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Tree falls on Montgomery trash enclosure



As a result of our recent wet and windy weather, this large tree toppled onto Whaley Drive on Friday, March 10, damaging a trash enclosure. No one was hurt when the tree fell. The BrightView tree crew completed the cleanup on Saturday.

Photo by Jim Koski

VMA to sponsor free hearing aid clean and check

It's a common myth that hearing aids are just sound amplifiers that make things louder. Today's hearing aids are sophisticated, advanced communication devices that make sounds understandable, filtering out background noise and improving speech comprehension. When you have hearing loss, hearing aids can make listening easier, and greatly improving your quality of life.

Spend a little time to make sure that your very important investment is clean and working properly. And it's free!

Hearing Life will provide free clean and checks Tuesday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon in Montgomery Center. Call 408-238-4029 to make an appointment.

Spring Crafters Club Boutique is Saturday, March 25

By Diane Goodrich

With spring officially here, the Crafters Club Boutique will be overflowing with "all things bright and beautiful" handmade items—ready for Easter, Mother's Day and so much more.

Step into the Auditorium, the Conference room and the Sequoia room on March 25 to find all of your favorite things; elegant sparkling jewelry, glorious spring succulents, the cutest baby/children/dolls clothes and items, lovely embroidered and knitted items, gorgeous quilts and totes, creative cork displays, specialized greeting cards, wreaths and holiday items, scrumptious biscotti, delightful bibs and towels to spruce up your kitchen, exquisite original origami artwork, striking mosaic plaques, charming canvas paintings and so much more!

We look forward to seeing you on March 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be free coffee and cookies.

Payment will be by cash or check. Some vendors will take credit cards.

For more information, please contact me, Diane Goodrich, Crafters Club Secretary at 408-219-7056.



Roll up your sleeves for Trail Maintenance Day!

The Hiking Club's Annual Trail Maintenance Day is Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Foothill Center at 8:30 a.m. where you can join one of the work parties. We'll start with a brief planning session and description of the work to be done. The Maintenance Department will supply two "mules" and drivers to drive us to the trail locations where the work will happen and bring us back to Foothill. Tools will be provided; however, you can bring some of your own favorites if you'd like. Work gloves, boots or sturdy shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

There will be a free luncheon with a special dessert served at Foothill starting at 11:45 a.m. If you have questions relating to the trail maintenance contact John Petrin at 530-927-7024 or papetrin@yahoo.com. If you can't work

on the hill, we can also use help in serving the lunch and cleaning up afterward, contact Bibi Bruce at 404-226-5594 or mmebruce@hotmail.com, or Carmel Smith at 408-621-1467 or carmel.smith@att.net. Please note, much of the coordination for this effort is done in advance by Dan Kato. Feel free to contact Dan with questions about this project at 408-300-0759, or danieljkato@msn.com.

Let's be prepared for a great day of improving and celebrating our wonderful Villages trail system. All are welcome as you need not be a member of the Hiking Club to participate.



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.

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

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.
0 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

THANK YOU

I've lived on Blauer Lane for nearly 20 very happy years. After many medical and other problems, the time has come for me to move to Livermore, to be near to my son and his family.

I was not able to say goodbye to all my lovely Villager friends. I will miss all the lovely walks we took and the beauty of The Villages. It really is a very special place.

If you are ever in the Livermore area, come and visit at Heritage Estates.

—Margaret Allvey

Some helpful tips on writing a better Pulse letter

For some letter writers, the process of transferring thoughts to the printed page is nothing short of traumatic. Here are a few suggestions to make that process easier:

- Keep your letter as brief as possible. Organize your thoughts, jot down an outline of those thoughts and then fill out the outline in sentence form and that should result in the first draft of your letter.

- Edit, edit, edit! Please do not submit the first draft of your letter. Go through it at least once to get a word count (maximum 200 words), and correct

your spelling and grammar. Even then you're not done! Edit it one more time! The more you edit your letter the better it will read. To improve its eloquence, read it aloud to yourself or someone else to see if your sentences read gracefully and make sense. If English is not your first language, perhaps a friend, a half hour and a couple cups of coffee will result in a letter that your readers will understand. Don't be afraid to ask for a little help.

- Concentrate on one topic per letter—you can write a companion letter about a re-

lated topic.

- Cool your jets! Many letters are submitted in the heat of emotion. If you are angry, take a day or two to cool off, and, after you review the situation, you'll be able to write a better letter.

- Avoid personal attacks; don't resort to name calling in your letter. If your criticism is fair you should be able to respectfully criticize or disagree with someone.

- Think about the readers. The goal is to share your thoughts with your neighbors.

- Be positive. Even if you are offering criticism, you can still do it in a constructive manner.
- If you are offering thanks or recognizing others, don't forget that there are other ways besides writing a Pulse letter. There are the *Above and Beyond*, *Bouquets* and *Thank You* columns.

Any questions you have about the Pulse process can be answered by the staff in *The Villager* office. Still flummoxed? Call Scott at 408-223-4655, Kory at 408-754-1341 or e-mail: shinrichs@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Jean Mantia
April 23, 1936—February 9, 2023
(see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Kathleen Ashby
March 1, 1947—March 6, 2023
A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, March 31 at 4 p.m. in the Clubhouse. (see obituary in the Classified Ad section)

Olga de la Serna
May 16, 1936—March 7, 2023
(see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 10 a.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. All classified ads must be in writing. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: areed@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Adrienne at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

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Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. *The Villager* reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296, Sue Callahan 408-238-2413, Jeanette Campa 408-661-0203, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Barbara Clurman at 347-451-5309, Jac Fitzenz at 408-223-7749, Thomas Moore at 408-887-5322, and Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432.

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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Submit your questions for this year's Candidates' Night

This year's Candidates' Night is Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium.

This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask Club and Association director candidates about topics important to you.

Your questions will be curated and may be used at the live event. Please send your questions to the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, Nick Yannaccone, at nyannac@gmail.com or 408-219-9296.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

FROM THE HOMEOWNERS' CORPORATION

Homeowners' President's Message, March 9, 2023

It's hard to believe that this is our last quarterly business meeting of the 2022/2023 Homeowners' Corporation Board. When we first met in June after the annual meeting and the announcement of the election results, we welcomed Verano resident Larry Versaw to the Board and I was reelected. We chose our officers and dug in right away setting a meeting for July to establish our goals and objectives for the year.

Since then, we've had a productive year concentrating on the needs of our homeowners. We participated in the general manager hiring process, and continue to meet with the Villages' three boards on issues of common interest to the community.

April is a busy month for us as we meet to set the budget for 2023-2024. These meetings, like our quarterly business meetings, are open to our homeowners and we welcome your input.

Board elections are in May. We encourage you to pay attention to the election information in *The Villager* and consider getting involved. A great way to learn about the Homeowners' Corporation is through participation on one of our advisory committees. We have the Estates District Advisory Committee that is comprised of those single-family homeowners in the Estates located in Village Olivas. The other advisory committee is the Architectural Control Committee. This committee approves all single-family homeowner applications for exterior home and/or property modifications.

Making our community the best it can be takes all of us and my hope is that you will consider getting involved.

—Teddy Morse, President
Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors

Proposed Changes to Club Rule 1.10 Clubhouse (Restaurant Dinner Dress Code).

At the February 28, 2023 monthly board meeting, the Board approved for 30-day member notice proposed changes to Rule 1.10 Clubhouse prior to formal approval consideration at the April 25, 2023, board meeting.

As Rules Committee Chair Frank Langben reports, the committee was asked by Management and the Food and Beverage Department to consider changes to the Restaurant dinner dress code. The purpose of the changes is to adjust to changing fashions by many restaurant customers, while maintaining a distinction between the Bistro and the Restaurant at dinner.

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Added text is shown with underlined text.

The proposed changes are as follows:

C. Clubhouse Dress Code

- 1) All venues—no swimwear attire, ~~no metal spiked golf shoes~~. Shirts and footwear are required.
- 2) Bistro Patio: No further requirements.
- 3) Bistro: Dress is casual but clean and neat—~~no torn or soiled clothing~~.
- 4) Clubhouse Restaurant:
 - a. At all times—~~no clothing that is torn, ripped, soiled, or has holes~~ clothing must be clean and neat.
 - b. After 5 p.m. in the restaurant—~~No shorts, casual denim, jeans, flip-flops, sandals, sweatshirts, sweatpants, or t-shirts with graphics.~~
No casual shorts, flip-flops, casual sweatshirts, casual sweatpants, or casual t-shirts.
~~Dress sandals, and dress shorts, may be worn from May through October. Sports or casual shorts may not be worn.~~
No hats, caps, or visors, except for medical or religious reasons.
~~Dress denim is allowed.~~
~~Shirts do not need to be tucked in.~~
 - c. The General Manager or his or her designee may apply the Bistro dress code to the Restaurant, when there is likely to be insufficient space in the Bistro to accommodate customers, such as during a pandemic. The Restaurant dress code may also be suspended for special events such as theme nights.

Response to the proposed rule changes may be made by one or more of the following methods:

- 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the March 28, and April 25, 2023 Board meetings,
- 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meetings, or
- 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meetings.

Missed your Villager?

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

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

On-site Document Shredding

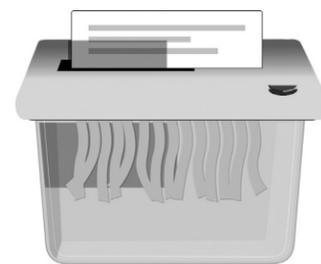
Sponsored by Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF)
(Formerly sponsored by The Villages High-12 Club)

Saturday, April 15
9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Cribari East Parking Lot

(Woodshop side)

\$10 per box or bag—approximately 20 lbs.
Minimum fee is \$10—Cash or check only



Plus drop off flags needing to be retired as well as old Villages telephone directories

Questions? Contact Greg Stewart at 408-531-1029

Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



'Ask the ABOD'

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

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



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MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY
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MANAGEMENT

Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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

Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

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

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

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



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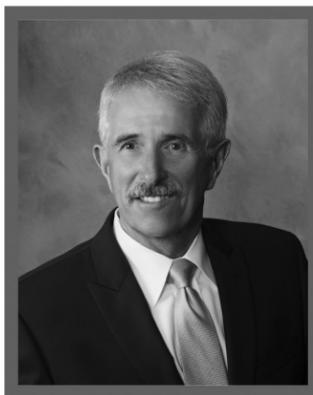
New Resident Orientation is March 29

There will be a New Resident Orientation session on Wednesday, March 29 at 3 p.m. in The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. Space is limited. Reserve now by calling 408-223-4674.

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

Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse

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



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We have many family members, friends, and clients who call The Villages their home. We can accommodate COVID-19 concerns with telephonic or video consultations and social distanced or no-contact document execution.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report February 2023

CLASSIFICATION	Present Month	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
ACCIDENTS			
1) PERSONAL INJURY	0	0	0
2) AUTO	2	2	3
3) HIT & RUN	0	0	1
4) GOLF CART	0	0	0
5) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
AFTER HOURS REQUESTS			
1) LIGHTS	61	131	112
2) FACILITIES	7	25	9
3) SPRINKLERS	0	3	2
4) LANDSCAPE	1	8	2
5) ACTIVITIES	1	2	0
6) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
7) GOLF MAINTENANCE	0	1	0
8) FOOD & BEVERAGE	0	0	0
9) BUSINESS OFFICE	0	0	0
10) PRO SHOP	0	0	0
11) WATER LEAKS (OUTSIDE)	3	3	3
12) ALARM ACTIVATION	0	0	0
ANIMAL			
1) COMPLAINTS	6	11	7
2) TRAP REQUEST	0	0	0
3) LOST	0	1	0
4) FOUND	0	0	0
5) COYOTE COMPLAINTS/SIGHTINGS	2	6	10
CITATIONS			
1) PARKING	0	0	10
2) SPEEDING	17	18	8
3) STOP SIGN - RESIDENTS	10	18	17
4) STOP SIGN - NON-RESIDENTS	18	41	37
STOP SIGN TOTALS	28	59	54
5) MISCELLANEOUS	1	2	3
6) ACC	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE	0	1	3
FIRE / SMOKE	0	0	1
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	0	1	2
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	43	99	104
MISCELLANEOUS	60	114	48
PROPERTY			
1) DAMAGED	3	11	8
2) LOST	1	1	1
3) FOUND	0	0	0
4) VANDALIZED	0	0	0
5) MISSING	0	2	2
PUBLIC SAFETY			
1) COMPLAINT	29	49	40
2) REQUEST	5	12	0
RESIDENT ASSIST	11	25	40
RESIDENT WELFARE CHECK	10	16	16
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	1	1	0
TRESPASSING			
1) AUTO	0	0	0
2) PERSON	0	0	0
UNLOCKS	17	34	43
UNSECURED AREA	0	1	0

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of April are due to the Architectural Committee on or before March 24, 2023. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **March 24, 2023.**

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. at 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 Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, March 28, at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 669-900-6833

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. If your notice is late, please call Kory at The Villager copy desk at 408-754-1341 to arrange for space to be available. You may e-mail your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

How to get senior exemption for school district parcel tax

You may file for exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel tax on your principal residence if you are at least age 65 or will be age 65 by July 1, 2023. If there are joint owners of your principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

If you had the exemption from the parcel tax for 2022/2023, your exemption has been automatically renewed by the School District. There is nothing more you need to do. This article is about new exemption requests.

