rufi Thorpe. Fiction. Publisher’s description: “As the child of a Hooters waitress and an ex-pro wrestler, Margo Millet’s always known she’d have to make it on her own. So she enrolls at her local junior college, even though she can’t imagine how she’ll ever make a living. She’s still figuring things out and never planned to have an affair with her English professor—and while the affair is brief, it isn’t brief enough to keep her from getting pregnant. Despite everyone’s advice, she decides to keep the baby, mostly out of naiveté and a yearning for something bigger. Now, at 20, Margo is alone with an infant, unemployed, and on the verge of eviction. She needs a cash infusion—fast. When her estranged father, Jinx, shows up on her doorstep and asks to move in with her, she agrees in exchange for help with childcare. Then Margo begins to form a plan: she’ll start an OnlyFans as an experiment, and soon finds herself adapting some of Jinx’s advice from the world of wrestling. Like how to craft a compelling character and make your audience fall in love with you. Before she knows it, she’s turned it into a runaway success. Could this be the answer to all of Margo’s problems, or does internet fame come with too high a price?”

“Ladykiller” by Katherine Wood. Fiction. Publisher’s description: “Gia and Abby have been friends since childhood, forever bonded by the tragedy that unfolded in Greece when they were eighteen. Now thirty, heiress Gia is back in Greece with her shiny new husband, entertaining glamorous guests with champagne under the hot Mediterranean sun, while bookish Abby is working fourteen-hour days as an attorney. When Gia invites Abby on an all-expenses-paid trip to Sweden to celebrate her birthday, Abby’s thrilled to reconnect. But on the day of her flight, Abby receives an ominous email that threatens to unearth the skeletons of her past, and when she and Gia’s brother, Benny, arrive in Sweden, Gia isn’t there. Worried, Abby and Benny fly to Greece, where they find Gia’s beachfront estate eerily deserted, the sole clue to her whereabouts the manuscript she penned, detailing the events leading up to her disappearance. Gia’s narrative reveals the dark truth about her provocative new marriage and the dirty secrets of their seductive guests, a story almost too scandalous to be believed. But the pages end abruptly, leaving more questions than answers.”

Mark calendars for Veterans Day Tribute

All Villagers are invited, indeed encouraged, to mark their calendar for **Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium on so as not to miss attending this year’s Veterans Day Tribute.

More than the entertainment value, come to listen to your neighbors, fellow sportsmen and speakers about what military service has meant to their lives.

Stand with us as we remember and celebrate!



Senior Academy: ‘What’s the real Story Behind American Presidential Elections?’

By Arlene Versaw

Senior Academy’s popular speaker Bob Senkewicz will answer this intriguing question in his upcoming two-part course on **Monday, October 7** and **Wednesday, October 16**. Judging from today’s headlines, one likely believes that the current cycle is not your typical American-



as-apple-pie election. There was the violence and disorder that accompanied the 1968 election cycle, but with the inauguration of Richard Nixon on January 20, 1969, things appeared to settle back to normal.

Post 1969, cycles of rotating party dominance typical of the history of the American presidency took hold: Nixon/Reagan/Bush, Clinton, Bush II, and Obama. This type of cycle would have been familiar to earlier generations of Americans, who remembered the succession of Hoover, FDR, Ike, then JFK/LBJ.

But those seemingly stable sets of rotations can mask deeper issues that throw light on the present. That’s because participants at the 1787 Constitutional Convention expected George Washington to be the first president, so there was little concern about the method of choosing successors. Enter 1800, when an unforeseen development—the rise of organized political parties—created havoc as they tried to operate under a constitution that did not anticipate their existence.

Join Senior Academy for a look at that story through the experience of people as diverse as Aaron Burr, Abraham Lincoln, Victoria Woodhull, William Jennings Bryan, and many others. Bob Senkewicz is a Santa Clara University Professor of History Emeritus and a published author.

The fee for this two-session course, scheduled on **October 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Foothill** and on **October 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Vineyard**, is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Register online by accessing VillagesSA.org or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-669-6955.

