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EPC Drill is this Monday

By Arlene Versaw

Are you ready? Got your OK sign? Alerted Public Safety and your neighbors if you will be away from your home Monday?

Monday is "GO" day. Emergency Preparedness Committee volunteers will be running a scenario drill to ensure they are prepared to respond should a real emergency hit us. For them to help you, you need to help them by posting that OK sign on **the morning of October 21, no later than noon**, and removing it immediately after the drill.

This once-a-year endeavor is for *your* safety. Demonstrate your appreciation by doing your share. If you have any questions or concerns, contact EPC Co-Chair Diane Findley at epc.diane@gmail.com



Attend the EVF 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 progress over the next decade.

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 of the members of the EVF and announce new ideas on how all Villagers can work together to benefit the future of our community.

For more than 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 more than 35 community improvement projects. These projects include 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 in which the EVF has participated enabling the improvements of 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.



Come to Piano Open Studio Autumn Recital

Piano Open Studio hopes to see you on **Sunday, October 20** at our **2:30 p.m.** matinee recital in Cribari Auditorium. A reception in the Cribari Conference Room will follow the performance. This is a free event! Volunteer to be a greeter and distribute program booklets. Please email Estelle at marchstar@comcast.net.

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.

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



See page 23 for The Villages history series Roots of Evergreen

Veterans Day Tribute

All Villagers are invited, indeed encouraged, to attend this year's Veterans Day Tribute on **Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.

Ricky Deutsch, a former Captain in the U.S. Air Force, will speak at the tribute. His first assignment was as a B-52 maintenance officer, which included a tour in Thailand in the Vietnam War era. His next assignment was as Operations Director for a now declassified top-secret reconnaissance satellite program called HEXAGON. From the Satellite Control Facility in Sunnyvale, CA, his team generated mission critical commands to be sent to the satellite. He was awarded a Commendation Medal for support of this program.



Guest Speaker
Ricky Deutsch

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

Stand with us as we remember and celebrate!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the email and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

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

2 Pulse letters received this week.
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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.

Kudos for Cobalt!

When we heard Cobalt was going to replace Chelsea most of our golfers thought "Please don't!" We've been using Chelsea for about 15 years, and we didn't think a new system would be as good and certainly not better! After getting past the learning curve we now have a much improved tee time reservation system.

Adding players to a tee time request is faster. The use of both a Buddy list and Friends list make entering players easy. Cobalt has a cell phone app that is very handy. I can remove and replace a player in 15 seconds on my iPhone and get an immediate confirmation. And there's no need to remember the confirmation number!

Our thanks to the management personnel who brought us Cobalt!
— George Olson

I concur with Walter Hlavacek's Pulse letter printed on 10/3. Today my husband was reading the Club news and it mentioned that our new landscaper was holding two meetings on 10/2 to introduce the company. It would have been nice to attend this meeting. I did not know we had a new landscape contractor until last week when someone else mentioned it to me. The FastLane was much better at getting important news out to us. And we could get a small view of the news items to know if they applied to us. I understand that this is a work in progress, but it has a long way to go.

— Lani Lee

2025 Telephone Directory last chance to get it right

The 2025 Telephone Directory is moving quickly to production! This is your last chance to ensure that The Villages Membership office has your current resident information. With the transition to our new business operations system in July in addition to normal life changes within the community, the Directory production team reaches out one more time to make sure we have your current phone number, address and email. Don't assume we do!

The Membership directory can now publish your nick name (i.e., Matthew (Matt) Hidalgo). Please let us know and hurry!

You can reach us three ways: Email: memberportal@the-villages.com, or stop by Building A to see Anita Leung, or visit Membership in Building C.

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IN MEMORIAM

Philip A. Barrett
October 31, 1928—August 31, 2024

Peg Van Camp
September 6, 1947—September 18, 2024
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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HOURS

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

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Condo Home Insurance at The Villages Make sure your HO6 Policy protects you

(Second 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.

Home insurance at The Villages for Condos comes in two pieces—the Association's Master Policy, and your personal HO6 Policy. To get your best coverage, your HO6 should fit properly with the requirements of the Association Master Policy and meet your personal needs.

Your HO6 Policy

Every condo owner is required to have an HO6 policy and to provide proof of coverage each year. Please consult with your insurance professional on the best policy and coverage for your needs.

What the Villages Association currently requires to be in your policy:

- **Loss Assessment in the amount of \$50,000**

To help you pay any "Special Assessment" from The Villages in the case of the Master Policy being inadequate to cover the Association's losses in a major disaster.

- **Personal Liability—a minimum of \$300,000**

To protect you from any personal liability claims.

- **Personal Property coverage (the amount to be determined solely by you, the owner)**

Only you can determine the value of your personal property and how much you want to insure for it. The Master Policy does not cover your personal property.

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

Dwelling insurance coverage to cover the Betterments and Improvements you and/or previous owners have made to your condo since it was originally built, indoors or outdoors.

- The current Master Policies have limits on how much will be paid out for repair or replacement of your betterments and improvements (examples—upgraded floors, upgraded cabinets, upgraded counter tops, major bathroom improvements).

- For most Villages, the limit is \$50,000 of coverage and additional HO6 Dwelling Insurance may be advisable.

- For Del Lago, Sonata, and Fairways residents your betterments and improvements do not have a \$50,000 limit on coverage.

- In all cases, a careful discussion with your insurance professional is advised. *If you are responsible for the loss event, you will be responsible for the Association's insurance deductible (up to \$50,000). Consider increasing your HO6 policy to cover this expense (typically "Dwelling" coverage, some insurance companies place this under Loss Assessment. Your insurance agent can advise you.)*

- **Loss of Use Coverage** (When you can't live in your condo until it has been repaired.)

It takes months, sometimes years to finalize your claim, get new building permits, and rebuild. You should be prepared to live somewhere else, and insurance can help pay for a rental or lease of another place during that period.

- **Personal Liability**—Increasing the amount of Personal Liability beyond the minimum required by the Association.

- This is a good topic to get the advice of a professional.

- In addition to typical personal liability events, if you cause property damage to your neighbor's condos, you are likely to be responsible for their damages.

- **Other add-on coverages** like for the high-value items (examples—jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.)

- Basic HO6 policies have relatively low coverage limits on these items unless you provide an inventory and pay for additional coverage.

- **Additional insurance policies** for things like golf carts, which are not included in your HO6 policy.

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

In the next article in this series, we will answer some key questions about your HO6 policy.

Updating the Club Bylaws – Scheduled for a Vote

The Club Board of Directors has approved a new schedule for revisions to the Club Bylaws.

Town Hall meetings:

- **Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m.** at the Clubhouse
- **Thursday, November 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium

The Vote:

- Ballots distributed Monday, November 18 and counted on December 18.



Thank you to all who offered suggestions in the past six months for revision of Club Board Bylaws. The Board Policy Committee is grateful for your ideas and comments. These changes are reflected in the revised redlined Club Bylaws. You will find the revised redlined bylaws on The Villages online Members Portal, and you can also pick up a printed copy at the reception desk in Building A.

The following changes are included in the October 11 redline version of the Club Bylaws:

- Allow an Initiation Fee
- Amend and/or remove Capital Fund constraints
- Adopt a project cost requirement for a membership vote
- Add electronic voting as an option
- Update terminology—"Dues" rather than "Assessments"
- Clarify "Capital" definitions

The first three are important changes for our Club's financial well-being and the others are allowed or required by recent changes in state law. The benefit of having one membership vote for these few recommended changes is avoiding the need for additional legal opinions required by the current bylaws. The Board recommends including all these topics in this revision.

Again, thank you for your engagement in this bylaw revision process.

The Board and Management want to hear from you. Please plan on participating in the Town Hall meetings.

Thank you for your commitment to our Club.

—Richard Zahner, Club Board President

Spark safety—extinguish fire risk

October is National Fire Prevention month. Special Projects and Sustainability Services is kicking off monthly reminders for Villagers to be fire safe. The Villages has a wonderful Emergency Preparedness Committee and an Ad Hoc Fire Safety/Firewise Committee that regularly reminds Villagers to be prepared for disasters and fires.

Each year the Villages Association sends out a questionnaire to document that homes have working smoke alarms and CO² detectors. This is to comply with Policy APo 408—Smoke Detectors Installation, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement.



Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month simply by pushing the test button. Replace smoke alarms when they are ten years old or don't respond to testing. (Batteries may need to be replaced more frequently.)

Please test and return compliance certification in a timely manner.

(See Villages Annual Statement of Compliance article on The Villager Online at news.thevillagesgcc.com/register)

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) appreciates the need of having your questions answered. If you have any questions, please email them to Julia Meadows at jmeadows@the-villages.com.

The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need of having your questions answered. If you have any questions, please email them to Liz Ramos at LRamos@the-villages.com

Or, for either Board, submit your questions to *The Villager Online* through the article submission page, or you can put a written question in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 17

MANAGEMENT

Comcast/Xfinity onsite and virtual appointments available

Deisy Gomez, The Villages Comcast/Xfinity Account Manager, will be available **Wednesdays, November 6 and December 4** from **noon to 2 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room in Cribari Center for drop-in questions about your account, services and equipment.

Gomez is available for virtual appointments **every Friday** by appointment from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Please use <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages> to make an appointment

In person events **noon to 2 p.m.**
Wednesday, November 6
Wednesday, December 4

The link below is for **Virtual Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
<https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages>

Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation is Wednesday, November 6

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, November 6 at 3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information.

For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

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

Note: For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-223-4674 before November 1 to confirm attendance.

Next Community Battery Recycling days

Who: Residents with small quantities of batteries to recycle

When: Friday, October 25 between **9 a.m. and 10 a.m.** (no early drop off)

Friday, November 8 between **9 a.m. and 10 a.m.** (no early drop off)

Where: Tennis court parking lot near air station

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

DACs – Make appointment by the Wednesday before the recycle date (October 9, October 16, November 6) with Sustainability Services at (408-754-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com) for a drop off time and quantity. Only 125 pounds can be transported at one time— California State Health and Safety Code, HSC 25218-5.1

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



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Bulky Bins are back!

Great news! The Green Team is providing dumpsters at community centers for disposal of bulk items on **Tuesday to Thursday, November 5, 6 and 7**. The bins are available from the time they are delivered on Tuesday November 5 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.) until they are picked up on Thursday November 7 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

There are items restricted from disposal at these dumpsters. Please do not drop off concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, oil, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators, freezers, medical waste or hazardous waste.



Garbage is also not allowed inside the bulky bins—no exceptions. Contaminated boxes will not be removed from the premises until all garbage has been removed.

To be able to continue this free community service we rely on Villagers to follow the guidelines below.

Please follow these guidelines:

Deposit your items farthest from the opening so others can add their disposals. This maximizes available space.

Do not overload beyond the height of the dumpsters.

Do not leave items outside of the dumpster in the parking lot.

Do not block driveways at parking lot, if needed wait along adjacent street and proceed when area is clear of traffic.

To help us keep this service free, please comply with the above guidelines.

Bin Locations:

- Cribari East parking lot
- Cribari West parking lot
- Foothill Center parking lot
- Montgomery Center parking lot

Please contact Special Projects and Sustainability Director Mary Tatum if you have any questions: 408 754-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com.



Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

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

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

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Montgomery DAC to meet November 4

The Montgomery DAC meets **Monday, November 4** from **5 to 7 p.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Olivas DAC to meet November 4

The Olivas DAC meets **4 p.m.** on **Monday, November 4** in Foothill Center.

Verano DAC to meet November 4

The Verano DAC meets **Monday, November 4** at **4 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Hermosa DAC to meet November 7

The Hermosa DAC will hold its regular meeting and a potluck social (BYOB) **Thursday, November 7** at **5 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Heights DAC to meet November 11

The Heights DAC meets **Monday, November 11** at **6 p.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Highland DAC to meet November 14

The Highland DAC meets **Thursday, November 14** at **4 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

We strongly encourage your attendance as we will be discussing next year's budget, turf conversion projects, Fire Wise vegetation and home fire hardening projects, ongoing Fire Wise inspections, and repainting the village. If time allows, we will also cover our District Financials, water usage, the status of the Club Bylaws Revision process and other topics of interest. For any questions, please contact Jim Ware at 530-919-1246 or email at VillageHighlandDAC@outlook.com.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Written knowledge test requirement eliminated for most California Driver's License renewals

By Libby Nelson

In a press release dated September 30, 2024, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that drivers 70 years old and older in California whose licenses expire in 2024 and beyond will no longer be required to take a written knowledge test beginning October 1.