If you would like to apply for the exemption for the 2023/2024 tax year, you may file online at eesd.org. Click on "Community" and then click "Senior Parcel Tax Exemption." You will need to upload documents to prove three things:

1. Proof of ownership: Your current property tax bill
2. Proof of residence: Your current PG&E bill
3. Proof of birth date: Your driver license, passport, or birth certificate

You may also apply in person for the exemption at the School District Office at 3188 Quimby Road, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 31, 2023.

Contact Ly Ablao at LAbalao@eesd.org or Patty Maciel at MMaciel@eesd.org to schedule an appointment. Their phone number is 408-270-6822.

If you are new to The Villages and the address on your driver's license does not match your property tax statement, please schedule an appointment at the district office. Bring your Villager residency card and a second bill to substantiate your residency.

Also, if you do not yet have a property tax statement, take your escrow purchase statement and related papers to the district office. Before the appointment go to sccassessor.org and enter your address in the Property Record Search box. The district needs the assessor's parcel number for your application.

Not sure whether you have the exemption? Go to your last property tax bill. Look on the back page under the section labeled "Parcel Tax / Special Assessments." If a line item is "Evergreen Measure EE 2018 \$125" you are paying the tax. If you can't find this listing, it means you are currently exempt from the tax.

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

SRS Reminder:

Check your 2023 RMD

March is a good time to check your 2023 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). By now, your IRA trustee has made your calculation.

Chances are your retirement portfolio ended 2022 down by 15 percent or more.

While this is bad news for seniors who depend on their retirement assets to provide income for everyday expenses, there's a silver lining if you don't currently need your RMDs to live on or you want to reduce your RMD impact on your taxable income.

That's because your RMD for 2023 will be calculated based on your IRAs value when the market closed on December 30, 2022. That means your RMD this year is likely less than it was in 2022.

BOUQUETS

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Village Sonata, a dinner was held on March 10 in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. Many thanks to Albert Salcedo for his help with all the arrangements and to his staff and chef for the wonderful meal. Also a special thanks to Maria, Dora, and Rafael for the excellent service they provided all evening.

—Kathleen Benz, Christa Boyce, Sally Dubbin
and Mary Ann Lewis (Event organizers)

THANK YOU

Villagers are the best! Thank you for turning in to Lost and Found my car keys and sweatshirt, and another time my cell phone!

— Susan DeMartini

Save the Date for Villages Health Festival!

Reach for a pen and circle Saturday, April 29, on your calendar now for The Villages Health Festival: Mind, Body & Spirit Flourishing! Brought to you by the VMA, the Festival will provide you tools and information to enable you to live a better life—in essence, to flourish! And quite simply who doesn't want that?

Over 30 different exhibitors will fill the entire Cribari Community Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Clubs and organizations from The Villages will connect you with a sense of joy and purpose. Plan to move, stretch, center, squish clay, improve your golf swing, and savor a massage. Mind, Body, and Spirit Flourishing! This goes way beyond diet and exercise tips to ensure a happier, healthier you! So save the date: April 29! You're not going to want to miss this.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES,**
and **COMMUNITY NOTICES**
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 17

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Income Tax Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
5 p.m.	Jewish Services	FC
5:30 p.m.	Republican Club Dinner	CH
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A

Saturday, March 18

9 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
	<i>(event at 10 a.m.)</i>	
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Talent Show Ticket Sale	L
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Montgomery Social	CH

Sunday, March 19

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel Service	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
2 p.m.	Chinese Cooking Demo.	MC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	RED
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	CR

Monday, March 20

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	A
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support	SEQ

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

1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	Flower Ladies Arranging Guild	VC
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Camera Club	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	A
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Poetry In Art & Pastel	AR
10 a.m.	Hearing Aid Clean & Check	MC
10 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Inv.	FC
10 a.m.	Ukulele Intermediate	PR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
10:30 a.m.	Chapel Lay Board	F
11 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	CR
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
12 p.m.	Live Stronger Longer	CR
3:30 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	PR
4 p.m.	EVF Flights & Bites	CH
5:30 p.m.	Older Wine Lovers	FC
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
7 p.m.	Senior Academy Decisions	VC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	MC

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
11 a.m.	Friends of SJ State Lunch	CH
11 a.m.	Israeli Folk Dance	CR

2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A
6 p.m.	Village Dancers Prep	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices	FC

Thursday, March 23

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Classes	AR
9:30 a.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	CR
6 p.m.	Democratic Club	FC
7 p.m.	Folksters	VC

Friday, March 24

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Income Tax Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	MC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	FC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A



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

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

1:00 & 7:00
Mon – Sat
15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15

Mon Wed Fri & Sun
Chair Fitness
Tue Thu Sat
Cardio Fitness

Avoiding Senior Scams

Daily
2:00 & 8:00

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
3:45 & 9:45

Living with Wildfires in Santa Clara County

Daily
4:30 & 10:30



Club Events & Notices



Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

More information online at the Villages Resident Portal:
resident.thevillagesgc.com

Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Service Coordinator:

408-238-4029

www.v mavillages.org



Programs coming in 2023

Hearing Aid Clean and Check: Hearing Life will provide free clean and checks Tuesday, March 21 from 10 a.m. – Noon in Montgomery Center. See article in the Clubs & Events section. Please call to make an appointment at 408-238-4230.

Villages Health Festival: On Saturday, April 29, over 30 different exhibitors will fill the entire Cribari Community Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with presentations, demonstrations, blood pressure, hearing and bone density screenings to help enhance the quality of you living your best life. See article in the Clubs & Events section.

Support Groups March 2023

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health will meet every Monday, March 20 through April 10 in the Sequoia Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on Thursday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy London Ph.D. for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325. **Note room change!**

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's on Thursday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Forum Center.

Please check out v mavillages.org

The Villages Association **Solicitation of Candidates Form**

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is March 28, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing this "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting this form to the President (David Cook) or Secretary (Richard Holmboe) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

2023 Election of Directors

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of The Villages Association.

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number E-mail Address

The attached statement explains my qualifications to serve as a director and, if elected, my goals for the community. Statements are limited to 250 words. Sample candidate statements and formatting guidelines are available in the General Manager's office or by contacting jmeadows@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

Qualified candidates' names and addresses will be included on the Candidate Registration List and statements will be published in the voting materials that accompany the ballots in the election of directors, as well as published in The Villager newspaper. Telephone numbers and email addresses are for internal use only and will not be published with the statements.

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is March 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates' statements must be received no later than April 28, 2023, in order to be included in the official voting materials. Candidates' statements may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or jmeadows@the-villages.com.



THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS RULES

ARTICLE 3: Candidates for the Board and Nomination Procedures

3.1 Qualification of Candidates.

Candidates for the Board must be Members at the time of their nomination and (i) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in these Election Rules and (ii) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in the Bylaws so long as they do not conflict with these Election Rules. In the case of a Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporation or other entity), the entity Member shall have the power to appoint a natural person as the "Member" for purposes of director elections. The Association shall disqualify a nominee for the Board for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.

3.1.2 The nominee does not reside within The Villages condominium project.

3.1.3 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as serving on the Board of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

3.1.4 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another owner of the same separate interest and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or is an incumbent director.

3.1.5 If the nominee, at the time of nomination, is delinquent in the payment of regular and/or special assessments. A nominee shall not be considered "delinquent" if the delinquency relates to the payment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, late charges, or costs levied by a third party and/or if the nominee: (a) has paid the regular or special assessment under protest; (b) has entered into a payment plan for repayment of the delinquent assessments and is not delinquent in payments due under the plan; or (c) the nominee has requested and has not been provide an opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.

3.1.6 If the nominee has been a member of the Association for less than one year.

3.1.7 If the nominee discloses, or if the Association is aware or becomes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the Member was elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.

3.2 Nominations.

3.2.1 Solicitation of Candidates. At least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination, the Association shall provide general notice of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination for the Board. Any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination for the Board by submitting the nomination before the published deadline for receiving nominations. In addition, the Board may recruit qualified candidates and/or may appoint a nominating committee to nominate qualified candidates.

3.2.2 No Write-Ins. No "write-in" candidates shall be permitted on the ballots in the election of directors.

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Get in the Fast Lane!

Fast Lane is the Villages e-mail information blast. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 408-223-4681; kpatterson@the-villages.com, or go to Building B to sign up in person.



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WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com
For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

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

The Clubhouse Curbside service charge is 15 percent. The service charge for the Indoor and Patio Dining is 18 percent.



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

Clubhouse is open for full service

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.
- Seating capacity will be at 100 percent.
- Visitors do not have to be accompanied by Villagers to use Clubhouse.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.
- Villagers will not have to sign in for indoor seating.

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.*

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% Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price.**

Notice for our Curbside customers: *Due to the increased volume of orders at dinner time, 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 dinner time hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.*



Soup of the Day

For the week of 3/20 to 3/26

Monday	March 20	Chicken Mulligatawny
Tuesday	March 21	Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar
Wednesday	March 22	Potstickers with Napa Cabbage
Thursday	March 23	Beef and Vegetable Barley
Friday	March 24	Manhattan Clam Chowder
Saturday	March 25	Chef's Choice
Sunday	March 26	Chef's Choice

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

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

Main Dining Room Reservations: Call **408-223-4687**

email theclubhouse@the-villages.com

or online clubhouserreservation.com

To order Curbside Grab and Go: Call **408-370-8553**

Bistro Menu 2p-8p

Appetizers

GF Potato Skins \$14.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

Wings 6Pc \$13.95
Celery and Carrots, Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

V Villages Nacho \$12.95
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green onions Add Beef or Chicken \$4

GF Curried Chicken Lettuce Cups \$13.95
Minced Chicken, Water chestnuts, Mushrooms and Green Onions on Butter Lettuce

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$10.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

Fried Green Beans \$8.95

Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers \$13.95
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime Dipping Sauce

Angus Beef Sliders \$12.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings, and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

Soup of the Day or Chili Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50

Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan, Croutons Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Asian Salad \$14.25
Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with Sesame Ginger Dressing Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Arugula Pear Cranberries Salad \$14.75
with Feta and Candied Walnuts

V Quesadilla \$13.95
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Add Chicken or Beef \$4

V. Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

Street Tacos \$13.95
Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

Sides By Itself: \$5.50
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Chili

Sandwiches

Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Hot Dog with Side \$9.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Cheddar Add \$2

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat

Add Avocado, Bacon \$2.50 or Cheese add \$2

Roast Beef French Dip Au Jus with Side \$14.95
Hoagie Loaf with Provolone and Sauteed Onions

Shrimp Roll Sandwich with Side \$16.95
Bay Shrimp, Celery, Green Onions and Dill Aioli

Naan Flatbread Pizzas Red Sauce and Mozzarella

Gluten Free Crust Sub \$2

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95

V Margarita Pizza \$12.25
Red Sauce, Mozzarella and Tomatoes

Combination Pizza \$14.95
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers Arugula

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Breakfast Menu

Tuesday to Friday 8am to 11am
Saturdays 7am to 11am, Sundays 7am to 2pm

V French Toast \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V Short Stack Pancakes \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V Belgium Waffles \$10.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruit Berries

Bagel BLT and Egg \$10.75
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Burrito \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Salsa Choice of Bacon or sausage

Montgomery Muffin \$10.25
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheddar Cheese and Fruit

Lox and Bagels \$15.95
Smoke Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

Avocado Sourdough Toast \$12.50
Fried Egg, Bacon, and Tomato

Sides
Egg \$2.75, Breakfast Meats \$4, Hash Browns \$3, Toast \$2

Coffee \$1.95



Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95
Non-Dairy Creamer Available Upon Request

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast Substitute Breakfast meat with NY Steak Add \$12

Three Egg Omelet \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4.00, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Skillet Scrambler \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Huevos Rancheros \$12.50
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Blacked Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

Eggs Benedict \$14.95
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

Eggs Florentine Benedict \$14.75
Two Poached Eggs, & Spinach, Feta and Tomatoes over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce. Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs \$14.95
2 Eggs any style with House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

GF Gluten Free Bread Available \$1.50 Extra

March 1, 2023

Weekly Specials

For the week of
3/20 to 3/26

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 3/21 to Sunday 3/26

Spanish Omelet: Spanish Sauce, Green Onions and Cheddar Cheese with Choice of Breakfast Sides **\$13.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 3/20 to Sunday 3/26
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuna Salad Stuffed Tomato: Heirloom Tomato, Tuna Salad, Hard Boiled Egg, Cucumber and Carrots over Greens **\$16.95**

Beef Stroganoff: Braised Sirloin, Garlic, Onion, Mushrooms and Sour Cream over Buttered Noodles **\$17.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 3/21 to Sunday 3/26
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Barbecued Ribs: St. Louis Style Ribs with Herb Rub and Tangy Barbecue Sauce served with French Fries and Coleslaw **\$27.50**