Take new drawing class with Swati Mohari

Swati Mohari is a new Villager, having just moved here from Cupertino. She has over 15 years of teaching experience, has a Master’s Degree in Art, and has taught art to students of all ages—from elementary school to high school to adults to elders.

She is offering a four-week drawing class to engage you as the weather turns. Her class will be held **Thursdays, October 10 to 31** in the Art Room from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. The cost per student is \$70. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com by **October 5**.

Build your artistic foundation in this structured introduction to drawing or brush up on your skills. Learn about line variety, value, composition and perspective to create a series of artworks. Train your artistic eye through drawings from both observations and reference. Projects include still life, compositions, reference drawing and figure drawing.

Swati is an artist and an art teacher. She strongly believes in the role of art in enriching human lives, and its health benefits not only for mental health but healing and overall well-being.



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Local Trips Study Group learns about lemurs on Senior Safari

By Judy Rogers



It was a beautiful day in September, when a dozen members of the Villages Local Trips Study Group went on a "Safari." The Senior Safari, especially designed for the young at heart, was held at Happy Hollow. The group met with a docent who took our group on a tour of the lower zoo and explained the habits and habitats of some animals not normally seen in a zoo. The lemurs were our favorite animal group to view. They lived together in a pod. The parents and teenagers climbed, ate, hid and

groomed each other. Grandma had to be in her own separate area because she didn't get along with her daughter-in-law. Everyone had a great time!

Dr. Barbara Lee to speak at Cat Club meeting

By Bette Loomis



Dr. Barbara Lee, Veterinarian

The next Cat Club meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28** in the Foothill Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Veterinarian Dr. Barbara Lee will be our guest speaker.

Dr. Lee has worked at Evergreen Veterinary clinic since 1984 and is one of the clinic's partners. Her entire life has been vested in the care and well-being of animals. She is a very compassionate doctor who will offer a compelling program to the Cat Club.

Please continue to bring something for the exchange table. Leave something, take something—all free.

With over 135 members it's important that you register so we know how many people will be showing up. Again there's no cost. Sign up by emailing villagescatclub5@gmail.com



Jack adopted by Judy Cianci

Cribari Social Committee needs you!

Welcome Cribari's new Social Chair Leader, Chuck Tennes! He brings a lot of enthusiasm to head the committee to continue the fun and community for our Cribari Village! Big thank you to Deb Gordon for all her hard work in the past!

We're looking for volunteers to help the social committee bring fun to our Village! Decorating, flyer distribution, event day help...Please email us for details at cribariSC@gmail.com

Save the date for the **Halloween Potluck/Dance—Saturday, October 26** from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Details forthcoming in the Villager.

Join Chair Leader Chuck Tennes, Admin Michele Phillips, and Food Leader Val Loebig!



RSVP for Glen Arden Oktoberfest Celebration

Join in for fun, tasty food, and great entertainment at the Glen Arden Oktoberfest Celebration on **Saturday, October 19** from **4 to 6:30 p.m.** at Vineyard Center, featuring Dittmer's famous bratwurst hot off the grill, live accordion music, a German Hofbrauhaus sing-along (in English and German), dancing, and raffle prizes.

The event includes a no-host bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks alongside a potluck spread. Bring your cell phone and our roving photographer will take souvenir photos. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gabriele Ondine at gabrieleondine@gmail.com by October 9.



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SPORTS NEWS

18-HOLE WOMEN



Four players tied for low putts—Judy Rodriguez, Kitty Ohtaka, Joyce Mukuno and Gisele Barber.

By Judy Owen

It was a beautiful day to play golf here at the Villages on September 26, 2024. Our Captain's Trophy winner was a familiar face—Cindy Fuller. This is her third Captain's Trophy win in the past six months. We all need to figure out what her secret is. She shot a Net 68 to win this month. For Low Putts there were four golfers at 31 putts: Kitty Ohtaka; Judy Rodriguez; Joyce Mukuno; Gisele Barber. There were six chip ins: Millie Anne Schwerin, Gisele Barber, Vicki Krattli, Jan Kiernan, Sue Park, Judy Rodriguez. There were only three birdies: Joyce Mukuno, Barbara Weisend, Sue Park. Good playing, ladies.