"All drivers have been required to take a written test once they turn 70 as a policy requirement and not a requirement of law," said DMV Director Steve Gordon. "We are eliminating the written knowledge test for those without traffic violations on their record to improve customer service. If thousands fewer people need to visit the DMV, or can spend less time in an office, the people who need to take care of their business in one of our offices can be better served."

For those renewing their license who are 70 and older, an office visit is still required for a vision exam and an updated photo. Some renewal notices for customers with licenses that expire in 2024 may indicate a knowledge test is required, but it will be waived during the in-office visit.

The DMV encourages customers to start their application online to minimize the amount of time it takes to complete the process in an office.

Please note: Drivers whose records meet any of the following conditions are still required to take the knowledge test:

- Two or more accidents during the two years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- Three or more accidents during the three years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- A DUI suspension during the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.
- A violation point count greater than one within the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.

For those Californians who are required to take a knowledge test, choosing an online option for testing significantly reduces the amount of time customers need to spend in an office. This improves DMV customer service by reducing office congestion and wait times.

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- 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

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Club Bylaws Town Hall meeting is Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Homeowners

- The Estates Landscape Meeting is Thursday, October 24 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Foothill Center.

- 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.

Estates Landscape Meeting is Thursday, October 24

The Estates Landscape Meeting is Thursday, October 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Foothill Center.

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RECREATION

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

Building B business hours

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

Get festive finds on Stanford shopping trip

On **Saturday, November 23**, get your shopping lists ready! Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto is a premier open-air shopping and dining destination with over 140 world-class specialty stores, from luxury brands to local favorites and an extraordinary mix of restaurants and cafes. Breathtaking gardens, sculptures, fountains and a 180-foot mural of a Parisian Street scene accentuate the public spaces making your shopping experience much more enjoyable.



For more information and a look at what deals your favorite stores may be offering please visit simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center.

Lunch will be purchased on your own. The trip cost per person is **\$65** and includes trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 9 a.m. with an estimated return time of 4 p.m. Moderate Activity (shop at your own pace!)

Register for this trip now in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Friday, November 1**, or sooner if seats sell out.

Last chance to sign up for

U-Jam; class starts this Monday

Get ready to move, groove and sweat in our electrifying U-Jam class! Taught by Dominique Martin, this high-energy dance workout fuses hip-hop, world beats, and cardio, creating a unique experience that's perfect for all fitness levels. Our engaging instructor will guide you through captivating choreography that's easy to follow, leaving you feeling empowered and energized.

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just looking to have fun while staying fit, U-Jam offers a vibrant atmosphere where you can express yourself, build endurance and connect with others. So, lace up your sneakers and let the music take you on a journey!

This session runs **Mondays, October 21 to December 9 from 10-11 a.m.** in the Cribari Center Auditorium. (Note: No classes on November 11 and November 25.) The session price includes six classes and is **\$68.50** per person.

Don't miss out! Register by **Friday, October 18** to secure your spot and join the U-Jam community. Let's dance our way to fitness together!

See the magic on our Holiday Lights trip

Get ready to experience the wonder of the holiday season like never before! We invite you to join us for a spectacular tour of Holiday Lights, led by the ever-enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide, Craig Smith, on **Thursday, December 19** in San Francisco.



The City transforms into a beautifully lit wonderland. Craig will lead you through the festively decorated neighborhoods, sharing stories and insights about the traditions that make this time of year special. Capture the holiday magic as we visit stunning displays and hidden gems that will leave you in awe. Whether you're a local or visiting for the first time, this dazzling adventure promises to be a highlight of your holiday celebrations.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Space is limited, so register now and prepare for a night filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of the holiday spirit. Let's make this season memorable!

The cost per person is **\$140** and includes dinner, tour guide, trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver and tour guide is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

Dinner will be at Swiss Louis and includes a Tiramisu for dessert and a choice of beverage (coffee, tea or soda). You will need to select an entrée at registration from these options:

- Chicken Piccata (Boneless chicken breast sauteed with lemon butter, white wine and capers, served with pasta)
- Linguine al Pesto (Basil, pine nuts, olive oil, garlic sauce and parmesan cheese)
- Fillet of White Fish (a fillet of Basa grilled and topped with a mango cruda sauce served with sauteed vegetables)

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 2:30 p.m. with an estimated return time of 11 p.m. Activity Level: Moderate Activity. Registration for this trip opens **Monday, October 21** in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Wednesday, November 27**, or sooner if seats sell out.

Last chance to register for next Yoga session

Discover the transformative power of yoga in our class designed for all levels! This session combines easy moves that enhance body awareness, flexibility and range of motion. You'll strengthen your muscles and improve balance through standing poses, along with seated, prone (lying face down), and supine (lying face up) postures on the mat.

With options for both beginners and those seeking a more advanced challenge, our slow and mindful movements let you connect deeply with your body and breath. Participants should be able to get up and down from the mat.

Taught by Mariko Dugay, this session runs **Wednesdays, October 23 to November 20 from 10-11 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. The session price includes five classes and is \$57 per person.

Don't wait to find your flow! Register in Building B by **Monday, October 21** and take the first step toward a healthier, more balanced you. We can't wait to see you on the mat!

Registration deadline extended for trip to see Art Deco/Lempicka exhibit

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. We'll travel to the de Young Museum in San Francisco on **Thursday, November 7** to see this exhibition, which 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.

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

Lunch will be purchased independently at the museum café or from nearby food stalls. The cost per person is \$79 and includes trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion. Due to the weather of the Bay, attire is casual and warm. Activity Level: Moderate (walking and standing; benches may not be available).

Register for this trip in Building B by **Friday, October 25**.

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.

EPC: Loma Prieta was 35 years ago; the latest quake was days ago

By Arlene Versaw

Some Villages residents remember **October 17, 1989**—the day the earth shook so hard that it killed 63 people and caused \$6 billion in damage. But a lot of us did not live here then, and are not aware of the collapse of the Cypress Freeway in Oakland, the devastation it wreaked on the Marina District in San Francisco, downtown Santa Cruz and Watsonville.

Today is the 35th anniversary of that Loma Prieta earthquake—a 6.9. And just recently, a 4.2 earthquake along the San Andreas fault centered near the Santa Cruz-Monterey border awakened Bay Area residents. It was the largest earthquake in the greater Bay Area since a 5.1 quake rattled us on October 25, 2022 with its epicenter close to home in the hills East of San Jose in Joseph D Grant County Park.

And while the latest earthquake was relatively mild, the upcoming 35th anniversary of Loma Prieta should remind us that yes—we live in earthquake country and we are vulnerable. If you have not yet prepared yourself with Go Bags, home staples and a community plan for your family, it's a good reminder not to delay any longer. Earthquakes are dangerous and you can help yourself by being prepared. Need guidance on how? Go to the EPC website at thevillagesepc.com.

Also, if you have not yet done so, please log into the new Member Portal/App on your computer, your tablet, and/or your smartphone. It's the gateway to emergency alerts with useful information. If you're having trouble logging in, please see the WOW Team and get the support you need. In October, they are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in one of the conference rooms in Cribari. Bring your device(s) and they can help you set them up. If you need support in your home, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230. They have volunteers who can help.



A collapsed section of Interstate 880 after the Loma Prieta earthquake. Photo by H.G. Wilshire, U.S. Geological Survey.

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.

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

November 2: Holiday Faire, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Details at villagesartsandcrafts.com

November 5: Free Art Night: "Diamond Art" with Michael Sunzeri. Tuesday, 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art Room at Cribari Center. Free, but must register with barb.gottesman@gmail.com because the limit is 18 participants.

November 8 - December 6: Paint, Print and Trade with Pat Remington. Four Fridays, 1 - 3:30 p.m. \$60. Max: participants.

November 9: "Making Christmas Wreaths" with Stephanie Torres. Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. Limit 10 participants. \$30. All materials furnished.

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.

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday - Villages hill hike** with Russ Glines at 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday** - Walk around the golf course with Terri Vivoli and/or Cheryl Allmen, meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30.

Rambler Hike 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.

Rambler Lite Hike Wednesday, October 30: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the new Bobcat trail in the lower hills. The hike will start at the dead-end at the top of Valle Vista Drive. We will then walk up the hill to the upper gardens, down the Bobcat trail to Rawhide and pass the stables to Foothill Center. Those participants who don't wish to walk up the hill through Valle Vista to their cars, will have the opportunity to be shuttled back from Foothill Center to Valle Vista to collect your vehicles. Meet at the dead-end at the top of Valle Vista Drive at **9 a.m.**

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



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>

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

**To order
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Soup of the Day



For the week of 10/21 to 10/27

Monday, October 21

Turkey Wild Rice

Tuesday, October 22

Beef Barley

Wednesday, October 23

Chicken Lentil

Thursday, October 24

Red Thai Curry Chicken

Friday, October 25

Clam Chowder

Saturday, October 26

Chef's Choice

Sunday, October 27

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 10/21 to 10/27

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 10/22 to Sunday 10/27

Quiche Lorraine: Bacon, Gruyere Cheese, Eggs in a Pie Shell with Fruit Salad **\$17**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 10/21 to Sunday 10/27—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spiced Rack of Lamb: With Citrus Salad, Greens and Honey Yogurt Sauce **\$27 Half Rack, \$35 Full Rack**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 10/22 to Sunday 10/27—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Shepards Pie: Ground Lamb with Peas, Corn, Mushrooms, Pearl Onions, Crusted with Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes, Season Steamed Vegetables **\$27**

Ribeye Steak: 10-oz. Ribeye Steak with Au Jus and Horseradish Cream with Choice of Sides **\$32**

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)

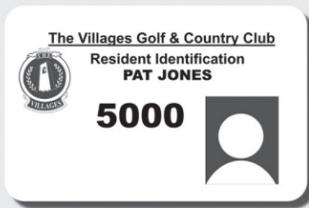
Saturday and Sunday

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

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

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.

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

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I love being here to help in a community where people are making a difference every day. Thank you for all you do.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

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| 8:30 a.m. | Tai Chi | P |
| 9 a.m. | Shoni/Swinger Bocce | GP |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | TTC |
| 9 a.m. | Rossmoor Tennis Tourney | TS |
| 10 a.m. | Village Del Lago Bkfst | FC |
| 10 a.m. | Piano Open Studio | A |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 10 a.m. | Ukulele Sing Along | SEQ |
| 3 p.m. | Glen Arden Oktoberfest | VC |

Sunday, October 20

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| 7:30 a.m. | Catholic Choir | CR |
| 8:15 a.m. | Catholic Mass | A |
| 9 a.m. | Community Chapel Choir | SEQ |
| 9 a.m. | Episcopal Church | MC |
| 9 a.m. | Community of Well-Being | VC |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | TTC |
| 10 a.m. | Community Chapel | A |
| 10 a.m. | Quilters | PR |
| 2:30 p.m. | Piano Open Studio Concert | A |
| 4 p.m. | Men's Tennis 6.5 USTA | TS |
| 6 p.m. | Senior Academy | FC |
| 7 p.m. | Chinese Club KTV Karaoke | MC |
| 7 p.m. | VAT Fall Show Rehearsal | A |

Monday, October 21

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|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise | A |
| 8:30 a.m. | Nirvana Fitness | 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. | Montgomery DAC | MC |

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| 10 a.m. | U-Jam | A |
| 10:30 a.m. | VMA Grief Support | SEQ |
| 11:30 a.m. | VMA Volunteer Lunch | FC |
| 12 p.m. | EPC Annual Drill | P |
| 1 p.m. | Stitchery | PR |
| 1 p.m. | Flower Ladies Arr. Guild | VC |
| 2 p.m. | Art Open Studio | AR |
| 2 p.m. | VAT Fall Show Rehearsal | MC |
| 5:30 p.m. | EPC Post-Drill Eval. | A |
| 5:30 p.m. | Village Dancers Rhrl | FC |
| 6:30 p.m. | Village Cribari Social | CR |
| 7 p.m. | Duplicate Bridge | RED |