Grilled Chicken Papaya Salad: Marinated Chicken, Portobello Mushrooms and Papaya over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing. **\$26.95**

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last Order

Starters

Soup of the Day or Chili
Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

V Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

GF Curried Chicken Lettuce Cups \$13.95
Minced Chestnuts, Mushrooms and Green Onions Butter Lettuce Cups

Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers \$13.95
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime Dipping Sauce

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Linguini and Clams \$16.95
White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

V Cajun Alfredo Penne Pasta \$14.95
Cream Cajun Garlic Sauce, with Sundried tomatoes, Add Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4,

V Eggplant Parmesan \$16.95
Eggplant breaded in Crispy Panko Crumbs, Layered in Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and Provolone

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$39.95
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

Dinner Entrées

Accompanied by 2 Sides
Mashed Potatoes, Saffron Infused Rice
Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives
Or Daily Vegetables Sides

Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees

Rotisserie Half Chicken and Gravy \$26.95

Rotisserie Spice Rubbed Tri Tips \$27.95

Rotisserie Pork Roast \$27.95
With Granny Smith Apple Salsa

Grilled New York Steak \$33.95
Center Cut with Peppercorn Sauce

Villager Meat Loaf \$24.95

Calf Liver and Onions \$26.95
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Chicken \$26.95
with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes and Ricotta Topped with Marinara Sauce

Filet of Sole Piccata \$26.95
Flour Dusted with Capers, White Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

GF Lemon Saffron Salmon \$27.95

Prawns Scampi \$29.95
Lemon Butter Sauce Wilton Scallions

Lunch Menu

11am to 2pm

GF Potato Skins \$14.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions, and Sour Cream

Wings 6Pc \$13.95
With Carrots, Celery, Ranch Dressing
With BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$10.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95

Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers \$13.95
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime
Dipping Sauce

GF Curried Chicken Lettuce Cup \$13.95
Minced Chicken, Water chestnuts, Mushrooms and
Green Onions on Butter Lettuce

V Villages Nacho \$12.95
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour
Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes
Topped with Green onions
Add Beef or Chicken \$4

Angus Beef Sliders \$12.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan
Parsley

Soup of the Day or Chili Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50

V Lunch 3 Egg Omelet with Fruit \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes.
Choice of Toast
Ham, Bacon, or Cheese Add \$2, Bay Shrimp \$4

GF Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

V Asian Salad \$14.25
Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried
Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with a Sesame Ginger
Dressing. Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns \$6

Iceberg Wedge Salad \$12.95
Crisp Wedge with Cherry Tomatoes, Bacon Bits, Chives
and Blue Cheese and Dressing

V Arugula Pear Cranberries Salad \$14.75
with Feta and Candied Walnuts

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg,
Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

Shrimp Louie \$16.25
Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers,
and Hard-Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island Dressing

Half Stuffed Avocado with Chicken Salad \$14.95
Tomato, Cucumber and Hard Boiled Egg

V Quesadilla \$13.95
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole,
Add Chicken or Beef \$4

Sweet and Sour Chicken Over Rice \$14.95
Pineapples, Red and Green Bell Peppers, Onions

V. Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and
Malt Vinegar

Street Tacos \$13.95
Grilled Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantros,
Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn
Tortillas

V Ralph's Burritos or Bowl (No Tortilla) \$12.95
Cilantro Rice, Black Beans, Lettuce, Pico De Gallo,
Cheddar, and Guacamole, Topped with Spanish Sauce,
and Sour Cream,
With Grilled Tofu \$3, Steak, or Chicken \$4

Sandwiches and Such with choice of Sides Included
Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Sides By Itself \$5.50
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries,
Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Cup of Chili

Hot Dog \$9.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish.
Cheddar add \$2.50

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or
Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or
Plant Based Meat
Add Avocado, Bacon \$2.50 or Cheese add \$2

Turkey Brie On Focaccia Bread \$15.95
With Cranberry Chutney and Alfalfa Sprouts

Roast Beef French Dip Au Jus \$14.95
Hoagie Loaf with Provolone Cheese, and Sauteed
Onions

Melts Tuna Salad or Patty \$14.95
Grilled Sourdough, Cheddar Cheese Caramelized
Onions

Reuben \$14.95
Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese,
1000 Island

Shrimp Roll on Hoagie \$16.95
Bay Shrimp, Celery, Green onions and Dill Aioli

Villages BLT Sandwich \$14.95
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato, Turkey and Avocado
Served on choice of Bread

Open Faced NY Steak Sandwich \$19.50
On Grilled Brioche, Topped with Buttermilk Onion
Strings

Pesto Chicken Sandwich on Focaccia Bread \$15.95
Provolone and Tomato with Alfalfa and Arugula
Sub Grilled Tofu for Chicken \$14.95

Deli Sandwich LTO \$13.50
Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, Chicken Salad or
Tuna Salad

½ Deli and Soup or Salad \$12.95

V Veggie Melt \$15.95
Herbed Garlic Aioli, Grilled Veggies, including Bell
Pepper, Zucchini, Onions, and Portabella packed
into Hoagie Roll with Mozzarella Cheese

Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95 V Margarita Tomato Pizza \$12.25

Combination Pizza \$14.95
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers,

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers and Arugula

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian
Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

March 2023

Single Diners' Night

Let's Dine Together!

Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



Shared Table

Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage!
Free Corkage will be applied with purchase
from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrees
from the Dinner Menu.

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

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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.
One-bottle limit per two guests

*No Corkage will be charged with purchase from Dinner Menu, Lighter
Side, and Entrée items. One-bottle limit per two guests. Standard size
bottles only.

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Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16oz

2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax



ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE BISTRO

**Friday, March 17
2 p.m. to close**

**\$4 GUINNESS DRAUGHT
IRISH WHISKEY SPECIALS**

**Reubens
Corned Beef & Cabbage Special**



Monday March 27th 2023

Join Ed Knott and the Talents of the Villagers for Singing, Dancing, Ukulele or Whatever Talent You May Have

Or Just Come and Cheer.

5 to 6:30 Dinner
Rolls and Butter

Stuffed Cornish Game Hen Mixed Rice
Country Potatoes, Vegetables Medley
Black Forest Cake, Coffee, or Tea

6 to 9 Open Mic
\$26.95 Plus Service charge and Tax

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
call 408-223 4676 or
e-mail: Jyu@the-villages.com

**Attention diners:
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.



Dessert Menu

\$6.50

Vanilla Crème Brûlée with Berries
Creamy Custard Topped with Glazed Caramelized Sugar

Chocolate Salted Caramel Soufflé Cake (Warm)
Chocolate cake with creamy salted caramel center

Tiramisu
Espresso-soaked lady fingers and Mascarpone cream, dusted with cocoa Powder

New Orleans Bourbon Bread Pudding (Warm)
Caramel Toffee Sauce

Apple Torte
Fresh Apples combined with cinnamon butter & brown sugar in a shortbread crust

\$4.95

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes

Available now!



**Clubhouse Whole Rotisserie
Chicken is Here!**

Call Curbside: 408-370-8553
Or Website:
www.clubhouserreservation.com

Orders Need to Be Placed Early for Evening Pickup

Orders Taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Orders are Picked Up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$12 Plus Service Charge and Tax.



The Clubhouse

BUY 1
GET
FREE

**BUY ONE APPETIZER
GET ONE FREE**

**Appetizer Special!
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday**

*For a limited time buy one appetizer and receive the second one for free!**

*Item must be of equal or lesser value.
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.





Clubhouse – Sunday, April 9th, 2023
Two Seating's – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Happy Easter



MENU

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

Display Stations
Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display
Easter Egg Candies

Salad Stations

- Baby Spring Mix, Baby Arugula, Romaine Leaves and Baby Spinach
- Assorted Cherry Tomatoes, Assorted Radishes, Cucumbers, Sprouts
Beets, Red Onions, Herbed Croutons,
Feta Goat Cheese, Shaved Romano Cheese and Tri Color Peppers

Seafood Display

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

Carving Stations Featuring
Bone-In Virginia Ham and New York Sirloin

Under the Chafers
Scrambled Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon
Eggs Benedict and Cheese Blintz
Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce
Rosemary and Thyme Braised Leg of Lamb
Wild and Herb Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley

Desserts Display
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macaroons, Mini Beignets
Petite Cheesecakes and Petit Fours

Beverages
Orange, Cranberry and Apple Juice, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea
Includes One Glass of Champagne or Mimosa

\$62.95 plus service charge and tax per person
Children 5-12 - \$22.95 plus service charge and tax per person
Children 4 and under free

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – call 408-754-1337 or
e-mail: theclubhouse@the-villages.com**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The following events are sponsored by the Community Activities Department. Please telephone 408-223-4643 for additional information.

Building B business hours

The Community Activities office in Building B is open for walk-ins Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Survey results are in: Days Available

In the recent Community Activities Survey we asked participants the following: “What day(s) of the week would generally work best for you to take a trip? Please choose all that apply. Some venues are subject to limited date availability.” Below you will find the breakdown of responses.

Total Respondents: 133 (119 online surveys and 14 paper surveys)

Respondents Who Skipped this Question: 2

Actual Responses for this Question: 131

Thursday = 91

Saturday = 90

Wednesday and Friday = 87

Tuesday = 84

Monday = 81

Sunday = 61



Based on these results it appears that residents are mainly available later in the week (Wednesday through Saturday) and that Sundays should be avoided if possible. Please note that trip dates can vary based on venue availability and other factors, for example the Sunday Giants games are less likely to have their time changed based on television broadcasting. Thank you to all participants in the survey.

See Ansel Adams exhibit at De Young Museum

Join us as we explore the legacy of photographer and environmentalist Ansel Adams (1902-1984) at the de Young Museum in San Francisco on **Thursday, May 11!** The exhibit of over 100 works traces Adams’s artistic development and features some of his most-loved photographs, including images of Yosemite, San Francisco, and the American Southwest. Adams’s works are shown alongside prints by 19th-century landscape photographers as well as contemporary artists. Their work engages anew with the sites and subjects that occupied Adams throughout his life—from national parks to the use and misuse of natural resources. Adams’s legacy continues to inspire and provoke, influencing how we envision the landscape and serving as an urgent call to preserve our environment.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

Activity Level: Considerable walking and standing; benches may or may not be available.

The cost per person is \$65 and includes round trip transportation, exhibit tickets, and escort. Optional audio tours of the exhibit are available at registration for the group rate of an additional \$6 each. They can also be purchased individually at the regular rate in the museum, based on availability. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Lunch is purchased individually at the de Young Café after viewing the exhibit. The cafeteria style menu offers a fresh interpretation of American and European classic cuisine. A sample menu is available for review in Building B.

Register in Building B during business hours. Registration begins Monday, March 20 and ends no later than Friday, April 7. Register early, as most trips fill up very quickly!

Red, White and You—volunteers needed



The Villages July 4th Celebration, **Red, White and You**, needs volunteers on Tuesday, July 4.

The day will include a Community Breakfast, Freedom Fun Walk, Outdoor Pops Concert and Barbecue and music, and another Barbecue on the Bistro Patio. Would you be willing to volunteer two hours to assist with one or more of these activities? Volunteer opportunities include greeters, registration/check in, information, ushers, runners, setup and cleanup. Please contact Mary Tatum in the Community Activities office for more information at 408 223-4643 or mtatum@the-villages.com

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

March 16 – April 6: Beginning Drawing with Ciel Duke. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$110. All materials furnished. Register early at barb.gottesman@gmail.com or sign up for all four of her classes.

March 29 – May 3: Multi-Media Painting with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$60. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

April 13 – May 4: Beginning Watercolor with Ciel Duke. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$110. All materials furnished. Register early at barb.gottesman@gmail.com or sign up for all four of her classes.

April 14: Art Film: “Gauguin – The Whole Story.” 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room with host Roz Zinns. Free to all Villagers and their guests.

April 22: Art in the Park, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Gazebo Park. Contact Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com for information or contract.

April 29: Open House in the Art Room and the Ceramics Room during VMA’s annual Health Fair. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 1: General Membership Meeting and Artist Presentation, Monday, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

Ceramics Room has open studio days for approved members. See Open Studio hours and new classes at villagesceramics.com

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday** – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. **Every Monday** – at Clubhouse parking lot, meet at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. to walk around golf course with Terri Vivoli

Rambler Hike March 22: Gary Lohr (408-912-5124) will lead a hike to San Felipe Rd and through the Bel Aire neighborhood to New Seasons. We’ll stop for coffee and return to The Villages. Meet at the old Bank of America parking lot at 8:50 for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike March 22: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We’ll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct waterway and back to our cars. Meet at the Montgomery Center at 9:30.

Rambler Hike March 29: Pam Thompson (408-623-595) will lead a hike around Lake Cunningham. It’s about 4 miles and mostly flat. Meet up at Cribari at 9 a.m. to carpool and then after the hike get a bite to eat.