Captain's Trophy winner Cindy Fuller.

There are a number of signs that we are in fall and the closing in on the end of the golfing calendar for the year. To keep our golf course in top condition the fall aeration begins on Monday, which means

October 3 will be casual play with be no sweeps. There are only two more opportunities for the ladies to improve their Ec score: October 10 and 17. October 24 is the final Guest day for the year, which is a fun opportunity to invite a guest for golf and lunch.

Two fun events have been added to our calendars this year. The first is a Bocce match on October 19 between the Villages Women's golf clubs. In November there will be a nine hole tournament between the Shonis and the 18 Hole women. Thanks to the organizers to provide more interactions amongst the Villages Women golfers.



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TENNIS TALK



Mixed B final team (left to right): Jayme and Lynn Dickson, and Lolivic and Randy Shaw.

By Betty Olsen

Hopefully you have registered for our Tennis Club Awards dinner at Foothill on **Sunday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m.** We have a catered Italian dinner planned to celebrate the players of our recent club tournament.

The 6.5 men's USTA team is currently 2 wins and 1 loss. Tim Keys, Marty Funcell and Jayme Dickson are spearheading the organization. Their last match at The Villages was Saturday, September 21, enjoying a large crowd in the viewing stand cheering them on. And they came away with a win! This is the first time The Villages have fielded a 6.5 men's team. Next home match is **Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m.** Come cheer!

Also, the semi-annual Rossmoor tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19** starting at 9 a.m. Be in the stands and cheer on your Village team.



Grill master Brian Dombrowski at the Tennis Club barbecue.



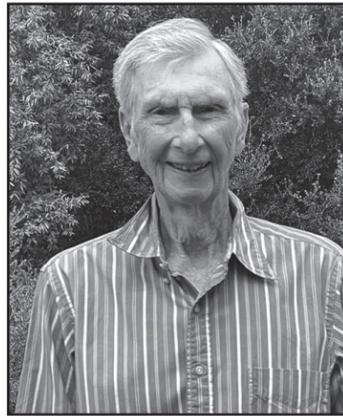
Mixed A final team (left to right): Amit Seth, Peggy Seidel, Phyllis Seeger, Steve Olson.

PICKLEBALL

Have you met Pickleballer Art Lind?

By Karen Ruth

Art Lind is a long-time Villager who can serve as an inspiration to us all! Art was born in 1927 on a farm in Minnesota, which is where he developed his incredible work ethic. At 18, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Fort Lewis, outside of Tacoma, Washington. By default, because he could type, he became the company clerk and missed out on all the basic training "fun" stuff, like getting up early, marching, cleaning and guard duty! When that was over, they trained him to compute the officer's payroll for the 6th Army, which he did for the rest of his enlistment.



He went on to graduate from Stanford, then worked at Lockheed for 28 years in finance and contracts. Art and his wife Pauline moved to The Villages in 1992 and he has been active on almost every board, including the committee to rewrite the association CC&Rs and Club bylaws after the developer turned The Villages over to residents.

He plays pickleball, tennis, table tennis, pool, bocce ball, goes to the fitness center and plays contract bridge. I don't know when he has time to cook and eat, but he attributes his health to eating properly, switching to organic foods 25 years ago and limiting

additives and preservatives.

When Art was 21 years old, he decided to climb Mt. Shasta. Then at 50 he climbed it again with his two sons. At 80, his sons took him to climb it again! He got into shape by climbing to top of the mountain here at The Villages with a 20-lb. pack on his back. Now Art is thinking of travelling to the Czech Republic next year to compete in an over 90 tennis tournament bracket. If you think pickleball is just for younger Villagers, think again!

And as a side note... last Thursday, we held our open play which was a great success—three courts were reserved, and they were all full with people having a blast. Make plans to join us on the third Thursday next month!