Tuesday, October 22

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|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. | Tai Chi | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | TTC |
| 10 a.m. | Art Class | AR |
| 10 a.m. | WOW Tech Support | SEQ |
| 11 a.m. | High Twelve Board Lunch | VC |
| 11 a.m. | VMA AFib-Risks/Signs | MC |
| 11:30 a.m. | LSAL Fitness | A |
| 1 p.m. | Bunco | SEQ |
| 2 p.m. | Art Open Studio | AR |
| 2 p.m. | VAT Matinee Theatre Rhrl | A |
| 2 p.m. | VAT Fall Show Rehearsal | FC |
| 4 p.m. | EVF Annual Donor Dinner | CH |
| 7 p.m. | Concert Band Rehearsal | A |
| 7 p.m. | Tennis Club Board | PR |

Wednesday, October 23

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|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 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 |
| 10 a.m. | Art Class | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Bocce Champions Potluck | GP |
| 10 a.m. | WOW Tech Support | SEQ |
| 10 a.m. | Yoga | A |
| 11 a.m. | Folk Dance | CR |
| 2 p.m. | Art Open Studio | AR |
| 2 p.m. | Villager Online Training | VC |
| 2 p.m. | VAT Fall Show Rehearsal | A |

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| 4 p.m. | Jewish History | SEQ |
| 5:30 p.m. | Village Dancers Group 2 | A |
| 6 p.m. | Pres. Debate Watch Party | CR |
| 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 24

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|------------|----------------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. | Tai Chi | P |
| 9 a.m. | Game Day | RED |
| 9 a.m. | Table Tennis | TTC |
| 9 a.m. | VAT Fall Show Ticket Sale | L |
| 10 a.m. | Art Class | AR |
| 10 a.m. | Line Dance Club | CR |
| 10 a.m. | LSAL Fitness | A |
| 10:30 a.m. | Pumpkin Succulent Planters | VC |
| 11:30 a.m. | 18-H Women Golf Lunch | CH |
| 1 p.m. | Bible Small Group | SEQ |
| 1:30 p.m. | Ukulele Club | VC |
| 2 p.m. | Art Open Studio | AR |
| 3 p.m. | Community Chapel Choir | CR |
| 3 p.m. | VAT Matinee Theatre Rhrl | A |
| 4 p.m. | Estates DAC | FC |
| 5:30 p.m. | Desi Club Social Hour | SEQ |
| 7 p.m. | VAT Fall Show Rehearsal | A |

Friday, October 25

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|------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 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 a.m. | VAT Fall Show Ticket Sale | L |
| 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 |
| 2:30 p.m. | VAT Matinee Theatre Show | A |
| 3 p.m. | Bocce Bash - Halloween | GP |
| 3 p.m. | Handbell Ensemble | CR |
| 6 p.m. | Chinese Club Line Dance | FC |
| 6:30 p.m. | Mexican Train Dominoes | MC |



Missed your Villager?

The Villager newspaper is being printed on the first and third weeks of the month. If you missed delivery of your copy of *The Villager*, please call 408-223-4655 after 11:30 a.m. to report it.

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or on the table outside The Villages Post Office in the Cribari Center hallway.



EVENT LOCATIONS

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|------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 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) |

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Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



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

Upcoming Programs

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 **Tuesday, October 22 at 11 a.m.** in Montgomery Center. Register on VMA website or call our office.

“Life vs Stuff: A Downsizing Seminar” – Nelly Coto, Regional Sales Director for WellRive, formerly Managing Moves and More, will help you define the “why”s you are stuck and what to do about it, how to organize your home and transition to a new stage in life. Come join Nelly on **Tuesday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m.** in Sequoia Room. Register on VMA website or call our office.

Hearing Aid Clean and Check – Hearing Life will be offering their free service on **Tuesday, November 19 from 10 a.m. - noon** in Montgomery Center. Please call the VMA office to register for a time.

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 21 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. **Thursday, November 21 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, November 21 at 10 a.m.** in the **Sequoia Room (please note room change)**. No need to register, all welcome.

TECH CORNER

October 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 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.

Hit the Road, Jack!

The scam that takes a toll

If you're still among the ranks of Bay Area road warriors navigating the web of freeways and crossing our seven state-owned bridges and the Golden Gate as well, you should be aware of another type of online scam—the texted or emailed Road and Bridge Toll Scam.

Unless you keep a log of all the commuter lane and bridge tolls you incur, you may just assume that the \$12.46 or \$15.38 demand for payment (complete with looming threat of added fees for late payment) is just a routine charge that slipped your mind. After all, that small of an amount is just chicken feed for all of us tech moguls who are lucky to live here in the Bay Area. Fortunately, we live in an area where there are only a few agencies that levy tolls, unlike the East Coast or middle states where toll roads and bridges cover the landscape like grey spaghetti.

Our bridges and commuter lanes are governed by the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), which manages toll revenues from the bridges and the electronic FasTrak toll payment system.

Scammers generally steal the logos of toll agencies or use names that mimic the real agencies when they ask for amounts similar to the amounts of the actual tolls. And they do not round off the figures, preferring to demand a \$16.79 payment rather than \$17 or \$20. They're hoping that you don't notice the fake name or wonder about the amount—they're hoping that you'll just click the link and blast off the payment without even pondering the date and exact details of that trip you've completely forgotten about.

Of course, this scam is more common where there are numerous toll roads and multiple agencies managing those tolls—a state of general confusion that makes the scammers' tasks much easier.

An article from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) circulated information about this growing scam. It laid out what you should expect and how you should react to this particular ruse.

This is probably what you'll see on your device:

- You'll get a text or email about an unpaid toll from what appears to be a legitimate highway authority or a transponder agency such as FasTrak.

- You are urged to click a link to pay the toll, warning that late fees will result if you fail to pay immediately.

- The scammers hope you'll just click and pay without looking into whether you actually owe an unpaid toll.

- The criminals' goal is to get the money and payment information or to infect your device with malicious software that could lead to financial loss and identity fraud.

Here's what you should do:

- If you get such a message, do not respond or click on any links.

- Instead, check your account using the tolling agency or transponder company's legitimate website or phone number—not the contact information or links contained in the message.

- Use the "report junk" option on your smartphone to flag the message.

- If you receive one of these texts or emails, report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, [IC3.gov](https://ic3.gov). You can also report the scam to the office of the State Attorney General, Rob Bonta at: <https://oag.ca.gov/ecrime/http>, or the Better Business Bureau <https://www.bbb.org>.

Some Bay Area residents who travel for business or pleasure across the nation may receive these toll scams from other states and a host of fake agencies. This type of scam is considered phishing—or now called "smishing" if the message comes over your phone in the form of a text message.

If you take the extra time to look at the calendar and review your road miles, you can probably defeat these insidious little schemes. After all, don't give your "chicken feed" to the vultures.

Need Help with the Member Portal? Please reach out to us.

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Call or Text: (650) 582-2223

Visit: <https://help.thevillagesgcc.com> for helpful step-by-step guides, quick videos, and more!

Attend: WOW sessions (welcome to our website)

WOW schedule found at <https://tvgcc.co/wow>



WOW TECH SUPPORT



walking you through your Villages technology

Villager Online tip #4

For readers seeking digital access to our past print editions, there is now a quicker way to view the PDFs on The Villager Online.

Viewing Past Editions

To view the PDFs of The Villager's print editions on your screen, look for the menu on the right side of the home page next to **Featured Events**. Click on **Print Editions** and a list of the last several months of issues will appear. Select the edition you want to view.



And that's not all—parking scams

Broadcast news stations all over California are reporting the rise of QR code scams on parking meters.

Recent reports said that fake QR codes were pasted on San Francisco parking meters. The bogus QR codes enable thieves to take unsuspecting motorists' money with fake charges and to obtain information from their phones to steal their identity and install "trojan horses" on phones.

Some parking meters have legitimate QR pay-for-parking codes, but thieves have been out on the streets pasting bogus stickers over the real ones. The presence of a seemingly endless variety of parking vendors and payment methods makes it almost impossible to determine fake from actual.

It is now more important to look for red flags when using the QR codes, which are in use almost everywhere. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns if you use a QR code, carefully check the website you land on to look for misspellings, blurry images or logos or switched letters. (Example: "poy for parking" instead of "pay for parking.")

Somehow it's not so "easy" or "convenient" to park anymore.

CLUBS & EVENTS

Senior Academy: 'Islam: An Enigma No More'

By Arlene Versaw

Allah. Muhammad. The Koran. Components of Islam, the second-largest religion in the world after Christianity. A religion whose various interpretations have wrought discord, whose most radical interpretations threaten, but a religion whose secular branches embrace much in common with Christianity and Judaism.

The Senior Academy is pleased to bring you a lecture by Farid Sensai, on **Sunday, October 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in Foothill Center. Please note the time and date, which are a departure from our regular presentations.

Mr. Sensai will share with us some of the basic tenets of Islam, its origin and its history. He will also cover the distinct types of Islam, how they came about, why they still exist today and the conflict they present.

As with most religions there are many different interpretations of the Koran, the sacred book of Islam. It is the more radical interpretation that we find threatening, rather than the more secular branches, whose adherents only want to practice what they believe to be their truth. The result of the radical extremism has brought havoc and more currently, war. Mr. Sensai will address this war without judgment, which should give us a better understanding of the current situation.

Farid Sensai is an associate professor of Political Science at Santa Clara University. He is the founder and current president of the first non-partisan American think tank working exclusively on issues where U.S. foreign policy and Muslim geopolitics intersect. In addition, he is a co-founder and Director of Research at Institute for Social Policy.

Please register at VillagesSA.org or by calling Melinda Dobbs at Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713.



Associate Professor Farid Sensai

Matinee Theatre to perform October 25 — come join the fun!

By Liz Adams

Villages' actors, who might even be your next-door neighbors, will present a short play filled with characters from fairy tales of old and one joke after another, some of which are of the adult variety. "The Big Snooze" was written by Bruce Kane, who was also a writer for some of the top TV shows that you may remember: Rhoda, The Bob Newhart Show and Maude among others. The play will be directed by Kellen Perry and announced by Bob Dolci (who's never been in a play before). A delightful afternoon awaits you on Friday, October 25 at 3 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. And remember the performance is free of charge, and refreshments will be served too!



"The Big Snooze," a private eye caper, where Dick Shamus, played by Paul Miner (He's been with Villages Amateur Theatre for a long time), is trying to find the killer of his old pal, Humpty Dumpty. Shamus is joined by a clever cast of characters, veterans of Matinee Theater and newbies as well.

Veterans of Matinee Theatre include: Rapunzel, a sexy saloon singer, played by Connie Hendrickson; Bo Peep, the Bo being short for Bodacious, played by Judi Leonard; Bambi, a sweet, little deer, played by Nancy Miller; and Jason Herfurth as Prince Charming who is the self-proclaimed answer to every woman's dream. (Whadda you think, Jason? Type-casting?)

The rest of the cast has joined Matinee Theatre for the first time, channeling their inner actor: The Announcer, played by Bob Dolci; Effie, Shamus's secretary who's a real looker, but not so good on the typewriter, played by Shirley Roberts; B.B. Wolf (Guess what the B.B. stands for?) who's a local underworld kingpin played by Chuck Benjamin; Veronica Virago, the sexy villainess, played by Darlene Frick; McDougal, an Irish constable who's actually Irish, played by Alice O'Neil; and The Elf, with lime green ears, played by Marion Rose.

Can't wait to see you all on October 25 for Matinee Theatre! Should be a great afternoon with lots of laughs—3 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium! The doors open at 2:30 p.m. for first-come-first seating, and the one-hour performance begins at 3 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

Join the Saturday Singalong in Sequoia

Do you enjoy singing along or just tapping your foot with all kinds of music? Come and sing along with our 10+ piece instrumental group. We meet on **Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center. Music books will be provided and there are no requirements other than to "have fun."



Cribari Halloween Costume Party & Potluck
Saturday,
October 26, 2024
Cribari Auditorium,
6 to 10 p.m.