Rambler Lite Hike March 29: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Community Activities 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 respon-*

sible 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.

CLUBS & EVENTS

Music Society Talent Showcase: 'Mr. Conductor, if you please!'

By B. Brown

"One and two and, ready, go!" the band director called out from the podium, baton in hand. An 11-piece ensemble from the Villages Concert Band will belt out music tunes for the talent showcase on April 1 and 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. "Let us entertain you!" is this year's theme. And talent we have!

Sponsored by the Villages Music Society (VMS), the talent showcase includes a selection of groups and individuals. Ticket sales begin March 18 and 25 for \$20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Cribari Lobby. For more information on the show, email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com.

Speaking of talent, the "intermediate" Ukulele Club will play three lively songs to captivate you. They affectionately call themselves "John's Jam," after member John Laws who has played the ukulele for about six years and says he's been singing his whole life. According to Roberta Wolfe, "The goal is to challenge ourselves by playing more difficult music, but still have fun," says Roberta Wolfe. No doubt, the music for the talent showcase will do just that.

Stay tuned for features on other performers in future Villager articles leading up to the show. The "Let Us Entertain You" talent showcase includes members from VMS Villages Concert Band, Ukulele Club, VMS Piano Open Studio, VMS Forever Young Dancers and Sunshine Dancers, Wicked Dolls, and a Flamenco soloist. For more information on VMS and its member groups, visit villagesmusicsociety.org



Ukulele Club members (left to right): Gary Geiuffre, Roberta Wolfe, Janet Mize (seated) and John Laws.

Come to Camera Club's next meeting

By Ernie Murata

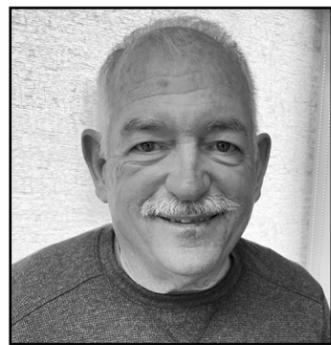
Hey, camera nuts, the next program of the Villages Camera Club is one you won't want to miss. It's live and in-person on Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in Foothill Center. The night will feature two fun segments that require some planning. All Villagers welcome.

Up first, a small meet-and-greet and a swap meet. For the swap meet, bring along any old or unused photo equipment. Someone in the club may want your stuff or you may want someone else's stuff. You can sell it, swap it or just give it away. You can also donate it to the Evergreen College photography program. I've already found a tripod, camera backpack, filters and a few other things to bring.

Second is the show and tell. This is the fun part for Camera Club members only. Find one or two images you'd like to show the group and tell us why or where or how you shot it. If it's for an upcoming competition you can ask for critique to help you make it even better. Check your email to club members for more details. For information on membership, contact Ray Blinde at 408-406-6054 or rwblinde@earthlink.net.



Learn Multi-Media Painting with Doug Canepa



Doug Canepa is offering a new painting class to Villagers who are interested in exploring different tools and media to enhance their basic painting skills. He will explore strategies beyond traditional 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 will pen and ink.

Join Doug for this interesting class on Wednesdays, March 29 to May 3, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Art Room. The fee is \$60. 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 registering at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Friends of San Jose State Luncheon this Wednesday! Spring Fling Celebration

March 22, 2023

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. in Fairway Room



"CHANGING LIVES, ONE PETITION AT A TIME."

This is the motto of the Record Clearance Project. Dr. Margaret Stevenson, founder of this unique program, will be our keynote speaker at the March Luncheon. Come and hear about this incredible program offered at SJSU and how it impacts the lives of students, criminals and the community. Come meet fellow alumni and hear a presentation that should not be missed.

Lunch Selections Include:

Avocado and Turkey on Croissant,
Apple and Chicken Salad on Croissant,
Or Albacore Tuna on French Roll.
Selections include Fruit Cup, Coffee, Iced Tea
and Lemonade, and Brownie Dessert

\$30 inclusive charged to your house number. Your outside guests should also be charged to your house number.

Everyone Welcome!

Please contact Sally Dubbin at SallyDubbin@gmail.com or 408-531-9066 for seating availability. Include your house number, the number in your party and menu selections.

Domingo Candelas to speak at Democratic Club meeting

By Howie Blumstein

When Sylvia Arenas recently won her seat on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the District 8 City Council seat she occupied was vacated. Domingo Candelas, local government affairs director for Stanford University, was appointed to fill her seat for the balance of her term until December 2024. Candelas will be the guest speaker at the Villages Democratic Club's in-person meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at Foothill Center.

Council Member Candelas will discuss District 8 constituents' concerns ranging from homelessness, affordable housing and crime/police recruitment. He will answer questions after his presentation.

Domingo is off and running quickly setting up his office. He said engagement with the community is one of his priorities. Besides his previous position at Stanford University, he worked for State Senator Jim Beall and for Valley Water.

Refreshments will be provided at the meeting. All Villagers are welcome.



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More CLUBS

Sonata celebrates 25 Years in The Villages



To celebrate Sonata's 25 years as a district within The Villages, a dinner was held in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse with 60 residents of Sonata in attendance. And while the event celebrates the district itself, Kathleen Benz said the focus of the event should be on the residents of Sonata. Of the 60 who attended, 24 were original owners who moved into Sonata in 1998, 1999, and 2000 as the development was being completed. Residents also took this opportunity to thank Kathleen for her service to Sonata. Based upon the follow up comments received, it was a great time for all who attended! Hosts for the evening were Kathleen Benz, Christa Boyce, Sally Dubbin and Mary Ann Lewis.

Meet local ranchers at Hiking Club meeting

By Michelle Breslin

Come join the Hiking Club March Meeting scheduled for March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Foothill Center to meet the local ranchers. California has a long history of ranching. We are fortunate to live amid three beautiful ranches that represent the archetype of ranching remaining in Santa Clara County. Two of the rancher managers, Richie Vargas and Harlan Wittkopp have agreed to introduce themselves and discuss land management and resilience in the age of drought, fires, climate change and the pressures of urban development. Also joining the meeting is University of California Agricultural Cooperative Extension, Director for Santa Clara County, Sheila Barry to share her insights on land management and stewardship.



Situated to the north of us is Rancho Yerba Buena, established in 1910. The boundary runs from the third hole on the golf course to the top of the ridge. We have a bird's eye view from most of the hill into the activities on this ranch. If mindful, we can observe the cadence of ranching, from the birthing of calves toward the end of the year to the roundup from just weeks ago. Peg Thompson is a third-generation rancher. This ranch appears to have been the cornerstone of activity in this area as both the district and the grange hall share their name with the ranch. Unfortunately, Peg will not be able to join us as she will be participating in a search and rescue drill. (How cool is that!) She recommended we invite Sheila Barry in her place.

The ranch we border along the top of the ridge is the San Felipe Ranch. This ranch is the largest ranch in Santa Clara County, being over 44 square miles and bridges the distance between Henry Coe and Grant Ranch. Current conservation thinking is that 50 contiguous miles are needed to ensure biodiversity in a wildlife population and the SF is a significant link in that chain. It is owned by the Hewlett and Packard children and is under a conservation easement with the Nature Conservancy. This ranch, besides the expected cattle, provides an area for elk to roam. The elk are frequently seen along both sides of Silver Creek Valley Road. The San Felipe has access to analytic tools, thought leaders in both conservation and land management, and the skills to pull it all together.

To the south lies the Richmond Ranch managed by Richie Vargas. We have most of our interactions with Richie as the boundary fence runs on a north facing slope heavy with trees. The drought has taken a toll on these trees, they fail and damage the fencing allowing cows to explore our hill. The Richmond Ranch changed hands in 2017. Although zoned agricultural there is the potential of another Silver Creek like development. This ranch is 3653 acres or 5.5 square miles. The Richmond Ranch provides cattle for grazing to the city of San Jose. You may have seen the cows on the abandoned golf course near Carl's Jr on White Rd.

Farmers and ranchers manage drought, rain, fire, and climate change to nurture and feed the rest of us. Come meet them on the 27th.

Senior Academy: Thomas Jefferson's Grand Tour

Thomas Jefferson, our third President, was the drafter of the Declaration of Independence, our nation's first Secretary of State, and founder of the University of Virginia.

One of America's most colorful Presidents, Jefferson enjoyed exploring. He savored new experiences: food, wine, architecture, inventions, and, most of all, speaking with the people who produced them. From 1784 to 1789, Thomas Jefferson, succeeding Benjamin Franklin, was the American ambassador to France. During his tenure, he made a series of business and pleasure trips through France, the Netherlands, England (with John Adams), and to what is now Germany and Italy. Experience Mr. Jefferson's travels, how he prepared for them and recorded them, and learn about his advice to other Americans abroad.

One of Senior Academy's favorite lecturers, Susan McGough, will lead us on Jefferson's Grand Tour in a two-part course on April 4 and 18 at 2 p.m. at Foothill Center. Susan McGough received her master's degree in American Studies from the University of Hawaii.



She has taught both American history and literature at the college level, for retirement communities, and for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in California and Ohio.

For the first time, Senior Academy is providing a zoom option for participating in this course. You may register to view both sessions on zoom if you prefer to watch remotely. There is a zoom registration link at VillagesSA.org.

Please register at VillagesSA.org, or by calling Karen Kosmala at 408-223-2620. Be prepared to leave your first and last name, email address, the name and date of the event and your house number. Also state if registration is for in person or via zoom.

Walking/Chair Dancing class may help reduce health risk



According to Harvard Medical School Journal, walking can help protect you during cold and flu season. Centers for Disease Control has determined that physical activity can help reduce your risk of chronic conditions like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, many types of cancer, depression, anxiety, and dementia. Join our Walking/Chair Dancing class to help improve your overall health, wellness, fitness, and quality of life. LSAL Fitness Club features three great classes to help you strengthen your bones. Two classes on Tuesdays and one on Thursdays. Tuesday classes are for **members only** and feature two sessions. The first session, held in the Cribari Conference Room 11 – 11:45 a.m., is a progressive, Higher Energy, moderate intensity class. Participants should be able to walk and move freely without mobility aids. The second class, held in the Cribari Conference Room from 12 – 12:45 p.m., is an intermediate, high energy, variable intensity class appropriate for all fitness levels, including those who need to walk slower due to balance challenges. Thursday's class is held in the Cribari Auditorium 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. and is suitable for all fitness levels. **All visitors are invited to attend our Thursday class.**

Community Chapel invites you to Hymn Sing

The Villages Community Chapel is presenting a Hymn Sing in the Cribari Conference Room on Sunday evening, March 26 at 7 p.m. We invite you to come prepared to sing your favorite hymns for Holy Week and Easter. Your selections will be welcomed and hymnals will be provided to help with lyrics and melodies. Plan to stay afterward for pie, coffee and fellowship. All are welcome.



Help VMA's Recycling Team

Please don't throw those aluminum cans in the dumpsters. The VMA can sincerely use them! The VMA currently has barrels that are labeled for "Aluminum Cans Recycle Program" in most trash enclosures (right next to the dumpsters) and they have a team of volunteers that do the pickups.



This program directly benefits The Villages because the recycling funds The VMA receives go directly back into our community.

It's so easy to do and only takes a second to separate the cans from your recycled waste, and the benefits received are immeasurable.

Speaking of the team of volunteers, we could always use more help in collecting the cans. If you could spare some of your valuable time to assist in this very important program, we would welcome you with open arms.

Please give back by either recycling your aluminum with us, financial donations or volunteering. Please contact the VMA office at 408-238-4230. **We thank you for recycling!**

Senior Academy Tech Explorers discuss ChatGPT

ChatGPT is an exciting new technology that is revolutionizing the way we interact with computers. It is a large language model trained by OpenAI that can generate human-like responses to a wide range of questions and statements. On March 6, the Senior Academy's Technology Explorers group held a meeting to discuss ChatGPT and its potential applications.

The meeting was well-attended and well-received, with live demonstrations of ChatGPT and some products that have integrated it into tools we all use frequently. If you were unable to attend the meeting, don't worry! A recording is available along with a web page, villagesa.org/chatgpt with much more information.

At the web page, you can learn about the capabilities of ChatGPT and see examples of how it can be used. You can also explore products that have integrated ChatGPT, such as chatbots and virtual assistants. Many organizations will likely implement this technology to make our interactions with them much better.

Overall, ChatGPT is an important new technology that is worth exploring. If you want to see how you can use ChatGPT, look for the next SATE program on April 3. If you missed the March 6 meeting, be sure to visit villagesa.org/chatgpt to learn more about this exciting new technology and its potential applications.

Villages Amateur Theatre to perform April Musical

By Sherle Frost

Ooops! Did I say musical? Well, there certainly is a lot of singing. And some fancy footwork. But really what the audience is going to experience most is LOL (laughing out loud).

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" by Rachel Sheinkin will be performed on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22 and 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. This ensemble show features six of your favorite Villages performers portraying youngsters in a primary school spelling contest, while being corralled by several courageous adults. Tickets are \$20 each and go on sale Saturdays, April 8 and 15 in the Redwood/Terrace rooms at Cribari Center.