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE



Front 9 winners Mazie Rice and Vicki Krattli with Captain Gisele Barber in the center. Not pictured: Susan Fazzio and Cheryl Heusser. Photos by Marlyn Unger

9 and 18-Hole Ladies come together for 'Tee-rific' mixer

By Pam McCarthy

We were visited by a surprise scorcher on Tuesday's 9/18 Hole Ladies Mixer led by our very accomplished Captain Gisele Barber. Being undaunted by the heat, 20 foursomes aspired to be the best of the field. The picnic at Gazebo Park

Back 9 winners Auralie Citrigno, Marky Olsen, Carol Zaccho and Carleen Corsello.

was a "Tee-rific" success! 80 lunches were picked up from La Boulanger by George Driskell. The box lunches had a variety of very generously filled fresh deli sandwiches with chips, an apple and a dessert, which was a delicious Snickerdoodle cookie. Sheryl Driskell, our very energetic Co-captain and a very helpful former Captain Pam Short, got the food lines organized and flowing. Marlyn Unger, also a former Captain, was our dedicated photographer for the team pictures.

A loud "tweet out!" to Mazie Rice who captured a "Birdie" on hole #4.

Hole #6 allowed Anka Hoek to show off her short game, rewarding her with a "Chip-in".

Front 9 winners:

First Place with a net 61: Mazie Rice, Vicki Krattli, Cheryl Heusser, and Susanne Fazzio.

Second Place with a net 66: Betty Garcia, Charlotte Waugh, Julie Moss and Lolivic Shaw.

Third Place with a net 66: Anka Hoek, Linda Lammano, Debbie Moore and Mary Wagle.

Fourth Place with a net 68: Sue Bacigalupi, Janice Mahone, Beverly Poellot and Camille Giuliobarbari.

The Back 9 winners:

First Place with a net 61: Auralie Citrigno, Marky Olsen, Carleen Corsello and Carol Zaccho.

Second Place with a net 64: Leslie Baily, JoAnne Bundgard, Barbara Weisend and Alice Glazer.

Third Place with a net 66: Joyce Mukono, Delma Juarez, Sue Park and Kim Bock.

Fourth Place with a net 68: Suzy Kim, Cha Won, Adelle Ratcliff and Mary Stowers.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 8, 8:45 a.m. Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Captains Trophy

Tuesday, October 15, 8:45 a.m. 9 Hole Exchange, make sure to sign up. Course will not be open to other play. See flyer from Gisele.

Just For Chuckles: May the "fores" be with you!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



It's Men's Golf Club election time again!

By Kurt Pagnini kmpagnini@gmail.com

Here are the current nominees applying for executive positions on the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club for the 2025 calendar year. We are so lucky to have gentlemen of this caliber running for office to help continue to make this club the benchmark that it is in The Villages.

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

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

As I continue to research opportunities that could benefit from my professional skills, I find the 2025 goals and objectives of the MGC to be critically important toward promoting the game of golf for all skill levels.

Relevant to keeping my pledge, in 2016 I joined the Men's Golf Club. Since retirement, I have also joined our Home & Away and NCGA Team play programs. If elected, I enter the position without discriminating bias of prior MGC efforts or an agenda influenced by unsubstantiated dialog. If elected, my guiding principles will be adherence to established policies and procedures while listening to our golfing members that will foster golf enjoyment for all."

Jeff Steinberg: "My wife, Judy, and I moved to The Villages on May 24th 2023. We knew we would like it here...we just didn't realize how MUCH we would like it. The facilities are fantastic, but even more, the people here are the best. Everyone has been so warm and welcoming and have made us instantly feel a part of the community. I retired in October of 2020, from a career in tech, most recently at Cisco for 22 years. I have also been the golf coach at Pioneer High School for the past 18 seasons. In 2022 I was selected as the CCS Coach of the year. I'm also a board member of an associate golf club called The Wanderers. We play a different course in the Bay Area once a month and as treasurer, I'm the guy that runs those tournaments. I absolutely love our course here at the Villages and look forward to working with everyone to make it an even better experience."

Bill Johnston: "I have been a member of the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club at the Villages for 10 years now. I have participated in The Matchplay competitions, and I have run the VGC. I have had the pleasure of playing in all but one of the Evergreen Invitationals. I thoroughly enjoy the organized play and interaction on the Monday, Wednesday and Saturday games. I would very much like the opportunity to contribute to the club that has given me the most enjoyment since I have been a Villager."