Bring food to share for 8-10:

- A-K Dessert • L-U Main Dish
- V-Z Salad or Appetizer
- \$10 for Cribari residents \$15 for other Villagers
- BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)
- Music by Ed Knott
- Dancing & Costume Contest

RSVP required. Email cribariSC@gmail.com



Paint, print and trade with Pat Remington



Please join Pat Remington for a fun step-by-step class: Paint, Print & Trade! Like a cookie exchange, we will paint and print 12 prints of one carved image. We will keep one and trade the others, so we will end up with a collection from the whole class.

First Pat will demonstrate a quick and easy way to create abstract acrylic backgrounds. In class 2, we will learn how to design and carve an image, from botanicals to birds, landscape or still life. Image ideas will be provided or bring a photo or drawing 6x6 you wish to carve. We'll talk about positive and negative space and do some warm-up carving.

Next we will print on your prepared backgrounds. Last class we will exchange prints and you will learn how to seal and mount three selected prints on wood panels. Plus a bonus print from Pat, so you will leave with four prints mounted on wood.

A selection of acrylic paint, brushes, cutters, brayers and three wood panels will be provided.

Three classes on Fridays: **November 8, 15, 22 and one Tuesday, December 3** from **1 to 3:30 p.m.** at the Cribari Center Art Room. The fee is \$60. Max. 8 students. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com by **November 1.**

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Calling all bakers! Holiday Faire needs you!

By Diane Finley

Are you a baker? Put your apron on and start baking your favorite sweet treat. The Holiday Faire needs cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, candy...whatever is your specialty. Bring loads of your best treats and don't worry about packaging them – we'll do that. Drop off your donation on **Friday, November 1** in the Terrace Room at Cribari from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We'll have a team to meet you and thank you for your generosity. All these goodies will be sold at our annual Holiday Faire Bake Sale on **Saturday, November 2**. For more information contact Suzanne Ferris at sferris@stanford.edu



Come to Villages Dog Club's Halloween Paw-ty

By Barbara Sunseri

The Villages Dog Club invites all Villagers and their families to a frightfully fun **Halloween Party at Gazebo Park Saturday, October 26 at 3 p.m.** Spooktacular costumes encouraged for dogs and owners

Event Highlights

Costume Gazebo "Walk About" will line up at 3:15 p.m. Capture memorable moments with you and your dressed up puppies.

Trick or Treat

Howl-loween treats will be provided for both humans and canines. Our Villages Dog Club Halloween Paw-ty promises to be a howling good time. Bring your grandchildren and wagging tails to this costumed festivity!



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.

Dr Lee will be bringing her Hill's Science Diet representative who will have samples to give out.

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

Ana Thompson will again be at the meeting to schedule your pets grooming needs.

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 through the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club>



Stanley adopted by Liz and Jeff Rose

Desi Club
Invites you on the joyous occasion of **Diwali** to join us

Saturday, November 9, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at **Foothill Center**
Max capacity = 75



Menu:
Papri Chaat, Pani Puri, Aloo Tikki, Biryani (veg & non-veg), Chana masala, kebabs, naan etc. + tea and water
Cost: \$35 per person



Last date to register or cancel is October 25, 2024

To register, please call any of the following to buy your tickets (*cash only*)

- Sonia Soin at 669-238-6518
- Madhu Goyal at 617-259-0352

Tickets for 'Man of La Mancha' on sale soon

By Tom Carson

The Villages Amateur Theatre production of "Man of La Mancha" is arriving soon at Cribari Auditorium. Wonderful sets and costumes combined with fabulous music create an environment that this talented troupe of actors is using to bring this show to life.

Based on the 17th century novel Don Quixote by Miguel De Cervantes, this musical, first performed on Broadway in 1965, is about Cervantes and his fellow prisoners during the Spanish Inquisition. The story is compelling, and the music is inspiring. You see a play within a play performed in a "holding cell" with the prisoners all taking on a role.

Performances are **Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 16 at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 17 at 2:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 and go on sale **Friday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to noon** in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center, as well as **Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to noon** in the Sequoia Room. Tickets can be charged to your house account, and entitle the holder to a 10 percent discount on dinner at the Clubhouse on the day of the performance.

Come and join us and be thrilled by the music of Man of La Mancha performed by the cast and the "Maestro", Larry Broderick.



The Villages Amateur Theatre cast hard at work at a recent rehearsal.

Global Village: 'Mindfulness: Letting Go of Regrets and Unmet Goals'

RSVP for Global Village's Healing Room event on **Thursday, October 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.** in Montgomery Center where the theme will be "Mindfulness: Letting Go of Regrets and Unmet Goals." (This will be the last Healing Room event in 2024.)

As Halloween approaches, are you haunted by regrets or unmet goals? Intuitive Healer, Kim Silverman, will lead this spooktacular event that will help you exorcise the ghosts of the past and free your mind from the frightful chains of what could have been!

In this event, we will explore how to:

- Release lingering regrets and clear emotional blockages—let's banish those shadows!
- Reframe past experiences as stepping stones for future growth—because nobody wants to be stuck in a haunted house of "what ifs."
- Shift your mindset to focus on new beginnings, free from the past—let's turn that pumpkin into a carriage!
- Discover practical tools and techniques to let go of goals that no longer serve your highest potential—after all, it's time to stop chasing those cobweb-covered dreams!

Whether it's a personal or professional milestone that slipped away, or a sense of "should-haves" that loom over you, this event will empower you to release the old year and step confidently into the new year with clarity and peace.

There is no charge for this event (it is free)! You must pre-register for this event! We expect to be at full capacity, so don't wait to register. We will accept registrations until we are full. To RSVP, visit www.kimsilvermantransformation.com/the-healing-room-registration

Don't let regrets hold you back this Halloween! Join us for a transformative afternoon filled with insights as we celebrate the chance to leave this year behind and embrace new beginnings. Let's step into the new year with a clean slate and leave behind what is no longer serving you!

If you have questions, email Kim Silverman at kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com



Learn about 'Barn Owls as Pest Managers'

The Villages Hiking Club with a special invitation to The Villages Garden Club is excited to have Dr. Darcy Ernst speak on "Barn Owls as Pest Managers in San Jose" at its **Monday, October 28th** meeting at **7 p.m.** Owl boxes have been a part of The Villages Upper Garden for many years.



Dr. Darcy Ernst with a barn owl.

Dr. Darcy Ernst is an ornithologist and biology professor at Evergreen Valley College. Working with the City of San Jose, Dr. Ernst and her students help to track and monitor barn owl activity in South San Jose, to better understand owl ecology and participate in integrative pest management. Her work with birds began at UC Davis and continued at UC Berkeley, where she studied the reproductive timing of songbirds.

The Hiking Club meeting will be held on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

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



Celebrating and supporting SJSU's championship Women's Golf Team!

- Members of SJSU Women's Golf Team will be on select holes to help boost your scores by selling drives and mulligans! • Door prizes and a silent auction! • SJSU Cheer Unit!
- Proceeds will go to the SJSU Women's Golf Program. • Tee times will be assigned and will begin at 1 p.m. • No host cocktails 5 p.m. - Dinner at 5:30 p.m. - Fairway Room

- _____ 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.

Names _____

Playing with? _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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

For more information or questions
call Victor (408) 910-6629

*Interested in combining golf with sponsorship? Call Luke Levers at 408-532-6414

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



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Bluegrass Club to host year's final jam on November 3

By Alan Rich

The next Bluegrass Club jam will be held **Sunday, November 3** from **2 to 3:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center. As we will be setting up sound equipment, please don't arrive before 1:15 p.m. We will be using the 96-chair-seating arrangement again, so there should be plenty of seats for everyone. The first row of seats will be reserved for musicians who brought their instruments.



All Villagers and their guests are invited to an afternoon of Bluegrass, Vintage Country, and Gospel music.

Attendees are welcome to bring their acoustic instruments (no electrics please), and either play along or sing with the band. You are also welcome to just sit back, relax, and listen to the music if you like. The jam will be led by the Scotch Creek Bluegrass band that is based here in The Villages. This event is **free!**

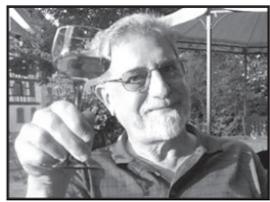
Bluegrass music is a type of American music that is influenced by Scottish, Irish, English, Gospel, and Country music.

Once we get a little closer to the event, a link will be sent out to see the song lyrics and chords. You must be on the club's mailing list to receive the link. To get on the mailing list, please email alanrichgis@gmail.com.

I hope to see all of you on November 3. This will be our last jam this year. Our next one is scheduled for February 2025.

Villages author Phil Bookman to speak at VMFSC luncheon

On **Tuesday, November 5**, the speaker for the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will be Villages resident Phil Bookman. Guests are welcome to come at **12:15 p.m.** to listen to Phil's talk.



Phil has had a long career as a software entrepreneur, starting a number of successful software companies. A lover of mystery novels, he decided the world needed murder mysteries set in Silicon Valley featuring a high-tech CEO hero. So after he retired, he wrote

"Opium (OPM-Other People's Money)", the first of 11 novels in what became the Mike Gold Mystery Series. Fictional Los Gatos resident Mike Gold is a great tech CEO, but murders seem to find him with alarming regularity. Phil says his life is not nearly as exciting as Mike's.

In contrast to wealthy Mike Gold, Phil's second series features young PI Joe Brink, whose threadbare office is located above a bakery and fro-yo shop in downtown Campbell. Joe yearns to be a hard-boiled detective. He's good at detecting, but the hard-boiled part eludes him. Phil's eighth Joe Brink mystery, "Boutique Murders," was released in September of this year.

Phil grew up in Seafood, New York, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Lois. He has degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Adelphi University and Santa Clara University. Before moving to the Villages in 2023, Lois and Phil resided in Campbell for 18 years and Los Gatos for 31 years.

Holiday Faire to be biggest one yet!

By Diane Finley

This year's Holiday Faire will be our biggest event ever! Come to Cribari Center on **Saturday, November 2** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** With over 45 local artists displaying and selling everything from homemade jams, soaps, ceramic platters and beautifully hand-crafted jewelry. Shop for yourself or give a gift of these unique items. Need a charcuterie board? – we got that. Need a gift for the grill master in your life? We have awesome smoked seasonings! 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.



Margot Paoli
Baskets & More

Tere Barbella
Jewelry, Ornaments & Bells

Cartoonist Angelo Lopez to demo at Arts and Crafts meeting

By Michael Sunzeri



Angelo Lopez

Get set for the last Arts and Crafts Membership meeting and Demo for 2024. Bring yourself to the Cribari Conference room on **Monday, November 4** where our meeting starts at **1:45 p.m.** sharp. Our featured artist will probably captivate you for the better part of an hour with his cartoon work.

Angelo Lopez's art was deeply inspired by his love of comics and his love of children's book illustrations. As a child, Angelo loved watching the Marx Brothers, Abbott and Costello, William Powell and Myrna Loy, Charlie Chaplin and all the old comedians and comic actors and actresses of the Golden Age of Hollywood. He likes to laugh, whether something is funny or not, and he channels this into his art.

Angelo graduated from San Jose State University with a B.S. in Illustration. Since he graduated, he has created murals and utility box art in the South San Francisco Bay Area. He has exhibited his work in Gallery Saratoga, the Sunnyvale Art Gallery and Chopsticks Alley Art Gallery. His paintings are also

seen in coffee shops, libraries, and assorted odd places.

From April 9, 2008 to April 2011, Angelo Lopez was the regular cartoonist for the Tri-City Voice, a local newspaper of the Milpitas, Fremont, and Union City areas in California. From December 2011 to March 2023, Angelo Lopez was the regular cartoonist for the Philippine News Today, a Filipino American community newspaper based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

VMA Workshop: 'Help! I've got too much stuff!'

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Coordinator

Stuck. Stalled. Stopped. When it comes to our stuff, most of us know the sink hole feeling of too much stuff and not enough get-up-and-go to sort, move, and move along. On **Tuesday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room at Cribari, Nelly Cotto will speak on "Life vs. Stuff: Lighten Up & Live!"