And for those of you who have seen Spelling Bee elsewhere, please note that the language in our version has been modified to meet the "Grandma Standard." So, yes, you can bring your grandkids.

Muslims in The Villages mark Ramadan by fasting

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk (no food or drink, not even water) to learn patience, humility, kindness, compassion, generosity, and gratitude for God's blessings—begins March 23 this year and ends April 20. The Evergreen Islamic Center (EIC), about a mile from The Villages (Address: 2486 Ruby Ave) is the mosque that Muslims in the Evergreen Area attend to pray and reflect on their lives to serve God and their fellow Americans of all faiths. "So, where are you going?" asks a verse in the Quran, the Islamic Book of Divine Guidance. Where, indeed, am I going with my life? Is it aligned with God's expectations of me, or am I going astray from a combination of ego, ingratitude, impatience, greed, and other failings? The blessed month of Ramadan comes to remind us of our duties to God and to all human and sentient beings who share planet Earth with us.

Every Saturday during Ramadan, EIC will host the Iftar—breaking the fast at sunset—for the local community of all faiths. Anyone from The Villages who wants to experience the Iftar (dinner is served following the Iftar) may contact Hasan Z. Rahim at 408-613-5978 or email Hasan at hasanzr@msn.com.

You're Invited to a Mind/Body Experience

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When: **April 29 Saturday**

Time: **10 am to 2 pm**



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FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

By Sherle Frost

“Livid” (Kay Scarpetta #26) by Patricia Cornwell: Chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta is the reluctant star witness in a sensational murder trial when she receives shocking news. The judge’s sister has been found dead. At first glance, it appears to be a home invasion, but then why was nothing stolen, and why is the garden strewn with dead plants and insects? Although there is no apparent cause of death, Scarpetta recognizes telltale signs of the unthinkable, and she knows the worst is yet to come. The forensic pathologist finds herself pitted against a powerful force that returns her to the past, and her time to catch the killer is running out. *Mystery, 2022.*

“Racing the Light” (Elvis Cole and Joe Pike #19) by Robert Crais: Adele Schumacher isn’t a typical worried mom. When she hires Elvis to find her missing son, a controversial podcaster named Josh Shoe, she brings a bag filled with cash, bizarre tales of government conspiracies, and a squad of professional bodyguards. Finding Josh should be simple, but Elvis quickly learns he isn’t alone in the hunt—a deadly team of mysterious strangers are determined to find Josh and his adult film star girlfriend first. With Elvis being watched and dangerous secrets lurking behind every lead, Elvis needs his friend Joe Pike more than ever to uncover the truth about Josh, corrupt politicians, and the vicious business cartels rotting the heart of Los Angeles from within. And when Elvis Cole’s estranged girlfriend Lucy Chenier and her son Ben return, Elvis learns just how much he has to lose...if he survives. *Mystery, 2022.*

“Clive Cussler’s The Sea Wolves” (Amos Decker #7) by Jack Du Brul: Detective Isaac Bell battles foreign spies, German U-boats, and an old nemesis to capture a secret technology that could alter the outcome of World War I in the latest adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling series from Clive Cussler. As New England swelters in the summer of 1914, Detective Isaac Bell is asked to investigate a cache of missing rifles—only to discover something much more sinister. Whoever broke into this Winchester Factory wasn’t looking to take weapons, they wanted to leave something in the shipping crates: a radio transmitter, set to summon a fleet of dreaded German U-boats. Someone is trying to keep American supplies from reaching British shores, and if Bell doesn’t crack the conspiracy in time, the Atlantic Ocean will run red with blood. Bell must hunt down a new piece of technology that is allowing the Germans to rule the seas from New York to England. With the outcome of the war at stake and Franklin Roosevelt’s orders on the line, Bell will risk everything to stop the U-Boats before they strike again. *Fiction, 2022.*

“The Maze” (John Corey #8) by Nelson DeMille: Nelson DeMille introduced readers to NYPD Homicide Detective John Corey in “Plum Island,” who we first meet sitting on the back porch of his uncle’s waterfront estate on Long Island, recovering from wounds incurred in the line of duty. Six novels later Corey is on the same porch, having survived new law enforcement roles and romantic relationships—wiser and more sarcastic than ever. Corey is restless and looking for action, so when his former lover Detective Beth Penrose appears with a job offer, Corey has to once again make some decisions about his career—and about reuniting with Beth. Inspired by and based on the actual and still-unsolved Gilgo Beach murders, we are taken on a dangerous hunt for an apparent serial killer who has murdered nine—and maybe more—sex workers and hidden their bodies in the thick undergrowth on a lonely stretch of beach. As Corey digs deeper into this case, he comes to suspect that the failure of the local police to solve this sensational mystery may not be a result of their incompetence—it may be something else. Something more sinister. *Fiction, 2022.*

Villages Dog Club invites you to Spring Celebration Luncheon

The Villages Dog Club invites you to come, bring your friends, and join us at the **Spring Celebration Luncheon Fundraiser “Silent Auction”** April 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foothill Center.

Tickets for \$20 each may be billed to your home account or make checks payable to the Villages Dog Club. Tickets will be at Will Call the day of event and includes sandwich, pasta salad, green salad, refreshments and desserts.

Contact Bonnie Taylor at taylorbonnie62@gmail.com or text 406-581-6122.



VMA has plenty of free medical equipment

We know you have read this before, but we still need to put it out there because we are busting at the seams. We are overflowing with equipment at this time, and it needs to find its way to the people who can really use it.



The VMA lends many types of medical equipment for **free** to any Villager who may need it.

The VMA has all types of equipment including walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and knee scooters. Some equipment that you may not realize we have are over-the-bed tables, ice therapy machines and hand/foot exercisers. Come on, you didn’t know we had those, did you?

Don’t hesitate any longer; simply call The VMA office at 408-238-4230 and one of our more than 50 trained drivers will deliver it to you (yes, delivered to your house). You may keep the equipment as long as you need and when you are done with it, we will pick it up—it’s easy and there is no paperwork involved.

If you would like to pick out your own equipment, we can easily make arrangements for you to meet one of our outstanding volunteers at our storage shed in the RV lot. We will get you loaded up and on your way.

There are certain items that we have too many of—right now, we have an excess of two-wheel walkers. You are welcome to take any of the extra ones to give to friends and relatives that may need them.

Please check with the VMA desk for what is available and we will gladly deliver what you need.

We have way too many different items to list here, so to see a complete list of what is available for loan, check out the updated Equipment Catalog on the VMA website (vmavillages.org/services) or visit the VMA Office to look at it.

Next Afternoon Bingo is April 5

If you missed the last Bingo, make sure to be here for this one.

Six simultaneous “black-out bingos!” What? “Never happened before,” claimed some long-time VMA bingo players in Cribari Auditorium March 1. With 75 players, the winning payouts were more than usual.

All money paid to purchase cards is returned to the players. Cards are \$1 each or six for \$5.

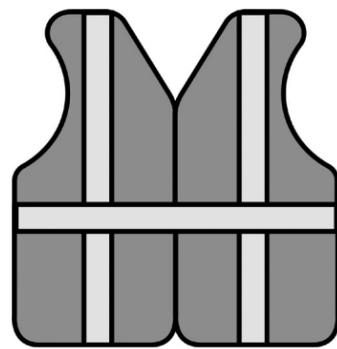
Daytime bingo is one of the many free services provided to residents by the VMA. The next daytime bingo will be **Wednesday, April 5** at 3:30 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. with free coffee, tea, and treats.

Don’t miss your chance to be one the next winner! Join in on the fun! See you there.



Safety Vests

Have you heard the song “Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road?” The skunk got that way because the oncoming driver could not see it until the very last second when the car was right on top of it. It was a tragedy. The skunk being **all dark** and taking a risk crossing the road at night—a recipe for disaster.



When walking at night, make sure you’re visible to oncoming drivers so you don’t become a statistic. Wearing bright or reflective clothing will help tremendously, or you could go to the **VMA** office and pick up a reflective **Safety Vest**. We can arrange to have a supply on hand during our office hours of 9:30 to 2:30 Monday through Thursday.

One size fits all, **and there is no charge**. (Please one vest per household member.)

Come on now. You really don’t want to be that skunk.

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

RELIGION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Feast of St. Joseph' — Evviva La Festa di' San Giuseppe

By Larry and Kathy Lohman

This Sunday commemorates the life of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our city of San Jose was named in his honor. St. Joseph is beloved by Catholics worldwide, and by none more than the Sicilians who developed the tradition of the St. Joseph Altar in his honor.

During the Middle Ages, there was a famine in Sicily during which people were reduced to eating fava beans (cattle food). As they considered themselves lucky to have at least favas to eat, the bean became known as the "lucky bean."

Sicilians prayed to their patron, St. Joseph, for rain and an end to the famine. St. Joseph eventually answered their prayers. In his honor, they erected altars and filled them with their most precious items, food.

By the 1800s the tradition of St. Joseph Altars spread from Sicily to the United States. The altars were typically elaborately decorated with figurines, medals and candles. Today's typical Saint Joseph's Day altar includes flowers, figurines, candles, specially prepared cakes, breads, and cookies.

For decades, San Jose's Italian community has celebrated St. Joseph's Day on March 19, both in their homes and at the Italian American Heritage Foundation where there is a beautiful and bountiful altar, a Catholic Mass, and a meatless dinner, free to all who come through the door, (including any Villagers who'd like to come). St. Joseph's Table represents the tradition of sharing with the poor and hungry. Each person who comes is given a "take home bag" containing a prayer card to St. Joseph, an orange, a bread or cookie item, and fava beans. The fava beans are often kept on a kitchen cabinet shelf and considered representative of good luck. They are generally believed to help keep our pantries full.

We invite Villagers to join San Jose's Italian Catholic Community on March 19 at the Italian American Heritage Foundation, 425 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA 95112 (Parking at Salvation Army). Doors Open: 10:30 a.m., Mass: 11 a.m., Lunch: noon – 3 p.m. Please help us to celebrate La Festa di' San Giuseppe and partake of the abundance of St. Joseph's Table. Questions? Kathy Lohman: 408-238-4467

Cribari Masses: Sundays – 8:15 a.m. **First three Fridays** each month; Rosary 8:30 a.m., Mass 9 a.m. **St. Francis of Assisi Masses:** 1-408-223-1770 or parish website (sfoasj.com) for times. **Homebound communions:** Marilyn Rodman 408-274-4521. **Mass intentions:** Jean Gillette 408-270-5723.

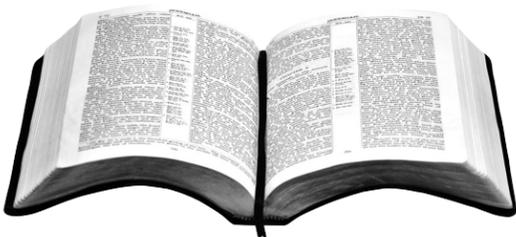
Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are three opportunities at St. Francis of Assisi for Confession during Lent: 1) Every Saturday, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., 2) Lenten Penance Liturgy, Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m., and 3) Good Friday, April 7, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Take the opportunity for confession while it's available. In this sacrament, God not only forgives your sins but heals your soul by offering the graces needed to help conquer sinful tendencies.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

We missed you! Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., March 27 at Vineyard Center.**

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



VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish Community Sabbath Services



Marilyn Goldsmith, Jeff Rosen, Bob Lapidus and Judy London at February's Sabbath Service.

Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia, Senior Director of Collaborative Leadership and Jewish Engagement for Jewish Silicon Valley will be our speaker on March 17. Services are held at Foothill Center beginning at 7:15. His topic will be a discussion of his role at the Center and a presentation on Ethical Wills.

He will also announce a three session course on writing your own Ethical Will that will be held in May. The particulars of date, time and place will be announced at the service. We invite all members of the community to join us for Sabbath Services and for this interesting discussion.

EPISCOPAL

'Shamrock Theology'

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

Never have I ever found a four-leaf clover. Really! I just don't seem to have the eyes for that kind of leafy detail: it all looks green to me. But St. Patrick wasn't looking for four-leaf clovers either, despite the popular Irish lore. Rather, he is said to have used the much more common three-leaf shamrock as a means to illustrate the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity. One God in three persons, as our theology teaches. It's not an easy concept to grasp, so little wonder that Patrick used something common to explain one of the great mysteries of God. In the beauty of Irish flora and fauna, he found an example of the triune nature of God.

Patrick, the 5th century missionary credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, initially came there as a slave. After escaping, returning to his family in England and being educated as a priest, Patrick returned to the island of his captivity as a free man, passionate about teaching local people freedom in Christ. Such was his evangelical success that he became the (informal) patron saint of Ireland. The clover had already been a symbol with a long history in Ireland: the druids believed the clover had magical powers, and used them for their protective abilities. The shamrock, however, became associated with the Irish people through Saint Patrick, and it has maintained its pride of place in Irish culture ever since. Four leaves or three, wear the green with gratitude... it is a sign of God's good news!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Struggles Bring Out the Good'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Many successful individuals have their stories about how they had a hard life before they achieved measurable success. Especially if you are a God-fearing person who believes in living a good life and that good things will ultimately happen to you.