Next up is the 2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Fall Classic & Annual Meeting on **Saturday, October 12, 2024**. The format is two-man teams, 6, 6, 6 ...6-Holes Best Ball, 6-Holes Alternate Shot, 6-Holes Scramble.

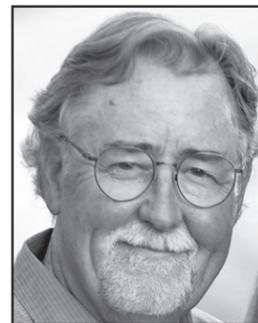
Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify **Donald Chaisson** at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in The Villager and on the Men's Club website.

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 **November 5, 2024**. MGC Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

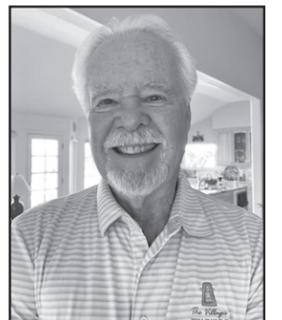
Also, remember to visit our website at villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's Golf Club information.



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More SPORTS

SHONIS

The Shonis have a new champion

By Betty Hall

Well, it's over. We will be crowning a new Club Champion officially at the holiday luncheon but in the meantime, let's all offer our heartfelt congratulations to **Manoli Kelly**. She just edged out Joyce Baptiste's 109 with her cumulative 108. Wow. Congratulations.

In the Second Flight our low net winner is Nancy Chesterton with a total net 74. Again, congratulations to all. Thank you to all the participants and here's to next year. Hope that we see more golfers next year.

Today's Putting for Pesos winners were Nancy Chesterton and Leslie Ingham. Nice job. You get another dollar in your sweeps.

No birdies today so another roll over to next week. But some nice scores today for Joyce, 35; Peggy, 37 and Elena, a 38. Good golfing.

Today was also our birthday golf day and our only golfer with a September birthday who golfed was Robin Fish. Dropping a high score hole helped her take home some sweeps money in Flight 1. Nicely done, Robin. Our other birthday Shonis for September are Tahera Khalil, Barb Karayn, Marianne Wojcik and Olivia Spada. Birthday greetings to all of you, also.



The Shonis Club Champion and runner-up, Manoli Kelly and Joyce Baptiste, with the game coordinator, Teddy Morse. Congratulations.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

October Golf Schedule

Tuesday, October 8 – Women's Villages Challenge 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Tee Times

Saturday, October 12 – Men's Club Fall Classic 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Tuesday, October 15 – Women's Villages Challenge 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Tee Times

Tuesday, October 22 – Women's Villages Challenge 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Tee Times

Wednesday, October 30 – Wednesday Nine & Dine 4 p.m. Front-9 Shotgun

New & Fun Golf Event – Glow Ball Night Golf! Mark your calendars for the inaugural, first time ever glow ball night golf event on the Villages Par-3 Course! **Friday, November 1** at Sundown. The Par-3 Course will be lighting up the night as we all enjoy a fun evening of nighttime glow ball golf, food, drink & friends...Two 9-Hole Shotguns 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. \$30 per person plus \$13 Par-3 Course green fee. Each player will receive a glow ball, glow necklace, and a glowing drink cup. Included will be 9-holes of glow ball golf plus one hamburger or hot dog + one beer, wine or soda + select bar snacks. **Signup starts Friday, October 4 at the Pro Shop.** Don't miss this first ever night golf event at The Villages!