A Writer, life coach, and regional sales director for Wellrive (formerly managing Moves & More), Nelly knows first-hand the desire to cling and the freedom of letting go. With stories, psychological insights, and how-to-tips, Nelly will cover:

- Spotting the emotional quicksand that keeps us stuck or stalled in taking action.
- How to overcome procrastination, perfectionism, and fear of making mistakes or rupturing relationships.
- Where and how to begin.
- Steps and tips to carry thorough and complete your goal.

Whether it's photos, books, china (yours and your grandmother's), mementos, papers, tools, clothing, remembrances of a loved one, or an entire house that needs to be downsized, Nelly can help guide you. In one hour, you may learn how to simplify, let go, and savor the best things of your life. (You will also learn how to name and claim those best things.)

Sign up now to save your spot. Register for "Life vs. Stuff: Lighten Up & Live!" on Tuesday, online at vmavillages.vgcc.club and Clicking on **Register for Programs**. Or call the office at 408- 238-4029.



Nelly Cotto teaches you how to tame your stuff.



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Barbara Sunzeri

More CLUBS

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Dr Anthony Ea, Interventional Cardiologist presents for VMA. “AFib” Hearing that diagnosis can be scary, confusing, and overwhelming. You do not need to cower in fear. Instead learn the latest research and treatment recommendations from Dr. Anthony EA, DO, FACC on **Tuesday, October 22 at 11 a.m.** in **Montgomery Center.**

Dr. Ea is part of Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists in Mountain View. Worldwide, more than 33 million of us experience AFib, a complex heart condition. Common symptoms include irregular heartbeat, chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness and fatigue. These symptoms can mimic other conditions and can easily be dismissed as anxiety, lack of sleep, and “over doing it.” AFib increases the likelihood of a severe stroke by five times. An expert in heart health, Dr. Ea adds, “I believe in empowering my patients through active collaboration in each phase of treatment from diagnosis to treatment.” Come be empowered and educated. Register now for “AFib: Complex Heart Condition Simplified,” at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.



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Real Estate

What a different a couple of weeks make.

At this writing, 33 active listings for sale with only 9 pending sales. The tides can shift quickly. It appears to be a bit of a buyer’s market again. Hopefully buyers will be moving out of their homes and into the Villages before the holidays. If a loan is needed, now is the time.

Here is an on-the-ground update on the new real estate rules. I have been working with the new rules and forms. I have not seen any noticeable change in real estate cost or commissions, mainly just changes in the forms and procedures. My fellow Realtors are telling me that they are experiencing the same. There are new forms and a change in how fees are negotiated that is making the process a bit more complex, which makes it even more important to have a competent licensed agent working for you. Please feel free to contact me with any of your questions about the changes—or anything you would like to talk about!

This is the tough truth we will all have to face. I have helped many clients move on to assisted living or a family home. Their new living spaces are usually, much smaller than their current living space. No one wants to leave The Villages but a lot of us will get to that point where we need to downsize. Usually it is forced upon us by a medical condition or just purely old age. I have witnessed firsthand how hard it can be for people to let go of their possessions. Most would prefer that their children or relatives take them and are upset to find that the kids do not want their cherished items. I have a path to take and experience to share on how to downsize efficiently and move out in an organized fashion so that you can spend more time adjusting to a new way of life. With less to take care of you will have more time to enjoy the ones you love. I am happy to help Villagers with their journey into the next chapter or last chapter of their lives.



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Create Diamond Art at free Make and Take event

By Michael Sunzeri

Follow your nose to the Art room on **Tuesday, November 5** for a really super fun evening from **6 to 8 p.m.**

Diamond Art is too much fun and it’s addicting. Remember when you were a child, or older, and you did paint by numbers? Well, this art is a step or two above. It is popular and growing.

The Arts and Crafts Association will provide you with everything you need to make a beautiful piece to hang on your wall in your favorite place. Diamond Art comes in many forms and colorful choices to choose from. We will immerse you right away at a junior level and bypass the easy stuff. Basically, it is the same working method whether easy or difficult.



We encourage all Villagers to participate. We have room for 18 attendees. This is not just for Arts and Crafts members. You may even trade out your addiction of making puzzles to do this Diamond Art.

Your introduction to this growing art won’t match the Masters in the art world but it will certainly glisten and spice up and those empty spaces on your walls that you don’t know what to do with. As well, you can get started making Diamond Art as gifts for any age person or family member, man or woman, since there are numerous categories from flowers to hot rods and animals to choose from.

Do join us and get your seat for this evening and we will provide wine and refreshments as more enticement. If we get overbooked, we can always have another evening we can schedule for you. Please email barb.gottesman@gmail.com for reservations.

Create Wreaths with Stephanie Torres

In this Saturday afternoon workshop, Stephanie will show you how to create your own everlasting Christmas wreath!

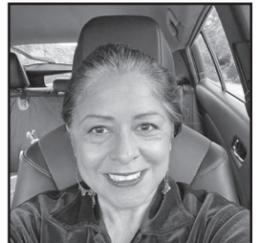


Join us on **Saturday, November 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The cost is \$30. All materials will be furnished. The class is limited to 10 students. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com by November 2.

Starting with a circular foundation and adding embellishments as you go, you will create a unique wreath for your house or for the house of a friend. This makes a great gift which can be personalized!

Stephanie shops madly for embellishments all year long and will pre-cut the stiff ribbons for your creating pleasure.

Sign up early because this class will fill up as quickly as her Pumpkins class did!



Slice of Humor



**Three golf clubs went into a bar.
The putter asked for a beer.
The wedge ordered tequila.
The third club said, “Nothing for me. I’m the driver.”**



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Your parents have passed and the thought of going through their belongings and cleaning out their home is overwhelming.

Organizers can help you take the first step of sorting through paperwork and or belongings. They help you determine what needs action, what to dispose of, and what needs to be stored in a system that can easily be retrieved. This can be especially helpful before meeting with your tax preparer. There are also resources that can manage bill paying when you feel you are no longer able.

Estate sale professionals help you clear out belongings that you no longer need or have room for. Having a partner to help make those tough decisions and manage the process may be just the initiative you need. These specialists plan and organize the sale, set prices, promote within the Villages rules, and help recycle, dispose of, or donate items that do not sell.

There are also relocation and liquidation firms that work with Villagers, families, and real estate agents to manage even more of the workload *and will be featured in our next Villager article.*

Stop by the SRS office, or call SRS at 408-239-5253, or e-mail SRS at villagesrs@sbcglobal.net and ask for the Organizers and Bookkeeping as well as Estate Sales / Moving & Relocation Services.

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.

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Do you have low vision or have trouble hearing? The California Telephone Access Program distributes free telephones and/or other telecommunications equipment to individuals certified as needing assistance using the telephone. There is no income limitation for this program. The SRS office has applications.

Go to cpuc.ca.gov/consumer-support and click on “equipment” to see what is available and click on “application” to print the application yourself.

Donate your unwanted used car to the VMA

Beep beep! What’s that car still doing in the garage after all these months? VMA Volunteer, Mary Kollar, would be happy to help you through the necessary steps to donate your car and garner a tax write off!

The car does not need to be in running order. A clear title and the keys are what we need. Mary will facilitate the towing and evaluation processes and ensure the tax write off form is provided by the third party VMA engages with, CARS of San Diego.

Give Mary (865-250-1521) or the VMA Office (408-238-4230) a call. All proceeds go to VMA (and it’s hassle free)!

Donate to the Warm Coat drive

By Toni Thunen

After a year hiatus since the last drive, there will be another coat drive and I hope you will be part of the effort to help keep those in need of warmth during the coming winter season.



The drive has started and will continue until December 13—ample time for you to look in your closets for coats and jackets that are extra or you have been thinking of replacing.

Please donate only items that are clean and not in need of repair. Men’s and women’s jackets and coats requested, but we will also accept jackets and coats no longer used by grandkids as well.

The location of the drive is 8345 Riesling Way in The Villages.

If you have donations but are unable to drive, please call Toni at 408 809-4856 for pickup.

More CLUBS

Go far with watercolor in Mixed Media class

In Doug Canepa’s new class in Watercolor Plus Mixed Media, he will teach traditional watercolor and also simple techniques that will enhance students’ ability to produce their own artwork. Adding mixed media to watercolor may help students develop their own style beyond basic watercolor. Three Open Studio days are included for students to work on projects with Doug’s individual attention.



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

Join Doug for this exciting class on **Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 and December 4** from **10 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Cribari Center Art Room. Doug will skip the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The fee for this class is \$70.

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

Join the fun and explore the possibilities by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. Student fees, with a check made out to Doug, are due to Barb one week before class begins.

Senior Academy: ‘Give my regards to Broadway’

By Arlene Versaw

Giants of Broadway—such as Mary Martin, Julie Andrews, Ethel Merman, John Raitt, and Broadway’s most popular shows like “Oklahoma,” “My Fair Lady,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “West Side Story,” will grace Foothill Center in Senior Academy’s presentation of “The Golden Age of Broadway.”

This is an ode to Old Broadway from 1940-1970 presented by a highly successful vocalist/actress/lecturer and it makes for a wildly enticing way to spend a couple of hours on a Fall afternoon. Presenter Deborah Rosengaus will use actual show film clips to relate the history of one of America’s best-loved forms of entertainment—live theater.

These are the shows we grew up with, with toe-tapping music, great acting and exceptional raw talent. Rosengaus is a highly successful vocalist with impressive credentials who is fortunate to have an inside view of what constitutes great showmanship. She has appeared in opera and with symphonies throughout the Bay Area and has lectured at various colleges, including Santa Clara University - Osher.

The event on **Wednesday, November 6, is from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.** at Foothill Center and is free to Villages residents. Please register at VillagesSA.org.

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SPORTS NEWS

PICKLEBALL



Donna Quartaro with the Sunday pickleball group.

Meet Karen Ruth!

By Karen Ruth

"Get up, get up, get up!" "Good return!" "Play up or play back!" "You can't make points if you don't get your serve in!" "Move your feet!" "Get back into position!"

This is what you hear at the drop in Novice Instructional play group, all said with a smile and in an encouraging tone. It is obvious that Donna Quartaro was a teacher professionally; she states "teaching is in by blood."

Donna is very motivating for the novices and beginners that she and Larry Martinson have been working with since the pickleball courts opened in 2020. It is fun to watch her coach the drop-in group, as she has so much positive energy and enthusiasm. I asked some of the players what they thought of her, and it was all glowing. "She's the best. I wouldn't still be coming to the group if it wasn't for Donna." "Amazing, wonderful, great attitude, very encouraging, always cheerful." "Great, patient, very good teacher, she makes things fun—we love her."

Donna loves to work with everyone, especially with people who have never held a paddle or played a racquet sport before and have no idea how to hit a ball or move on a court, which she estimates to be 2/3 of the novice players. She believes people may be afraid to play because they have heard they could get injured.

There are players with all kinds of disabilities and mobility issues and "it is our job to teach them how to play safely and use proper footwork so they don't get hurt. Most of all we are here to have fun." Donna is a skills person and she is great at imparting these skills to beginners. These players become friends, start booking courts together and having more fun. Donna has a wide variety of pickleball friends that she has met over the years and has taught the joy of the game to many of us, we are grateful to have her in the club!



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SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Tuesday was Shoni's Captain's Trophy golf. This was the last one of 2024 as our golf year runs November 1 to October 31. So we had 21 golfers who came out trying to get some great scores. Four golfers did just that. Our latest Club Champion managed to get the lowest gross today. So congratulations to Manoli Kelly for getting the low gross Trophy with her gross of 38. Our low net winner today, with a net of 23, was Robin Fish. We also had two newcomers who managed to beat both Trophy winners and will get to share the Newcomers Trophy. Amy Lo had a gross of 35 beating Manoli and Elena Johal had a net of 21 beating Robin. Hope you can continue these kinds of scores when you finish your 20 games. Congratulations to all four of you.



Manoli with her Captain's Trophy for low gross.



Robin Fish with her Captain's Trophy for low net.

Putting for Pesos had three winners today who were Jonna Robinson, Kathy Tanaka and Schinae Ogihara. Look for that extra dollar in your sweeps envelope in December.

Today's birdies were Betty Hall on #9 and Amy Lo on #2. Three more weeks to get some October birdies. Who's going to get the next birdie? Someone new?