Even when your life is messy and hard in your different seasons of growth, you learn to bear down in prayer. Situations will happen and it's not the way you may think about God's love and grace. Having so many difficulties can cause you to wonder if God is really for you and maybe you should be doing something else. You had imagined that your life would be easier, more predictable and more comfortable because you dedicated your life to be a child of God. Instead, the Bible reveals that struggles are a part of God's plan for you. As a believer, you must never think that the hard things that you are going through are failures and are not part of the plan God made for your success. You must not buy into your feelings that God is not as trustworthy as you thought Him to be.

We live in a fallen world and God plans to use the difficulties to build our faith to complete His work in us for His glory. This means that those struggles and difficulties, which we see as interrup-

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SPORTS NEWS

SWINGERS

By Nancy Carson

We were lucky with the weather today. After 3 or 4 holes the heavy jackets came off and the sunglasses came on. Twenty-nine Swingers played today.

Today was Captains' Trophy Day. Sally Nichols (pictured on the left) won the trophy for the front nine. She is standing with good friend Jan Ehrhardt. They have played together since 2018 and moved over from the Shonis in 2022. Sally said, "We encourage each other due to erratic play but can cart share and finish in two hours!" Flo Southland won the trophy for the back nine. We'll have to catch up with her next week for a picture. Thank you, Marcia Hembree for taking the picture for us.

Congratulations Jennifer Chen, you took home the quarters today with your chip in on #6!

Coming up – April 11, is the Shoni/Swinger Mixer. Play the par 3 in a fun tournament with lunch and prizes, \$25. This is a good opportunity to get to know each other.

We hope you're getting your team together for "Plaids & Pars in the Highlands", the Swingers Invitational, June 13. \$110 includes breakfast, lunch, Mulligan Bags and prizes. Look for sign up information next month.



Sally Nichols and Jan Ehrhardt

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Spring Open

When: Saturday, April 8, 2023

What: Open to all Men's Club 18-hole members.

Format: Stableford; 4-Man, 2BB

Signup: March 25 through April 6 by 11 a.m.

with the Pro Shop. Let them know if you need a playing partner(s) and they will help arrange foursomes.

Handicaps: 100% of April 6 Handicap.

Flights: 3 or 4 Flights based on sign-ups

Tees: #4/3 Combo tees or #3 tees based on Flight

Tee Times: 8 a.m. Shotgun

Costs: \$47 - This includes sweeps, and green fees.

Food: Coffee and Donuts from 6:45 a.m. to 8 a.m.



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SHONIS



By Betty Hall

Our first of the month sweeps and Captains trophy got kicked off last Tuesday with a very nice breakfast in the Clubhouse before golf. John Yu set us up with a great table by the fireplace that was enjoyed by 19 Shonis.

Our Captain's Trophies are going to be shared this month with lots of different Shonis. Our low gross winners were Marty Blinde, Sharon Lingofelter and Teddy Morse with a gross of 39.



The low net winners, with a 24, were Fran Schumaker, Sharon Lingofelter and Teddy Morse. One of our newcomers, Rose Loy, gets our special newcomer trophy with a net 22. Newcomers don't have their 20 games in yet but deserve special recognition for great games. Stuck in nowhere land was another newcomer, Joyce Baptiste, with a net 23. Beat out of both the newcomer trophy and the low net trophy.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Chris Leisy

Our birdie pot got split between Kathy Tanaka who had a 30-footer drop in on hole 8 and Jonna Robinson on hole 9.

This week the rain came back again. It was a cold miserable day, but we had 27 brave women that completed all 18 holes, even with rain on the last 3 holes. We all are ready for that warm spring weather.

Birdies: Kerry Besmehn #6, Camille Giuliodbari #11. Birdie and Chip in: Bev Poellot #10.

Our first guest day, Spring Fling, is on March 30. This might be a good time to invite your invitational guest or a friend that you haven't played with in a while. If not, ask a fellow villager and join in on the fun. The game will be best ball of the foursome.

A huge thank you to John Yu for allowing us to play cards in the dining room each week after lunch. Former members can continue enjoy camaraderie through our Associates Program. The friendships formed on the golf course extend into decades of laughter, fun and support. Thursday's bridge players include Kathy Apgar, Mary Chaboya, Auralie Citrigno, Margaret Davies-White, Dianne Doughty, Suzanne Fazzio, Alice Glazer, Diana Hallock, Nancy Miller, Bev Poellot, Carol Quakenbush, Mazie Rice, Shirley Roberts, Sylvia Rozewicz, and Barbara Weisend. While not all are pictured, all are loved!



18 Hole Women's bridge players

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

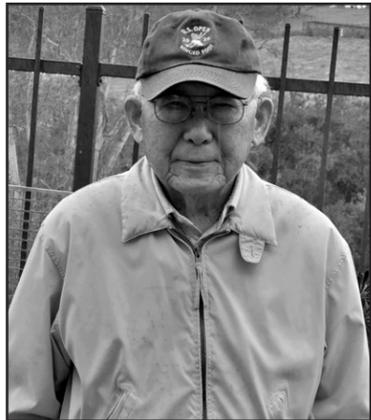
Upcoming Events

There was no luck of the Irish for the **2023 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Member/ Member**. It has been rescheduled for May 12 through 14 (for obvious reasons). Signups will start up again with the Pro Shop on March 25. Three-Day Match Play and Horserace among two-man teams. Catered lunch at Foothill Center Coffee/Donuts (three days).

April 8 - Spring Open - Team Play, Stableford, 4-Man, 2BB, Flighted. Signups will start up again with the Pro Shop on March 25.

May 13 - Memorial Day has been cancelled. We will reengage again next year.

Hole In Ones for February—Oh yes there was... finally! And there was only one man for the job, and he stepped up to the tee box on #11 and did what most players only dream of. **Mr. Kyu Lee** dropped his ball into the cup with only one exquisite swing for an "Ace." The MGC couldn't be more proud or happier for Kyu. Good for you sir! If you see this gentleman on the course be sure to congratulate and compliment him on his achievement.

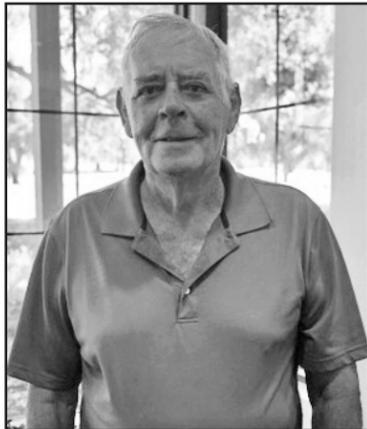


Kyu Lee

Eagles for February...not so much

Age Shooters for February—**Michael Singleton** lit it up big time on February 18 when he went lights out and documented an 85 on his scorecard. You're a stud, Michael, nice shooting.

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



Mike Singleton

Club website.

2023 Evergreen Invitational - This year's Evergreen Invitational scheduled for July 13-15. This is a MGC Major, so plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! Also, should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to Bill Morefield, the Evergreen Chairman at bill_morefield@yahoo.com. Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.

Just a Refresher: One of the simplest ways to keep our course looking green and pristine for years to come is to use "the gates" to enter an exit the fairways. For those who hit it longer off the tee and who do not enter the fairway early, remember that it is always okay to use the cart path until you are parallel with your ball, and then enter the fairway using the 90-degree rule—staying on the cart path until you reach your drive – then proceed down the fairway, from shot to shot, avoiding driving in the rough as much as possible. It's just that simple. And one of the best observations ever: "If it's brown, don't drive on it." Thanks for that one Scott.

Golf Thoughts

- Paddy O'Furniture was frustrated because he has hit numerous fat shots. In his frustration, he told Murphy, his caddy, "I would move heaven and earth just to make a hundred." To which Murphy replied, "Try heaven, Paddy. You have already moved most of the earth."

- After hitting the ball with little to no success, Ben O'Drill asked his caddy what the problem was with his game. The caddy answers, "It's simple, really. You are standing too close to the ball after you whack at it."

MGC E-mails—Are you receiving notification emails from the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club? If not, there is a simple fix. You may have accidentally **unsubscribed** from the scheduled emails. Please just let me know if you think you are one of those and I will send you an email to reconfirm you and get you back on track.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the **Montgomery Center**. The next meeting will be April 4, 2023.

Also, remember to visit our website at **villagesgolfers.com** for the latest Men's Golf Club information. **Kyle Finley** does a great job with the website, keeping us up to date with all of the latest information we need to know regarding the club.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

The weather was back to our 2023 "normal" with Atmospheric Rivers continuing to rush through the Bay Area. In anticipation of another day of heavy rain, the Men's Club Member-to-Member tournament was postponed, and the tee slots were opened to Pinseekers and other Villagers. It was no surprise when Thursday and Friday evenings became some of the wettest in our community since the January deluges. This caused another washout for the Pinseekers.

Given another idle week, I take this opportunity to report on the Year-to-Date status of the Pinseekers 2023 race to our annual "Sweeps Championship." Eleven weeks left until the end of May and the determination of this year's winner; top rankings: Martin Hoek, 54 points, Don Lee, 41 points, Patrick McMordie, 35 points, Mike Falarski, 32 points, Lee Thompson, 27 points, and 25 of our 34 other members have earned at least one point.

When we finally get back to the course, remember to hit 'em long and hit 'em straight, no three putts, and the most important shot is your next shot. Above all else, have fun.

Play The Par 3 Course

Wednesday, March 29

3 p.m. shotgun start

Contact Mary Wagle to sign up at marylwagle@gmail.com or call or text 408-829-4021

Play the Par 3 Course and **improve your short game!** Sign up individually or with a foursome by March 27. This is open to all Villagers and their families and/or friends.

Cocktail time after golf in the bistro.



TENNIS TALK

By Sherry Benz

They say there is no "free lunch." But, here is something fun and free for all Villagers. The Tennis Club presents our annual Open House on Tuesday, March 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the courts. Our Tennis Club's professional, Brett Foreman, is planning an exciting afternoon. He describes it as "Tennis Olympics with a Carnival Theme." Intriguing? Join in to meet the challenges he has created for us. Tennis Anywhere will be providing demos of some of the newest racquets for you to try. Come shod in tennis shoes for "on the court" fun. There will be prizes, games and strawberry shortcake! No reservations required. Questions? Email Harry Soin (harrysoin@gmail.com) or Nancy Spisar (nancy.spisar@gmail.com).

Jump Start kicks off at the Tennis Club Open House. Whether you are a beginner or just "rusty," our Villager "experts" are ready to help you learn and improve your strokes. Jump Start will meet on successive Tuesday afternoons beginning April 1 for 10 weeks from 5 to 6 p.m. Don't have a racquet? No worry, we have racquets donated by our members and would love to give you one. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, meet others at your playing level and... all free of cost! The only requirement is to join the Tennis Club. Questions? Contact Sherry Benz (408-223-6882 or sabenz@sbcglobal.net.)

Don't forget ... the Prescott tournament is March 18 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and the courts will be busy with this fun, round robin event. All registration fees (\$15) and donations benefit the VMA, which provides much needed services to our residents. Register on the website or contact Mitzi Macon (408-605-8134 or mitzimacon@yahoo.com). No partner needed! Cheerleaders welcome in the stands!

The VTL (Villages Tennis League) is off to a great start. Thanks to Roy Pennington, Jim Murphy and Peggy Seidel for organizing this program. It has been such fun to be on the courts with lots of different players. If you are interested in being a sub, give Roy Pennington a call (505-410-3449 or rpenn1700@aol.com). We just need the rain to stop on match days!



Brett Foreman



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More SPORTS

Golf Cart Yellow Lines Initiative

As part of the Villages continuing Culture of Care initiative for our 18-Hole golf course, in January of 2023 we will begin the installation of yellow ground paint lines in front of the green complexes to clearly define the 30-foot golf cart restriction area at each green as prescribed in Golf Rule 1.14 Section 8-J:

8-J. Carts are to be kept on the cart path around all green complexes and teeing grounds. Carts must be kept a minimum of 30-feet from the green apron and are not permitted within the perimeter of greenside bunkers.



The golf course yellow lines

The yellow lines will take the place of stakes and ropes and serve as a visual reference point defining where golf carts cannot advance any closer to the green apron according to the 30-foot perimeter mandate in Rule 1.14, Section 8-J.