2024 Club Champions Crowned in September. September is the month of the club championship tournaments at The Villages. We want to congratulate all of the 2024 Club Champions for their stellar golf play. Kudos to the following 2024 Villages Club Champions:

Men's Club 2024 Club Champion: Ken Kupperberg

18-Hole Women's Association 2024 Club Champion: Monica Saneholtz

Swingers 9-Hole Women's 2024 Club Champion: Renee Woolard

Shonis Par-3 Women's 2024 Club Champion: Manoli Kelly

Ironmen Par-3 Men's 2024 Club Champion: Jerry Juracich

Maintenance Projects on the Golf Course

1. The area behind Hole #18 Green across the cart path adjacent to the Redwood Tree and practice bunker will be roped off for a short time due to necessary repairs to the irrigation system and surrounding turf. Please refrain from driving carts or practicing within the roped off area. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

2. The stream on Hole #9 & #18 is being drained so that golf course maintenance can scrape and clean the entire liner. The hope is that this will help make the water in the stream clean and clear. While the stream will be dry, it is still defined as a Penalty Area and the standard rules of golf for a Penalty area apply.

3. This is the time of year when the golf course experiences some turf uprooting and damage due to grub worms and the resultant grubbing from the small animals. If your golf ball comes to rest in a grubbing area of disturbed turf, you are entitled to free relief from stance and swing defined as one-club-length no nearer the hole. This is regardless of whether or not the area is officially marked as Ground Under Repair. The ball must be dropped from knee height. And again, no penalty is incurred. Let us know if you have any questions.

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

Gordon Gekko said, "greed is good" in the movie Wall Street...but greed is not always good when playing golf.

Have you ever heard the term "sucker pin"? Well, it's a common term used for a hole location that is cut near the edge of the green, or just over a bunker or body or water. The term means that aiming at that hole is a risk, as it brings the trouble into play. We have many such instances that can occur here at The Villages.

Here are some classic Villages "sucker pins":

Front left on #1 – brings the front bunker into play – play to the center of the green

Front right on Hole #3 – brings the bunker into play – play to the left side or center of the green

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From The Pro...

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Far right on Hole #4 - brings the huge greenside bunker into play - play to the center of the green
 Right on Hole #5 - brings the short right bunker into play - play to the center of the green
 Back left on Hole #7 - brings the back left bunker into play - play short to the middle of the green
 Front on Hole #9 - brings the stream into play - play long to the center of the green
 Front left on Hole #11 - brings the left bunker into play - play to the right-center of the green
 Back on Hole #13 - brings the left bunker into play - play short to the middle of the green
 Front left on #14 - brings the left bunker into play - play to the center of the green
 Right on Hole #15 - brings the short right bunker into play - play to the center of the green
 Front left on #17 - brings the left bunker into play - play to the center of the green
 Front on Hole #18 - brings the stream into play - play long to the center of the green
 Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email sstele@the-villages.com

IRONMEN

Sang Nam wins first place with net 25

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, September 26, 2024, was another sunny and warm day, great for some golf. Thirteen Ironmen played.

Larry Dorsey and Hiei Takazawa shared **Third Place** each with a net 27; Bill Travis won **Second Place** with a net 26; and Sang Nam won **First Place** with a net 25.

There were three Birdies today: one by Rich James on hole 3; one by Hiei Takazawa on hole 8; and the last by Bill Travis, also on hole 8.

There was no **Closest to the Flag** awarded today. The CTF kit was accidentally placed on the wrong hole. However, Larry Dorsey was closest to the flag on the wrong hole.

Sang Nam won **Low Gross** with a 28.

Three golfers shared **Golfer of the Day** honors: Sang Nam with low gross and first place finish; Hiei Takazawa with a third place finish and a birdie; and Bill Travis with a second place finish and a birdie. Way to go guys.

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:

"Golf is a game in which one endeavors to control a ball with implements ill adapted for the purpose." - Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the United States

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done." - Arnold Palmer, the winner of seven major championships.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Another wonderful day for golf, however, today was a "No Play Day" as we stepped aside for an "outside" charity tournament. We did hold our annual Fall members meeting at the Vineyard Center.

President Jack Bindon opened the meeting and gave a big welcome back recognition to our Treasurer, Mario, who has returned after three months visiting the Azores and then spending time on the European Continent. After some other thanks for the work of the board in Mario's absence, we addressed the election of a Social Chair. Chuck Benjamin quickly volunteered to serve and, just as quickly, the membership approved his new position on the BOD by unanimous vote.