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE



Captain's Trophy winners Mazie Rice and Jini Kang

By Vicki Krattli

The weather is starting to take on some of the attributes of fall, with warm days and cool nights and we are still lucky enough to enjoy golf and friendships as others in our nation battle difficult winter like storms. The people that care for our course are hard at work preparing it for the winter ahead while still letting us play the game we love. Come spring, the course will be beautiful and our game will be honed to shoot low scores. Looking at the scores from this week it looks like many of you already have your game in good shape.

Congratulations to our Captain's Trophy winners for October:

Front 9—Mazie Rice with Net 36, **Back 9**—Jini Kang with Net 33

Other winners this week include:

Front 9 Flight 1—Maziebelle Rice followed by Laura Rodriguez, Barbara Weisend and Gisele Barber

Front 9 Flight 2—Alice Glazer followed by Karen Carlson, Linda Curyea and Betty Garcia

Back 9 Flight 1—Jini Kang followed by Joyce Mukuno, Emily Li and Kathleen Pennington

Back 9 Flight 2—Karen Kosmala followed by Song Cho, Nancy Dawn and Nancy Carson

Well done to everyone who played and navigated punched greens and fairways.

Next Tuesday is our second exchange of the year "Fall Foursome" and it's full! We have half the ladies coming in from all over the Bay Area. It's going to be a fun tournament and the payouts per team are generous. See you all there.

Also...be sure to sign up for the Halloween tournament coming up October 29. Pam and Sheryl have put together a fun game and we will be paying out top 5 places on both front and back. Sign up online as usual.

Tuesday, October 22, 8:45 a.m.—Swingers Golf / No Sweeps

Tuesday, October 29, 8:45 a.m.—Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Halloween Tournament

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TENNIS TALK

By Tim Keys

New Tennis Club members. Fantastic enthusiasm. Pro and legendary coaching. Practices, drills. Tournaments. Leagues. Oh my! That adds up to a *lot* of competitive *fun*! This is the only way to develop a great tennis player. More often than not, as with golfing, tennis development starts with saying the words, "I'm in." In The Villages tennis community, the "I'm in"s are continually developing. Just as soon as the pandemic lifted I said I'm in, walked into a Tennis Club Open House and subsequent Jumpstart program with my long basketball shorts and basketball shoes and a 30 year old aluminum racket? Why? Because there is no basketball here at The Villages, but I still wanted to play an active sport. Hardly a match played in my life, I knew *nothing* about tennis.

At a bump over 60, here I am developing what I had believed was a young athlete's sport. At Open House Peggy Siedel, Sharon Benz, and Betty Olsen talked to a *big* group of new tennis club players for a few minutes, then they introduced Villager pro Brett Foreman to the new club members. I can't remember all he spoke about, but what I do remember was his words "I've played with them all, the best and the beginners. I've coached them all, the best and the beginners." Really? Then if I hadn't cemented my "I'm all in", then it was done right there on the spot! If a pro is going to take time with me, then he's got to be *really* patient.

I began with taking lessons from Brett, going and swinging my racket at Jumpstart gatherings with big names like Mike Tuft, Gail Tuft, Roy Pennington, Peggy Siedel, Sharon Benz and others, oh my! The talent blew my mind. These players are *really* good. Lolivic Shaw would call wanting me in a match (she's a USTA rated player and I wasn't) and I accepted her challenges. Then I started playing in Villages tournaments and matches with so many Villagers. Matches, practices, lessons, enthusiasm, more practices, more matches, you get the picture. Now, with the support of *all* the tennis club players I'm hoping the wave from basketball to tennis. But one thing was still missing, the competitive level play (for myself and many new tennis club members) with outside USTA ranked players.

So in the spring of this year I gathered the help of assistant coach Marty Funcell and Brett Foreman to start a new Villager USTA 6.5 team so that us young (to tennis) players could begin play in nationally ranked matches. Off to a new start we put together a long summer of Round Robin Matches for training our new team, the first of its kind at the Villages. It was the missing gap in the USTA challenge matches the Villages often fields every year, as the competitive mix of club members now engages youths (that's us!) at various levels.

The Villages new Men's 6.5 team is now a vision come true, as we are currently in the upper standings of our current USTA league! The team players are currently enjoying a new venue, and some have joined the competitive matches for their first time ever with this new team! As an example of our high level of play, new tennis club player Jayme Dickson last week entered his second ever nationally ranked match, and played head-to-toe against an opponent who has played over 600 nationally ranked matches! He very nearly came away with a victory in the Tiebreaker! That is an incredible feat, Jayme! Kudos to you.

Come and join the Villages Tennis Club, as you will enjoy many great matches and you will most definitely meet a large group of really nice tennis players who will be guaranteed to play at your level! You will have all the support you need to exceed your own expectations in your new game!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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.



Patrick J. Barber

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 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 24, 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 Veteran's Day Tournament on **Saturday, November 9**. The format is four-man teams, 2BB, Play 6 - #2 Tees, 6 - #3 Tees and 6 - #4 Tee. Hole assigned on scorecard.

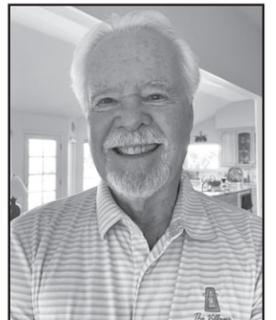
In honor of our veterans who have done so much for us, the VMGC will be raising donations for the Wounded Warrior Project. Please help and contribute to this incredibly important cause!

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.



Bill Johnston

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18-HOLE WOMEN

By Chris Leisy

After a week of over 100-degree weather it finally cooled down and we had a perfect day for golf. It was a normal sweeps day.

First flight, low gross: Monica Saneholtz. 1st. Vicki Krattli, 2nd. Kathleen Holt

Second flight, low gross: Jini Chang. 1st. Jan Mahoney, 2nd. Hyong Pau, 3rd: Judy Owen.

Third flight, low net: Diana Hallock. 1st. Maxine Amundsen. 2nd. Kathy Kyne.

2 tee flight, low gross: Gisele Barber. 1st. Delma Juarez. 2nd. Janis Kiernan. 3rd: Barbara Weisend.

Chip ins: Kathleen Holt #16, Lila Esfahani #12, Susie Q Conklin #10.

Birdies: Helen Varenkamp #2, Hyong Pau #18.

On October 17 at lunch after golf, the nominating committee announced the **2025 slate of Candidates:**

Captain: Helen Varenkamp, **Co-Captain:** Maziebelle Rice, **Co-Tournament:** Susan Anderson, **Co-Handicap:** Janice Mahoney, **Co-play day:** Michelle Chung, **Membership:** Diane Doughty.

The election is during our Fall General Meeting on November 7, 2024 following Captain's Trophy play.

Continuing officers are: **Secretary:** Mary Wagle, **Treasurer:** Gloria Landry, **Play Day:** Cindy Fuller, **Tournament:** Millie Ann Schwerin, **Handicap:** Marky Olsen, **Rules:** Vicki Krattli, **Director of Mediation:** Barbara Nilsen.

Guest Day is on October 24. It's not too late to sign up. Invite a 9 hole woman, a Villager, or an outside friend. They must have an official handicap index. They will be two flights: member-member and member-guest. Sign up on Cobalt or the Pro Shop.

October 31 is the Halloween tournament. Vicki Krattli and Donna Quartaro have a fun day planned so don't miss it.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024, was partly cloudy with mild temperatures for a nice change. Sixteen Ironmen played.

There was a three-way tie for **Third Place** between Chuck Benjamin, Larry Dorsey, and Dave Hathaway, all with net 28s; Walter Lucas and Hiei Takazawa shared **Second Place** with net 27s; and Joe Alarcon won **First Place** with a 3 under par net 24.

There were no **Birdies** today.

Jim White won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 8 at 15 feet, 3 inches.

Joe Alarcon and Dave Hathaway shared **Low Gross** with 32s.

Joe Alarcon and Dave Hathaway shared **Golfer of the Day** honors: Joe with low gross and a first place finish, and Dave Hathaway with low gross and a third place finish. 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:

"His nerve, his memory, and I can't remember the third thing," on the three things an aging golfer loses, according to Lee Trevino, winner of six Major Championships

"One lesson you better learn if you want to be in politics is that you never go out on a golf course and beat the President."
- Lyndon Johnson, 36th president of the United States

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

October and November Golf Schedule

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

Friday, November 1 – Night Golf Glow Ball Event – 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Shotguns on the Par-3 Course

Saturday, November 2 – 18-Hole Women's Saturday Golf Tournament 8:30 a.m. Tee Times

Saturday, November 2 – Villages Korean Golf Club – 12:30 p.m. Tee Times

Sunday, November 3 – San Jose State Alumni Fundraiser – 1 p.m. tee Times

Saturday, November 9 – Men's Club Veteran's Tournament 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day – 7 a.m. Tee Times – Pro Shop & Driving Range closed 1 p.m.

New & Fun Golf Event – Glow Ball Night Golf! Come out and enjoy the 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. **Sign up now at the Pro Shop.** Don't miss this first ever night golf event at The Villages!

Daylight Savings ends November 3—The Golf Winter Schedule starts that week. The Pro Shop and golf play hours of operation will be adjusted around the resultant constricted daylight hours.

The Monday shotgun will move to 12 p.m.

The Driving Range close at 2 p.m. on Mondays.

The Swingers Tuesday 9-Hole Women's shotgun will move to 9 a.m.

The Shonis Par-3 women will move to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

The Ironmen Par-3 men will move to 1 p.m. on Thursdays.

The Pinseekers Men's 9-hole Club Friday tee times start at Noon.

Fall Maintenance Schedule

Fairway aeration will continue through October 25.

Fall Overseeding will continue through November 30.

Fairway Sand Top-Dressing will start October 25 and continue through November 11.

During these processes we will move to 6-inch relief, Pick-Clean-Place, no nearer the hole on the holes that are completed.

Maintenance Projects on the Golf Course

1. 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.

2. 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— Tiger's 2 Tees Putting Drill

(Continued on next page)

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

What a joy to get to the first tee and see temperatures in the low 70s. A gentle breeze and mostly dry fairways and greens. The grass was in prime condition following the annual aeration done last week.

Twelve players teed up at hole number one starting at 12:03. While our putting was not up to the standard that we had set over the last two months, five members finished at hole number 9 with scores ranging from 36 to 38. It's always nice to finish a round shooting at, or very near par, your course handicap. Coming in, at the top of the heap, Jerry Juracich had a Net Par, 36; in second spot with a Net 38 was Mario Silva. Just one stroke back of Mario found three, Pinseekers carding Net 38, Martin Hoek, Chuck Benjamin, and Ron Speer, each securing third place points and sweeps. As we have no upcoming scheduled days off until after the New Year let's hope for continued good weather and a strong turnout from our membership.

As mentioned above, overall weaker than normal putting performances were rampant, however, Jerry Juracich and Martin Hoek each finished with 17 putts. Good job, gentlemen.

Reading about humor on the golf course I ran across this comment from an unknown source that reminded me of the seventies and playing golf in Texas, "If you're not wearing plaid pants, you're probably not taking golf seriously enough."



WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT®

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Veterans Day tournament Saturday, November 9, 2024

In Honor of our Wounded Warriors

Wounded Warrior Project – Donations (Cash or Check) will be taken prior to the 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at a table next to the coffee/donuts.

Please give generously and make checks payable to: The Villages Men's Golf Club.

Donate to Help Our Veterans — Wounded Warrior Project not only values donations from our community—they depend on them. WWP provides life-changing programs and services to warriors and veterans at no cost to them. They are only able to do this thanks to help from generous people like you. When you support wounded warriors and veterans through donations, you are assuring they receive the physical and mental support that they need to thrive.

Donations are an impactful way to provide assistance to our warriors.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, will change lives!