The former use of stakes and ropes for this purpose proved to be a challenge due to the following factors: Visually and aesthetically unappealing - Unsightly

Physical hindrance to golf shots - Formed an obstruction for advancing golf balls

Labor intensive - stakes and ropes were constantly moved, removed, and knocked down

Expense - the cost of attaining enough stakes and rope for each hole is very high

The yellow ground lines will serve as a better option than stakes and roping for the following reasons: Less Obtrusive - yellow ground lines will not create an above ground obstruction to golf shots approaching the green

Aesthetically Subtle - yellow ground lines will be more visually appealing than above ground stakes and roping

Permanence - yellow ground lines cannot be moved, knocked over or completely removed

It is important for the condition of the green complexes and associated turf to keep cart traffic a minimum of 30-feet from each green apron and outside the perimeter of the greenside bunkers. Cart traffic allowed too close to the greens damages turf, creates unsightly tire ruts and results in unfavorable playing conditions as the turf becomes thin, compacted, compressed and, in some cases, permanently damaged.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Spring Aerification

Monday, March 20 - Back Nine *closed* all day for greens aerification - Montgomery & Vineyard Chipping Greens *closed* all day for aerification - Front-9 Open for a 12 p.m. Shotgun - Putting Green Open

Tuesday, March 21 - All golf facilities *closed* all day for completion of aerification including the 18-Hole Course, the Par-3 Course, all practice greens, the Driving Range and the Pro Shop

Wednesday, March 22 - Par-3 Course *closed* all day for greens aerification

Summer Golf Schedule Changes:

Monday: Open Shotgun 1 p.m. - Driving Range open until 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Swingers - 8:45 a.m. Shotgun - Shonis - Par-3 Course 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: Ironmen Par-3 Course 10 a.m.

Tuesday-Sunday: Last tee Time 5 p.m. for the month of March

Pro Shop - Closes at 5 p.m. through March

Get Golf Ready - Beginner Golf Clinics start in March—Do you want to learn about golf and how to play? The Get Golf Ready Beginner Clinics are the place to be! Designed for the true beginner, Get Golf Ready Beginner Clinics will introduce you to all aspects of the game of golf and set you on your way toward a lifetime of enjoyment playing golf. You will enter a novice - you will leave a golfer!

Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m. - Introduction to the Game of Golf

Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. - Sort Game Fundamentals - Putting & Chipping

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. - Full Swing Fundamentals - Introduction to the Golf Swing

Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. - Full Swing Fundamentals - Fairway Shots

Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. - Full Swing Fundamentals - The Driver

Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. - Play the Par-3 Course

This series of beginner clinics is currently sold out - you can sign up for the waiting list or there will be another beginner golf series of clinics in May.

Taylor Made Fitting/Demo Day—Friday, April 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Introducing the all-new Stealth 2 HD, combining the elements of speed and forgiveness to unlock **forgiveness**. It was already fast. Now, they made it even more forgiving. Building on the speed producing success of the original 60X Carbon Twist Face, the new design features an enhanced version of Inverted Cone Technology to help maintain ball speed on off-center strikes and increase forgiveness. Compared to the original Carbonwood, Stealth 2 HD features nearly twice the amount of carbon. It is constructed using a new Carbon Reinforced Composite Ring and collectively utilizes more of the lightweight material than any driver in TaylorMade history. Their advanced application of carbon allows for the redistribution of mass for more forgiveness and stability. **Call the Pro Shop to book an appointment** - this will be the only way to guarantee that the Callaway fitter will work with you personally.

New in the Pro Shop—Wilson Duo Golf Balls - the lowest compression golf balls in the World - 40 compression perfect for low swing speeds. Taylor Made Stealth 2 woods featuring "Fargiveness" carbon technology - maximum forgiveness and distance combined. Callaway Paradym woods with an expanded carbon crown - providing the best Distance, Forgiveness, and Adjustability. Titleist ProV1 and ProV1x golf balls - new larger high gradient core for higher speeds, optimal trajectory and spin. Titleist ProV1x Left Dash golf balls - The in between ProV1 and ProV1x - firmer feel than ProV1x, high speed low spin. Titleist Q-Mark leather gloves for men and women featuring the removable Villages Logo Ball Mark. Cobra Golf Aerojet Woods with their new Power-Bridge technology providing faster ball speeds-Demos available. Taylor Made TP5 and TP5X balls now available in optic yellow.

Pro Shop Sale Items—Srixon Soft Feel Balls - Buy 2 Dozen Get 1 Dozen *free*. Villages logo golf bags - Buy a logo bag and receive one Free Round of Golf.

Tips from the Pro - Experimentation Leads to Results

A round of golf is very dynamic and will throw many different scenarios at you. Your ball might be stuck behind a tree, on a steep uphill lie, or catch an awkward lie in the greenside rough. This is exactly why you need to make experimentation a part of every practice session. Do you ever practice recovery shots? Well, you should...You see, golf is the only sport in which you do not practice and play on the same field. In baseball, you practice on the same diamond you play games on, in swimming you practice in the same pool that you swim meets in, and in football you practice on the same field on which you play the games. But in golf, we practice at a driving range off fake grass, and we chip and putt on a green with a dozen holes cut into it. And we usually have many, many golf balls when we practice, which we all know is not the reality of golf. Therefore, in order to make golf practice truly useful, we need to experiment a bit. So try different things when you practice to simulate those scenarios you will ultimately have to face on the course. Tap in to that experimental and creative side that you have. And although we do not practice golf on the golf course that we play on, experimenting will go a long way.

Here are some examples of things you can try:

1. Try hitting low punch shots with your 4-iron (like hitting from under a tree), or try hitting hooks or slices with your 6-iron (like hitting around a tree), or try hitting a very high shot with your 9-iron (like hitting over a tree).
2. Throw some balls in the deepest part of the rough around the practice green and try to dig them out and chip them close.
3. Bury a ball in the face of a bunker and climb in and hit it out onto the green.
4. Practice putting with only one ball - one try per putt.

Figuring out how to alter your technique and adapt to difficult scenarios will prove invaluable during your rounds! And you can accomplish this by practicing and experimenting on them first. Most golf tips don't discuss what happens when things go wrong on the course, but all great golfers know how to deal with all kinds of adversity. So the next time you practice, experiment a little, think outside the box, and practice things you can actually use on the golf course to help you score better. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

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More SPORTS

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are now in afternoon play currently gathering every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

Thursday, March 9, 2023, was again windy and cold, with rain, so our play was cancelled and there are no results to report. We all hope to be back at it next week.

BOCCE NEWS

Happy St. Patrick's Day at the Bocce Bash

You're invited to the Bocce Club's first themed Bash, on Friday, March 17 from 3-5 p.m.

We'll be decorated and ready to have fun playing bocce and enjoying the company of old and new friends.

Ken Colaizzi, your host, will have a special surprise! Just wear green and bring a dish to share it you'd like to eat, and your favorite drink.

You needn't be a member to attend, everyone is welcome! Do you or your group want to host a bash? Contact Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

By Barbara Orlando

Come join us at the Bocce Club at **Bash** today, Friday, March 17 at the bocce courts from 3 to 5 p.m., for a celebration of the green. Bring a St. Paddy's day treat to share, if you'd like to join in the eating, along with your own personal drink. Wearin' of the green is suggested but is optional. As always, you needn't be a

member to attend. Courts are ADA compliant, and bathroom are located adjacent to the Gazebo Park area. We look forward to seeing you.

If you or your group are interested in hosting one or more bashes, please contact Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net, it's fun! Bash is every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., March through the end of October. Today is a themed bash and we have three more planned throughout our bocce season.

Spring Mixer is ending its first week of tournament play. We have some very creative team names this year, here are a few,

such as Bocce Brawlers, Spring Chickens, Here We Roll Again, Oops! I Did It Again and Turn the Paddle. 32 Teams of eight are playing in the Spring Mixer Tournament, with teams made up of beginners, intermediate and advanced players. This makes it fun and exciting; you meet new people and play with friends that you normally don't play with. Check out the weekly standings of our tournament games on our club's website at villagesbocceclub.com, Yourcourts and in the Villager.

Have you changed your email address or not receiving emails from the Bocce Club? Please contact Jeanne Anne Whitacre at jawhitacre@live.com or phone 650-493-3638.

Did You Know: Walkways adjacent to the courts during tournament play, are for referees only. Try to avoid any excessive movement up and down the walkways, wait to walk between frames.



SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, March 8

Tony Rivera 153
Kit Hultquist 164
Sylvia Rozewicz 185

Friday, March 10

Maribeth Berlie 171
Beverly Wharton 248
Shirley Bellavance 280

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, May 9

Flight One:

Low Gross - Helen Vanderkamp - 84
Low Net - Bev Rees - 73

Flight Two:

Low Gross - Kerry Besmehn - 99
Low Net - Vivian Brown - 72
2nd Low Net - Bev Poellot - 74

Flight Three:

Low Gross - Mazie Rice - 105
Low Net - Donna Quartaro - 79

2 Tee Flight:

Low Gross - Mary Wagle - 100
Low Net - Alice Glazer - 71

LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

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

BRIDGE

Monday, February 27:

1. Mary LeGrand - Jonna Robinson
2/4. Selma Chastaine - Sylvia Rozewicz,
Claude Ashen - Roger Laddo,
Joe Henry - Lorrie Scott

Wednesday, March 1:

1. Ed Logg - guest
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Jonna Robinson- Lorrie Scott

Friday, March 3:

1. Carol Reid - Bash Singh
2. Mary LeGrand - guest
3. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor

Monday, March 6:

1. Kathy Apgar - Mazzie Rice
2/3. Louann Partridge - guest
2/3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho
4. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Wednesday, March 8:

1. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Ed Logg - guest

Friday, March 10:

1. Ed Logg Jonna Robinson
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Roger Lasson - Louann Partridge

SHONIS

Tuesday, March 7

Low Nets

Flight one:
1. Tied - Sharon Lingofelter and Teddy Morse 24

Flight Two:

1. Joyce Baptiste 23
2. Kathy Tanaka 25
3. Jonna Robinson 27

Flight Three:

1. Rose Loy 22
2. Tied - Manoli Kelly, Fran Schumaker and Jan Trusso 24
3. Tied - Leslie Ingham and Peggy White 25



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5500-5576—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/20-3/24.

Olive Fruit reduction treatment throughout the district (Product name—Maintain CF 125, Signal Word: Warning, EPA #69361-6), scheduled for 3/15-3/16, weather permitting.

Cribari Heights and Cribari Corners—Shrub beds drip installation, (except ivy ground cover area), in progress.

5452—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Cribari Green—Dry rot repairs prior to painting project, in progress.

5169—Replumbing due to slab leak, in progress.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, scheduled to start 3/20.

Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

3316-3366 and 3401-3431—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/20-3/24.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

Turf, shrub beds, street cracks, weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.REG.N0.524-579 and Turflon Ester EPA.REG.N0.6219-566), in progress.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/20.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/17-4/21.

7822, 7824, 7833, 7835 and 7837—Painting project in progress, weather permitting.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/10-4/14.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/20.

8493—Small stucco wall replacement in progress.

8497—Small stucco wall replacement, in planning.

8503—Storm drain repairs, in planning.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/17-4/21.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/20.

8400-8423—Utility door repairs in planning.

8429—Sewer lateral repairs in planning.

8116—Utility door repairs in planning.

Chardonay Lake—Walkway repairs in planning, weather permitting.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/27-3/31.

Shrub beds, street cracks and weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.REG.N0.524-579), in progress.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

Lighting replacement project throughout the district in progress, weather permitting.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district in progress.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

Dead/dying tree removals at various locations, in planning.

6113 and 6114—Driveway replacement in progress.

6138—Dry rot repairs in progress.

6358—Sewer line repairs in planning, weather permitting.

6317—Trash enclosure repairs in progress.

Olivas

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/20-3/24.

Shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.REG.N0.524-579), in progress.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

Turf, weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Turflon Ester EPA.REG.N0.6219-566), in progress.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/20.

8769-8795—Lighting replacement project in progress, weather permitting.

8736—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Valle Vista

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/20-3/24.

9019-9027 and 9051-9060—Fire fuel management 5 foot zone, vegetation clearing behind patios and between units scheduled to start 3/15, weather permitting.

Turf, shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.524-579), scheduled to start the week of 3/20, weather permitting.

9019-9020, 9028 and 9050—Roof eave repairs in progress, weather permitting.

Verano

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/20-3/24.

Dead/dying tree removals at various locations, in planning.

Verano West Entrance, 7204, 7208, hillside by 7300 Via Granja and Via Laguna—Turf conversion projects, in planning.

Turf, shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.524-579), scheduled to start the week of 3/20, weather permitting.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), every Monday.

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, in progress.

General fallen tree debris clean up throughout the Villages, in progress.

Club Centers

Cribari Center and Villages Parkway Median Strip Areas—Olive Fruit reduction treatment in progress.

Median strips at Villages Parkway and Fairway Dr.—Weed herbicide spray (Roundup Pro Max E.P.A. 524-579), in progress.

Foothill, Montgomery and Cribari Pool—Scheduled to open 4/1.

Public Safety Plaza—Shade door repairs in planning.

Public Safety Plaza—Preventative roof maintenance, in progress, weather permitting.

For Pesticide information on pest control or landscape, please contact Customer Service at (408) 223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 9201 The Village Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal and click on the Pesticides button for pest control or landscape.