After reviewing the current finances and reminding members that our next meeting will be in late May or early June where we will elect a new Board of Directors. The meeting was adjourned, and we began the fun part of our Fall meeting.

Mike Falarski grilled burgers, hot dogs, and sausage. Members, assisted by their spouse or significant other brought a potluck of appetizers, side dishes and dessert. This is our one social event for the year, and it was good to spend time talking with each other and having our life partners with us.

On Friday, October 4, we are back on the long course. First tee time at 12:03. We have a long, clear calendar ahead with no off days, if we have clear weather, until after the first day of 2025. So, get signed up for each Friday, keep it in the short grass and have fun.

SCOREBOARD

18-HOLE WOMEN

Captain's Trophy
September 26, 2024

Captain's Trophy Winner:
Cindy Fuller Net 68

Low Putts: Four-way tie with v31 Putts—Gisele Barber, Joyce Mukuno, Kitty Ohtaka and Judy Rodriguez

Flight One

Low Gross:
Helen Varenkamp 86
Low Net:
1. Vicki Krattli 73
2. Susie-Q Conklin 74

Flight Two

Low Gross:
Cindy Fuller 91
Low Net:
1. Betty Sharps 72
2. Sue Park 73
3. Judy Owen 74

Flight Three

Low Gross:
Diana Hallock 101
Low Net:
1. Diane Doughty 75
2. Auralie Citrigno 76

2 Tees Flight

Low Gross:
Gisele Barber 94
Low Net:
1. Barbara Weisend 73
2. Sheryl Driskell 73
3. Janis Kiernan 74
4. Gwen Bindon 77

BRIDGE

Friday, September 27:

1. Hank Koransky - Guest
2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
3. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, September 25

Shirley Bellavance 256
Sandy Gardiner 344
Audrey Osuna 345
Kitty Heston 368

Friday, September 27

Maribeth Berlie 207
Kit Hultquist 401
Remy Pessah 408
Sandy Gardiner 470

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Tuesday, September 24

All Nets

Flight One:

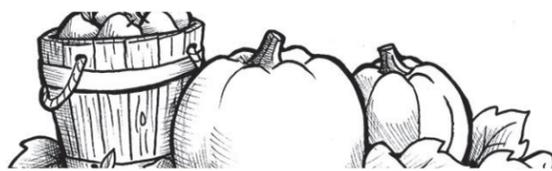
1. Robin Fish 21
2. Joyce Baptiste 22
3. Tied - Manoli Kelly and Marty Blinde 24

Flight Two:

1. Peggy White 19
2. Nancy Chesterton 24 (Remember, this is today's sweeps numbers. She won the low net for the Championship)
3. Kathy Tanaka 25

Flight Three:

1. Elena Johal 19
2. Barbara Berman 21
3. Rose Loy 24



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The BellaVista Team is excited to join The Villages as your new landscape partners starting October 1. We are eager to get to know each of you and become “honorary Villagers.” As an initial step, let us share a bit about who we are and what our new partnership means for you.

Who We Are: BellaVista Landscape Services is a family-owned company dedicated to landscape maintenance and construction, serving the greater Bay Area and Sacramento regions since 2001. Our mission has always been to provide personalized, proactive service to our clients while creating growth opportunities for our team members. We foster a collaborative, open-door culture where every voice is heard, career paths are supported, and our employees’ ideas are valued. By reinvesting in our team—through state-of-the-art equipment, uniforms, appreciation events, bonuses, benefits, and educational opportunities—we ensure that our team is as committed to excellence as our clients are. Our team at The Villages is thrilled to start this partnership and get to know all of you!

What Our Partnership Means for You

• **Personalized Service:** We have developed and will dispatch “Village Ambassador Teams” (VATs), each responsible for a specific section of the community. This means you will see the same dedicated team members handling mowing, blowing, edging, and pruning in your village every day. This consistency will foster a deep familiarity with your area, leading to more reliable service, efficient troubleshooting, and a strong sense of ownership.