Thank you so much in advance,

Doug Moore, Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Chairman



SCOREBOARD

From The Pro... (Continued from page 20)

Remember how Tiger used to bang in those 5-foot putts with authority and never miss? I do, it was something to watch in his heyday! The reason he was able to do this is simple... confidence. A great way to gain confidence on short putts is to use Tiger's 2 tee drill. Place 2 tees just outside the width of your putter-head and simply putt through the gate. This will show you if your putter is square when you set up (perpendicular to the tees); and will also show you if you return to the ball with a square stroke (not hitting the tees on through stroke). Try this simple drill and let us know how it works. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email sssteel@the-villages.com**

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, October 9

Sylvia Rozewicz 116
Sandy Gardiner 218
Kitty Heston 230

Friday, October 11

Dennis Webb 234
Kit Hultquist 241
Audrey Osuna 290
Maribeth Berlie 333

BOCCE

Fall Round Robin Week #2

Monday 10 a.m. (win/loss)

UBocceU 1-3
Crazy "8"s 3-1
Ball Busters 2-2

Lawn & Order 0-4
Goomba's 2-2
Agitators 4-0

Monday 12:30 p.m.

Momma Mia 1-3
Bocce Rascals 2-2

Lotsa Bocce 2-2
Bloodbath & Beyond 3-1

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Bocce Pals 2-2
Bocce Bowlers 2-0
Crazy Ladies 2-2

La Bocce Vita 3-1
Baabooloos 3-1
Hot Shots 1-1

Wednesday 12:30 p.m.

Breakfast Club 2-2
Team DeBoccery 4-0

Straight Shooters 2-0
Charlie's Angels 0-2

Wednesday 3 p.m.

Game of Throws 2-0
Balls, Sweat & Tears 1-1

Rolling Rock 0-2
The Seven & One 1-1

Thursday 10 a.m.

Lady Bugs & Bull Frogs 2-0
Bocce & Gabanna 2-0
Kings 0-4

Gals & Guys Bashers 1-1
Sweet Rollers 0-2
Warriors 1-1

Thursday 3 p.m.

Bocce Beatles 1-1
Chewbocces

2 Be Reckoned With 1-1
Merry Bocce Band

SHONIS

Monday, October 8

All Nets

Flight One:

1. Amy Lo 22
2. Manoli Kelly 25
3. Tied - Joyce Baptiste, Judy Rogers and Pauline Robertson 36

Flight Two:

1. Robin Fish 23
2. Peggy White 25
3. Jonna Robinson 28

Flight Three:

1. Elena Johal 21
2. Tied Julianna Wahlgren and Schinae Ogihara 24
3. Rose Loy 26

BRIDGE



Wednesday, October 9:

1. Ed Logg – Guest
2. Art Lind - Lorrie Scott
- 3/4. Mary LeGrand - Louann Partridge; Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Friday, October 11:

1. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
2. Louann Partridge - Lorrie Scott
3. Mary LeGrand - Guest



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Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Friday | 9 a.m. Catholic Mass | Cribari |
| | First three Fridays of each month | |
| | Contact: Louise Connors | 408-221-6485 |
| Friday | 7:00 p.m. Jewish Shabbat | Foothill |
| | Next date: November 15 | |
| | Contact: Marilyn Goldsmith | 732-672-8601 |

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

EPISCOPAL

‘Nice to meet you!’

By The Rev. Joel P. Miller

I’m the new kid on the block and would love to introduce myself to you. Actually, I’m not a kid. I’m a senior like you and I am a semi-retired Episcopal Priest. I’ve been leading worship at The Villages for over a year. We call it Trinity Episcopal Chapel and we meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m. every Sunday (except when there is a fifth Sunday). I imagine I have seen many of you in the Clubhouse on Sundays where we gather to have breakfast and fellowship after church. We are an affiliate of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown San Jose. In the half hour before our services the Montgomery Center is transformed into a beautiful chapel, replete with an altar, candles and a large cross made by a former congregant who is no longer with us.

If you are interested in discovering spiritual resources for life in the senior stage of life, we might be the group that you are looking for. We follow the Anglican traditions in our worship but our hearts and minds are widely ecumenical. So come join us. We’d love to meet you.



VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish Services—upcoming dates

Services will be led by Rabbi Laurie Matzkin and will be held at Foothill Center.

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

Hanukah—Sunday, December 29 Time TBD

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

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at 10 a.m., October 28 at Vineyard. 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

‘Measure of Greatness’

By Deacon Joe Cabrido

In today’s gospel, the apostles are irritated at hearing James and John ask Jesus for a prominent place alongside him. It seemed that the brothers’ criteria for greatness was their status with Jesus or what people would think of them. Jesus uses this moment to teach us what greatness means to God, saying “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.”

Jesus overturns the criteria of what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend on their role in life, their work, or how much money they have. God measures greatness and success differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but what someone gives. He’s telling us, “Do you want to be first? Do you want to be great?” Then go serve others.

Our faithfulness to God depends on our willingness to serve. The more we serve, the more we become aware of God’s presence, the better we feel, and the more like Jesus we become.

Each one of us has our own definition of success because it is entirely subjective and shaped by our personal experiences and values. When I was much younger, my measure of success was status and wealth, but thanks to God, that no longer holds water for me. We just need to remember that in God’s eyes, success is measured not by what someone has, but by what someone gives. It is never too late to live our lives this way.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘It’s Time for Meat’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

I remember growing up when my mother fed my younger brother from the table. He was an infant who graduated from Gerber baby food. The food was nourishing but not satisfying to a growing baby who had tasted seasoned food from the table. Life can be unsettling for babies when they are not getting enough of the right foods. They become satisfied for the moment but they don’t have the right nutrition to give them enough strength required for endurance.

My mother did not have baby food or a grinder during those days, so she did what any poor mother would do. Her method was a little unorthodox, but this is how she fed her hungry child. She chewed the food first to make it palatable for the baby’s consumption and fed him from her mouth with her hand. One could say that it was like a mother bird feeding her hungry, awaiting fledglings.

Healthy teeth are required for humans to be able to break down their food to consume, especially meat. If you are given meat and you have few teeth, it makes it difficult to break down enough to swallow and you can easily choke.

Sometimes, when conveying the truth to some individuals, you realize they cannot receive it and grow. For some to accept the solid facts about life, you must make it palatable for them. This is like the way my mother chose to feed some of us. She would break it down so that it would be palatable and easier for us to swallow.

On the other hand, some people are satisfied with the Gerber baby food process. All you need to do is open your mouth and swallow, and there is little effort involved as opposed to sinking your teeth in and breaking it down for consumption. At some point baby food is good, but not enough to build a robust, healthy, and mature body.

Today, more than ever, there is a great need for individuals to exercise wisdom and care for each other. As Christians, we all know what it’s like to be imperfect and need affirmation. This shared experience should make it easier for us to empathize with one another, to connect on a deeper level, and to show compassion in our faith.

Our journey from milk to meat concerns spiritual growth, maturity, and the strength to withstand adversity. But at its core, it’s about understanding God’s word. This understanding empowers us, gives us the discernment to exercise the truth under duress, and guides us on our path to spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 5:15-16: “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

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)

FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

The San Francisco Bay region has been a hot spot of human activity long before events were recorded. Our beautiful Evergreen area was part of all that and first became documented in recorded history at the outset of the Spanish Mission period in the 1780s when what we know today as Evergreen became part of a huge Spanish land grant called Rancho Yerba Buena or Rancho Socayre—a 24,332-acre plot of land between Coyote Creek and our Diablo Range foothills.

This series will attempt to gather some of the history that affected our present day Evergreen district during the Spanish, Mexican and post Gold Rush eras.

The Roots of Evergreen installments will be published in *The Villager* the third week of every month and collected in *The Villager Online* under a new History heading.

This month's installment is about pioneer rancher John McCarty.

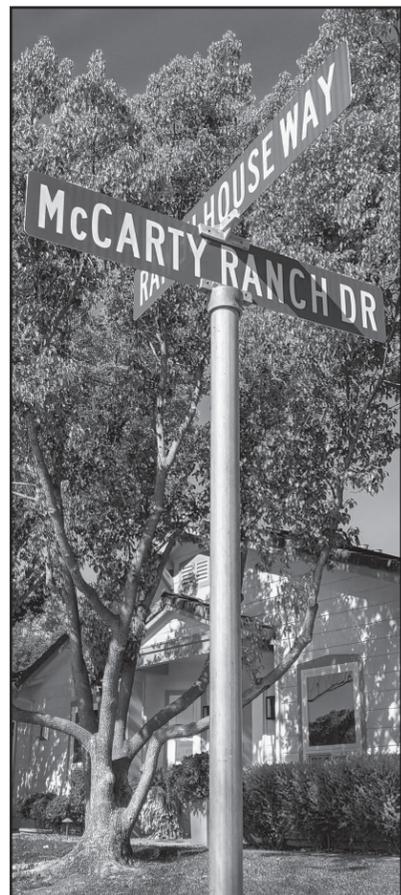
History of the Evergreen area

Pioneer rancher John McCarty

History never seems to completely evaporate, it tends to seep into the fabric of the community; leaving fragments of the past in the old ruins, the trees, landforms and in the names of streets and places. Today's maps of San Jose's Evergreen district reflect many of the names of local historical figures and features.

To name a few instances, McCarty Ranch Drive was named after the Irishman who purchased part of the original Spanish Rancho Yerba Buena. Wehner Way commemorates German immigrant William Wehner who first established the original winery, vineyards and built the mansion that he named Lomas Azules and his estate called Villa Vista.

Cribari Village and its web of streets bear the surname of the later owners of the vineyard, the Cribari family, who were vintners and Villages pioneers. Other streets describe the ambiance of the picturesque vineyard and orchards, such as Fruit Barn Way, Olive Grove Way, Grape Wagon Circle, Vineyard Ridge Place etc.—not to mention the streets named after wines and grapes.

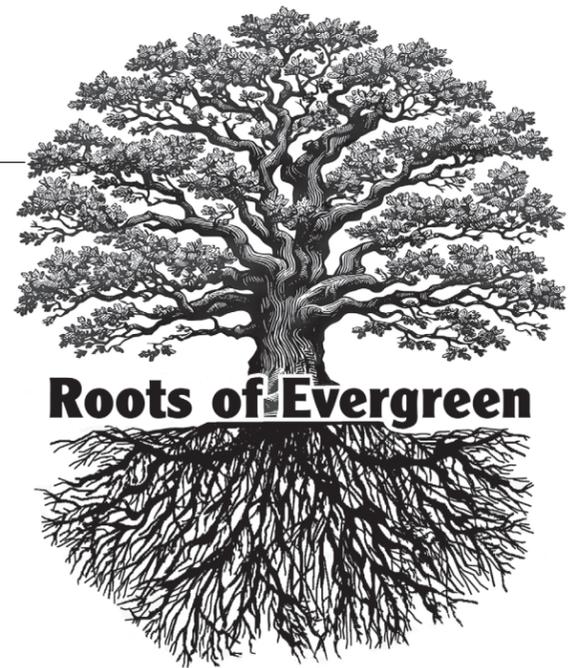


Not too far down the hill, Yerba Buena Road, a middle school and a transit bus yard bear the name of the original Spanish land grant and the owner, Anthony Chaboya. Rancho Yerba Buena (or Socayre) was more than 24,000 acres and contained most of Evergreen and a large portion of San Jose's east side. In fact, until recently, there were Chaboya descendants still with the family name living at The Villages.

Most Californians are aware of the history that began at the time of the Gold Rush. Many of those who flocked into the state during that time enriched themselves on the wealth gained from those turbulent times. The Native Americans, the Spanish land grant holders and other holdovers from the Spanish and Mexican periods eventually had to yield to the great population influx of the 1850s.

The Santa Clara Valley of the nineteenth century, with its quicksilver mines and mills, incredibly rich agricultural land carpeted with orchards, fields and a burgeoning canning industry, came of age as the state boomed after the irreversible social upheaval of the Gold Rush. The 1860s saw radical change and fast-paced development never before seen in California.

John McCarty was a part of that social change sweeping the state in the mid-century. An Irish immigrant, McCarty came to California in 1853, very likely attracted by the tales of unbelievable wealth. After working in the gold camps and then doing odd jobs in numerous places, he and wife, Mary, made their way to the Santa Clara Valley in 1862 and purchased a piece of Chaboya's huge rancho. The land where The Villages golf course and surrounding homes exist now was hillside cattle grazing land—called chapparal. McCarty set up a ranching operation and began raising stock and growing hay and grain. McCarty became a resident of the remote hamlet that existed in the Evergreen district. It was the usual small rural community one might expect, with a store, blacksmith shop, village hall and schools and churches. The name Evergreen harkened back to the abundant stands of oak



that covered the local hills. There are a few ancient oaks within The Villages still standing. McCarty maintained his large ranch for as long as he was physically able before entertaining the thought of selling it.