• **Eco-Friendly Equipment:** Our fleet of hybrid and fully-electric equipment—including mowers, blowers, utility vehicles, and trucks—will be utilized within The Villages. This choice reduces noise and pollution, benefiting the environment and creating a quieter, cleaner community experience. While we may use gas-powered blowers and vacuums during leaf-fall season, overall, you can expect a more serene and environmentally-friendly landscape management.

• **Community Engagement:** Building strong relationships with both the Villages management and individual Villagers is vital. We accomplish this by hosting engaging and creative workshops, interactive town halls, and educational seminars throughout the year. We look forward to your participation and feedback. Keep an eye out for future events!

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It's time to think about Medicare

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 to December 7 each year. This is when you can review your Medicare coverage and explore options that may better suit your needs. Changes made during the AEP will take effect on January 1 of the following year.

Start by reviewing your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) from your insurance carrier to understand any plan changes for next year, including covered medications, doctors, and specialists. If you are satisfied with your current Medicare plan, you do not have to take any action during AEP.

For people with Original Medicare, it is recommended you check your Part D medication plan every year. Medicare Part D plan premiums and formularies can vary from year to year, and it is not uncommon to find and switch to a more affordable option. You may save money in premiums and/or prescription costs. You can check using a program called Plan Finder found on www.medicare.gov to see if a better Plan D option is available for you in 2025.

Don't want to tackle Plan Finder all by yourself? You don't have to do Medicare evaluations all by yourself. If you want to ensure that you are still in the plans most suitable to your circumstances, you can contact a HICAP trained counselor.

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

We are fortunate that the HICAP counselor assigned to The Villages is Douglas Campbell. Doug's preference for contact is an email to dcampbell@mysourcewise.com. You can include your Medicare questions in the email. Doug will email or phone you back if the answer is short or arrange a telephone or video counseling session if the subjects are more complex. If you prefer to leave a phone message rather than email, his direct number at Sourcewise is **408-610-8059**. There is no cost for this service available to you.

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. The SRS office is in the Cribari Center across from the Post Office. You may also leave a message at 408-239-5253 or e-mail SRS at villagesrs@sbcglobal.net. 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:

Don't forget your IRA RMD

Are you the age who must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA? Don't forget, this must be done by **December 31**.

If you wish, you may send part or all of your RMD directly to a charity rather than to yourself. This avoids income tax on the distribution.

Your RMD for 2024 is calculated based on the fair market value of your IRA account on December 31, 2023 and your age on your birthday in 2024. Your IRA monthly or quarterly statement should show the amount of required distribution and the amount you have taken to date.

SRS Announcement:

Voter information

With all the news about primaries and the upcoming Presidential election, SRS would like to remind new residents to The Villages that they must re-register to vote by **October 12**, if they have moved to Santa Clara County from a different county. To accomplish this, use the California Online Voter Registration System. This is available at the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters home page: www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx.

The home page also describes "Voter's Choice." Every registered voter will now receive a vote by mail ballot. You will have three choices how to vote. You can mail your ballot in a postage-paid return envelope or place your ballot in an Official Ballot Drop Box or vote at a Vote Center which will be open for 4-11 days including Election Day. See the website for more details.



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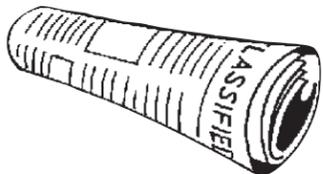
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OBITUARY

Charlene Singleton

June 1, 1934 – September 10, 2024



Charlene passed away peacefully on September 10, 2024 with her husband Mike Singleton and daughter Cheryl Peterson by her side.

She was a Villages resident for 16 years and loved to play cards, bridge and mah jong. She was a member of the Italian Club because she said they had the best parties!

She is survived by 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

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Beatriz and George Cagley visited Chile. They were in Bahia Inglesa in Atacama in northern Chile.

At the Solheim Tournament



Gisele Barber and friends were enjoying themselves at the Solheim tournament recently. The tournament is a ladies professional golf tournament that was held in Virginia this year. The U.S. played against the European women and won back the cup. Last year it was held in Spain and the Europeans won the cup. This year we had the privilege of also seeing Barack Obama as he was there to greet all the players—a nice bonus for sure.



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