Ernest Wehner, who lived in San Jose since the 1860s, perhaps heard word of the possibility of some land opening up and solicited the interest of his brother William Wehner, a Milwaukee entrepreneur who made a tidy fortune producing panorama paintings for public viewing. (Panoramas were large paintings wound around spools that allowed the painting to be unrolled in front of a viewing audience—sort of a precursor to our modern movie theaters.)

The Wehners laid plans for establishing a winery and orchard on this picturesque hillside land. McCarty's ranch was fed by two springs that yielded an estimated 8,000 to 20,000 gallons of sweet water a day.

Rich land, ideal climate and fresh water—the perfect conditions for a winery. In September 1887, German Immigrant and then Chicago businessman, William Wehner paid \$27.85 per acre for 718 hillside acres. He shelled out a sum of about \$20,000 to John and Mary McCarty for their grazing land and fields. Apparently the McCarty's were well on in age, and having no children, they were unable to keep up with the work required on such a large ranch. John McCarty died in 1891 and Mary in 1899.

The Roots of Evergreen series will be published the third week of each month and posted in The Villager Online. The next article will feature William Wehner and his significant role in the history of The Villages. We hope you enjoy these installments of our local history.

EVERGREEN VILLAGES FOUNDATION



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Maintenance Activities

Landscape Maintenance

• **General Maintenance Schedule (General weed control, pruning, and cleaning)**

BellaVista, the new landscape contractor, has officially begun service. See maps and outline of the vendor's various activities for October on *The Villager Online*. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

• **Pest Control**

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Glen Arden, Highland, Valle Vista—occurred on 10/14.

(Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%). The treatment scheduled for 10/21 has been rescheduled to the week of 10/28.

Additional information about that appointment will be provided in next week's report.

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

• **Watering Schedule**

The watering schedule has been changed to accommodate the new mowing schedule. The watering is still happening three times a week. Public works will provide an updated schedule

• **Beta Sites/Non-functional turf conversions** – The Villages entry along Sonata/Del Lago in progress.

Association Maintenance

If your village is not listed below, there is not a large-scale project occurring within your community. However, Public Works continues to address ongoing standard maintenance and landscape requests within each village.

• **Village Glen Arden**—The roof replacement project is still ongoing.

• **Village Valle Vista**—Fire Hardening Project delayed.

o For clarification and as accurately reported on notices distributed throughout Village Valle Vista –“During the start of the project, Posey Design & Construction informed management the majority existing vent holes needed to be modified to fit the new Vulcan Plug. Additionally, the original vents received from the manufacturer were sent as louvered and not screened. As a result, Ryan Bell met with Posey Design and Construction and created a revised plan to install and complete the vent project.”

o Schedule—A revised schedule will be provided to all residents in the village upon receipt of the new and correct mesh vents from the manufacturer

• **Village Del Lago**—A forensic roofing inspection will occur on October 23 and October 24. The roof inspection's purpose is to examine the existing roof condition to best predict the roof replacement timing. The Public Works team along with a collection of vendors will conduct a random sampling of the 54 buildings in Del Lago. Roof tiles in the selected areas will be removed to examine the condition of the building paper and bat-ten underneath the tiles. Notices will be distributed to the specifically selected building residents and impacted units next week.

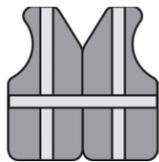
Maintenance Project Notice:

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

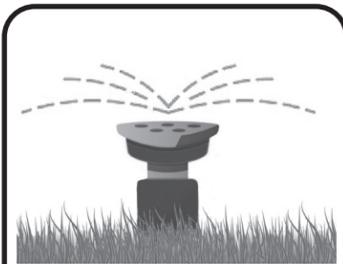
VMA offers free safety vests

It's important to be seen! Evening darkness approaches earlier and earlier these days. Please be sure you are protecting yourself and Villages drivers by wearing bright clothing while walking during dawn or dusk.

Bright yellow/green reflective vests are available through the VMA free of charge to our residents. Stop by and pick up a complimentary vest at the VMA office in Cribari. Our office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday.



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Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

BellaVista—new landscaping services partner—greet Villagers

On day two of its three-year contract with The Villages, the BellaVista team welcomed Villagers to two company-hosted town halls.

Both the 10 a.m. and the 3 p.m. sessions provided food and beverages that complemented a well-received presentation. President Brian Moore and Senior Vice Presidents Matt Moore and Kimberly Daga introduced Villagers to BellaVista's 160-member team, its family-owned heritage, and a comprehensive year-round plan on how the team will serve our community.

More than 200 members attended and asked thoughtful questions about specific resident yards to broader inquiries that covered irrigation, yearly pruning, and landscape beautification. Some of the top praises came at the announcement of the use of electrical equipment and the team's overall knowledge and approach to landscape—consideration of plants' individual growth, soil nutrition, seasonal care, and each village's unique needs. The over two-hour engagement succeeded in the BellaVista team getting to know its largest client and The Villages members giving an approved nod to what's to come with its new landscape services partner.

BellaVista will be hosting community engagement workshops and holding more Town Halls throughout the year to stay connected to The Villages community. Please look for the publication of these upcoming events in *The Villager*, both in print and online.



Top: Both town halls were well attended.

Above: BellaVista Senior VPs Kimberly Daga and Matt Moore.



Left: BellaVista President Brian Moore.

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Our latest recommendations:

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Peg passed away during surgery on September 18, 2024. She will be sorely missed by her partner of 47 years, Carol Patterson.

She was a recent Villages resident for the last 6 months—she loved to golf, play bocce and generally have a good time. She was a lawyer and is survived by her brothers Rick and Carl Zeidler in Minneapolis and nephew Mike Woll of Truckee.

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Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

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| Status | Street Address | Total Sq.Ft. | Beds | Bths | List Price | DOM | Sale \$ | \$/Per. SqFt | Close Date |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------|------|------|-------------|-----|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Active | 7606 Halladale Court | 1,751 | 2 | 2 1 | \$1,199,000 | 46 | | \$684.75 | |
| Active | 3355 Lake Lesina Drive | 1,679 | 2 | 2 0 | \$1,025,000 | 3 | | \$610.48 | |
| Active | 3123 Lake Trasimeno Drive | 1,855 | 2 | 2 0 | \$997,000 | 59 | | \$537.47 | |
| Active | 8673 French Oak Drive | 1,675 | 2 | 2 0 | \$949,888 | 38 | | \$567.10 | |
| Active | 2022 Carignan Way | 1,746 | 3 | 2 0 | \$925,000 | 68 | | \$529.78 | |
| Active | 3337 Lake Albano Circle | 1,776 | 2 | 2 1 | \$899,000 | 38 | | \$506.19 | |
| Active | 7692 Galloway Drive | 1,751 | 2 | 2 1 | \$875,000 | 110 | | \$499.71 | |
| Active | 8669 French Oak Drive | 1,582 | 3 | 2 0 | \$869,999 | 4 | | \$549.94 | |
| Active | 8461 Traminer Court | 1,646 | 2 | 2 0 | \$819,988 | 49 | | \$498.17 | |
| Active | 7556 Morevern Circle | 1,509 | 2 | 2 0 | \$799,888 | 17 | | \$530.08 | |
| Active | 5176 Cribari Knolls | 1,402 | 2 | 2 0 | \$795,000 | 6 | | \$567.05 | |
| Active | 3324 Lake Albano Circle | 1,184 | 2 | 2 0 | \$775,000 | 26 | | \$654.56 | |
| Active | 8351 Charbono Court | 1,646 | 2 | 2 0 | \$768,000 | 66 | | \$466.59 | |
| Active | 7645 Falkirk Drive | 1,307 | 2 | 2 0 | \$755,000 | 5 | | \$577.66 | |
| Active | 8408 Chenin Blanc Lane | 1,497 | 2 | 2 0 | \$749,889 | 60 | | \$500.93 | |
| Active | 6213 Wehner Way | 1,340 | 2 | 2 0 | \$749,000 | 36 | | \$558.96 | |
| Active | 7574 Portree Drive | 1,509 | 2 | 2 0 | \$735,000 | 13 | | \$487.08 | |
| Active | 6340 Whaley | 1,496 | 2 | 2 0 | \$729,000 | 17 | | \$487.30 | |
| Active | 8513 Fume Blanc Court | 1,370 | 2 | 2 0 | \$729,000 | 60 | | \$532.12 | |
| Active | 7335 Via Laguna | 1,442 | 2 | 2 0 | \$724,988 | 90 | | \$502.77 | |
| Active | 7334 Via Laguna | 1,442 | 2 | 2 0 | \$724,988 | 124 | | \$502.77 | |
| Active | 7248 Via Mimosa | 1,386 | 2 | 2 0 | \$722,888 | 51 | | \$521.56 | |
| Active | 8457 Traminer Court | 1,497 | 2 | 2 0 | \$679,000 | 42 | | \$453.57 | |
| Active | 5036 Cribari Vale | 1,240 | 2 | 2 0 | \$620,000 | 26 | | \$500.00 | |
| Active | 5344 Cribari Dell | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$550,000 | 18 | | \$449.71 | |
| Active | 5184 Cribari Knolls | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$539,800 | 5 | | \$441.37 | |
| Active | 5066 Cribari Bluffs | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$535,000 | 36 | | \$437.45 | |
| Active | 5146 Cribari Place | 1,240 | 2 | 2 0 | \$525,000 | 12 | | \$423.39 | |
| Active | 5403 Cribari Court | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$525,000 | 38 | | \$429.27 | |
| Active | 5084 Cribari Bluff | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$514,950 | 78 | | \$421.05 | |
| Active | 5398 Cribari Crest | 1,223 | 2 | 2 0 | \$485,000 | 137 | | \$396.57 | |
| Active | 5516 Cribari Bnd | 947 | 1 | 1 0 | \$430,000 | 12 | | \$454.07 | |
| Sold | 5042 Cribari | 947 | 1 | 1 0 | \$499,000 | 10 | \$499,000 | \$526.93 | 9/13/2024 |
| Sold | 7805 Prestwick Circle | 1,265 | 2 | 2 0 | \$689,000 | 96 | \$681,000 | \$538.34 | 9/9/2024 |
| Sold | 8366 Riesling Way | 1,646 | 2 | 2 0 | \$718,700 | 43 | \$695,000 | \$422.24 | 9/10/2024 |
| Sold | 7015 Via Valverde | 1,837 | 3 | 2 0 | \$748,888 | 117 | \$715,000 | \$389.22 | 9/13/2024 |
| Sold | 7386 Via Laguna | 1,568 | 2 | 2 0 | \$749,000 | 54 | \$735,000 | \$468.75 | 9/11/2024 |
| Sold | 7222 Via Sendero | 1,588 | 2 | 2 0 | \$748,800 | 99 | \$748,800 | \$471.54 | 9/20/2024 |
| Sold | 8448 Traminer Court | 1,497 | 2 | 2 0 | \$839,000 | 5 | \$840,000 | \$561.12 | 9/9/2024 |
| Sold | 7045 Via Valverde | 1,815 | 2 | 2 0 | \$950,000 | 6 | \$950,000 | \$523.42 | 9/6/2024 |
| Sold | 3419 Avernus Court | 1,679 | 3 | 2 0 | \$958,000 | 10 | \$958,000 | \$570.58 | 9/19/2024 |

| | AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES | TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES | LIST PRICE AVERAGES | DOM AVERAGES | SALE \$ AVERAGES | \$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Active | 32 ↑ from 24 | 1,445 | \$741,290 | 43↑ | | \$509↑ |
| Cont/Pend | 6 ↓ from 7 | 1,583 | \$81,440 | 28↓ | | \$506↑ |
| Sold | 9 ↓ from 12 | 1,538 | \$766,710 | 49↑ | \$757,978 | \$497↓ |

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