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2023

Cribari: March 20 to March 25 — Completion (weather permitting)

Highland: March 13 to March 18—Completion (weather permitting)

Club Buildings: March 27 to March 31—Completion (weather permitting)

Maintenance Services

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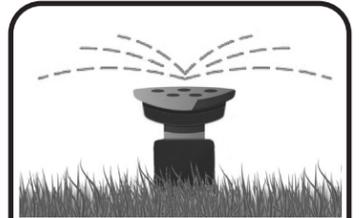
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Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

Your Weekly Words of Wisdom



We need not be afraid to touch, to feel, to show emotion. The easiest thing in the world is to be what you are, what you feel. The hardest thing is to be what others want you to be.

Slice of Humor



Did you hear about the yacht builder who had to work from home? His sails went through the roof.



LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE
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Because of rapid and frequent developments in our world that directly affect our community, keeping informed is essential. And now more than ever, it is important to be up on the latest developments in your community. Get those vital updates by signing up for Fast Lane, The Villages email newsletter. It is both quick and easy and you can do it online or over the phone. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 408-223-4681; kpatterson@the-villages.com, or on the Villages Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com

There are currently six editions of The Fast Lane: Wednesday (general announcements and board-recognized events), Friday (Board and Committee meeting information), Saturday (Maintenance Services), The Clubhouse & Bistro every Monday, The Pro Shop Tuesday, and Community Activities every Thursday.



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.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Homeowners' Corporation Quarterly Meeting Voting Record for March 9, 2023

Homeowners' Corporation March 9, 2023 Quarterly Meeting Voting Record								
	Agenda Items	TM	JO	BF	RK	LV	Comments	Costs
1	Approval Consideration of Annual Meeting and Election Schedule and Appoint Inspectors of Election	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved June 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Villages Clubhouse as the date and time and place for this year's Annual Meeting of the Members, appointed Jeanne Filice, Kathy Weatherford, and Janelle Marines as Inspectors of Elections for the 2023 Annual Meeting Election and any other Homeowners' Corporation vote that may take place in 2023, and approved May 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. as the Record Date for the 2023 Annual Meeting Election.	\$0
2	Board Candidate Recruitment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	It was reported that there will be a Villager article on the director election in upcoming editions noticing the procedure how interested single-family homeowners can run for the Board.	\$0
3	Quarterly Review of Accounts per Villages Homeowners' Bylaws Section 9.2.5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify acceptance of the quarterly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
4	Management Agreement Language Change	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved proposed language change to the Management Agreement between the Club and Homeowners' Corporation so that the first sentence of Article II, Section 12, reads, "The Management Agent shall employ a General Manager reasonably qualified and experienced in the management of large-scale country club/residential communities." The purpose of the change is because single-family homeowners are responsible for maintenance of their property and chose to own homes in a country club community and have significant interest in the agent's responsibility of maintaining and enhancing the country club amenities; this interest should be an equal factor in the hiring of a general manager and expressed in the Management Agreement.	\$0
5	Additional Rule Language for Outside Holiday Decorations	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus, the Board agreed that Rob Kirschbaum (CFO) and Morton Cordell (ACC Chair) will work on proposed additional rule language for outside holiday decorations for Board consideration.	\$0
6	Approval Consideration of Resolution Honoring Villages Volunteers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved Resolution Honoring Villages' Volunteers. Volunteer recognition event to be held Friday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.	\$0
7	FY23/24 Proposed Preliminary Budget Summary; Discuss Fees	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Assumptions for the proposed FY23/24 Budget were presented and discussed. The Board approved to increase enforcement assessments (fines) beginning July 1, 2023, from \$100 to \$150 for the first offense, from \$150 to \$250 for the second offense and from \$250 to \$500 for the third offense. There is a Special Open Meeting/Workshop to review the proposed budget scheduled for Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Montgomery Center and another to approve the budget and annual meeting materials scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. at Montgomery Center.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting								\$0

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consensus | R = Recused

*TM = Teddy Morse | JO = Jeannie Omel | BF = Brooks Fuller | RK = Rob Kirschbaum | LV = Larry Versaw

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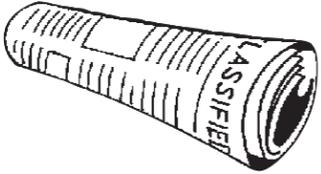
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OBITUARY

Kathleen Ashby

March 1, 1947 – March 6, 2023



We regretfully announce the passing of Kathleen Ashby on March 6, 2023. Kathi was surrounded by her family as she passed.

Kathi was one of the most courageous, brave, generous, and adventurous women to walk this earth. Our family was blessed to call her wife, mother, and Nana. Marching in a parade as a champion baton twirler at just 15, her soon-to-be husband Garry fell in love with her at first sight. With over 57 years together, they built a wonderful life traveling the world, working hard, and raising three children, Corrine, Brandon, and Steffanie, and three grandchildren, Apple, Isabella, and Garren.

Kathi was a homemaker for many years before pursuing her dream to become a teacher. Kathi graduated from San Jose State University in 1993, with a Bachelor's in Environmental Science. She then pursued a career in public elementary school education. She took great pride in her education and went on to earn her Master's in Education Administration and Supervision in 2001. Kathi treasured her years as a teacher and touched the lives of many young people.

Kathi always looked forward to her next adventure. She and Garry visited every continent except Antarctica—which was next on her list. Kathi loved being an active member of the Villages community. She was in a bridge club, played pickleball and mahjong, attended events, and was involved in committee work. Above all other activities, however, Kathi treasured her time with her grandchildren.

Kathi was at every dance recital, cheerleading competition, gymnastics meet, and all the sports games! She always showed up to cheer on her grandkids. "Nana" was always up for a road trip or a fun excursion. She is survived by her husband, Garry, their children, grandchildren, her brother Melvin Van Huss, and many nieces and nephews. She was deeply loved and cherished. She will be greatly missed by all her knew her.

Kathleen's Celebration of life will be held at the Villages Clubhouse, 2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA on Friday, March 31 at 4 p.m.

Please remember Kathi by wearing bright colors—a pink and orange combo was one of her favorites.

OBITUARY

Lillian Jean Mantia

April 23, 1936 – February 9, 2023

Lillian Mantia passed away peacefully at her home in San Jose, California, on February 9, 2023, at the age of 86. Born on April 23, 1936, to Manual and Jean Sanchez, Lillian was raised by her mother and stepfather Joe Caporusso in Pleasanton, California, alongside two siblings.

Lillian graduated from Amador Valley High School and, following a brief period living in San Francisco, landed a job at Lawrence Livermore National Labs. Together with her first husband, Jim Byrd, she settled in Sunnyvale, California. Following eldest daughter Jennifer's birth, the young family spent a year in Europe, sightseeing and visiting relatives in Spain. After returning to the States, Lillian gave birth to daughters Tiphonie and Kimberly, and when they reached school age, decided to return to the workforce. She accepted a part-time position at Epic Food Services, then transitioned to a Medical Records Specialist position at Kaiser Permanente. She later retired with her second husband, Bob Mantia, to the scenic foothills of San Jose, California.

Many knew Lillian by her fondness of dancing and endearing personality. She loved to travel, enjoying cruises with family and friends alike. She was a friend to animals, often walking her neighbors' dogs in the warm California sunshine. She was an avid Giants and 49ers fan, an incredible bingo player, and much, much more.

Lillian is survived by three daughters (Jennifer, Tiphonie, and Kimberly), seven grandchildren (Kyle, Alyson, Trace, Taryn, Ryan, Jordan, and Shannon), five great-grandchildren (Tristen, Aiden, Harper, Ashton, and Zachary), brother Bobby, and sister Joanne.

A private service was held March 9, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 29, 2023, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For details contact Jennifer at 408-691-1514 or jennifer.deneve@britelab.com.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or The Humane Society in memoriam.



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

OBITUARY

Olga de la Serna
May 16, 1936 – March 7, 2023



great-grandson Cirus. Olga's family would like to thank all those Villagers who made Olga's time here so special and happy.

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Olga de la Serna of Cribari Bluffs. Olga died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on March 7, 2023.

Olga moved to Village Cribari in 1991 and resided here ever since. Born in Argentina and raised in Holland, Curaçao, and Cuba, Olga was known for her worldliness and command of several languages.

Her family and friends, who loved her dearly, will always remember Olga for her generosity, sunny demeanor, elegance, and kindness that knew no limits. During her life, Olga was an interior decorator, taught children with special needs, volunteered at hospice, and continued giving of herself until her final days.

Olga is survived by her children, Carolina, Pedro, and Martín, her daughters in-law Sandra and Luisa, her grandchildren Justin and Nolan, her granddaughters in-law Madeline and Sydnie, and her

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

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In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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Please notify Public Safety of family member's passing

As a friendly reminder, if you experience the passing of a household member or spouse, please add the Public Safety Administration to the list of places to notify of the passing. Please contact the office at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: vtennon@the-villages.com or hbalaoro@the-villages.com

Community Chapel...

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tions or failures, are an important part of His plan. They cause us to cry out to Him for His grace to quickly release and revive us and He does deliver us in His time and not ours.

We discover that His grace which He so faithfully bestows upon us is not always pleasant. For His grace is working patience in our souls, which is needful in our conformity to His image and witness in the journey. If we were in control of our destiny there would be things and lessons that we would totally avoid. As we live with eternity in view, God's grace comes to us in uncomfortable situations that His power is made greater in our weakness. You may be at a stage in life that was not a part of your plan but according to God's plan it's precisely where you need to be. The goal is to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:13 ESV "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

If you need friendship, you can find it in our Chapel. Please join us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word and enjoy a cup of 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 Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.

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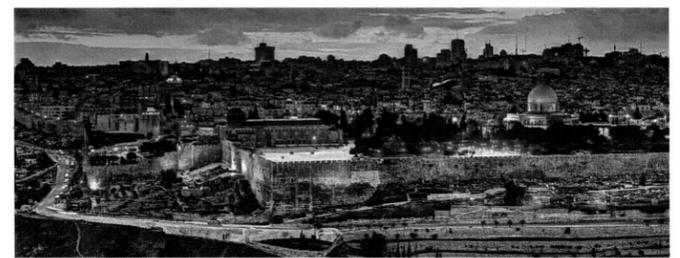
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Your old or unused eyeglasses and hearing aids can be dropped off and collected at the VMA office (Monday -Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) in Cribari Center.

They are then sent to a service organization for refurbishing and then delivered to the Lyon's Club for distribution to the people that need them the most.

Old cell phones that you are no longer using or need can be dropped off and collected at the VMA office also. They are then delivered to the Verizon Corporate office, where they are then repurposed for recycling or sold. The proceeds that are generated by this process go directly to help assist victims of domestic violence.

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The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses and tennis courts.

It's a rewarding experience to participate in the governance of this vibrant community. The Nominating Committee urges all Villages property owners to consider involvement in the community decisions through service on The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Andrew Altman at 207-210-8210 or Andy@ASAltman.com; Vivian Brown at 408-274-5850 or vivi-anbrown1328@comcast.net; Beverly Poellot at 408-300-1009 or bpoellot@gmail.com; and Mohan Rao Aiyagari at 408-828-3709 or mvaiyagari@sbcglobal.net.

Homeowners' Corporation Directors' Election 2023

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board (HBOD) of Directors is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages life.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The Homeowners' Board of Directors manages and regulates the use and enjoyment of the Homeowner Development in accordance with the governing documents and the law, and in a manner that preserves, protects, and enhances homeowner property." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board. With Rob Kirschbaum's term expiring, there will be one director three-year term open on the Board for 2023. Rob Kirschbaum is eligible to serve an additional term.

If you would like to find out more about serving on the Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors, please contact any current board member, President Teddy Morse 408-394-5229, Vice President Jeannie Omel, 408-677-6530; Secretary Brooks Fuller, 630-740-5542; CFO (Treasurer) Rob Kirschbaum, 201-960-4820; and Director Larry Versaw, 408-960-8387.

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Techniques and tips for driving in the rain

Rain is blamed for thousands of accidents every year—many of which can be prevented. To follow are a few tips that apply to driving in adverse weather on Villages streets, as well as on highways and local throughfares.

- Allow more travel time. Plan to drive at a slower pace than normal when the roads are wet. Keep in mind that traffic is likely to be moving at a slower pace than normal.
- Brake earlier and with less force than you would normally. Not only does this increase the stopping distance between you and the car in front of you, it also lets the driver behind you know that you're slowing down.
- Turn on your headlights, even if it is only spinkling lightly. It helps you see the road, and more importantly, it helps other motorists see you. Furthermore, California law requires that when you use your windshield wipers, your headlights must be on.
- Defog your windows. Rain will quickly cause your windshield and windows to fog up. Switch on both front and rear defrosters and be sure the fan is turned on.
- Watch out for pedestrians. An ordinarily observant pedestrian may become distracted by adjusting an umbrella or raincoat. Plus raindrops deaden sounds so that auditory clues for measuring car distances become skewed—be extra observant of pedestrians walking in groups or with their dogs.

While most people slow down in the rain, others don't. Always drive defensively and be aware of those around you at all times—you can help prevent accidents by being a careful driver.

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Real Estate –

Designer headline: "Look more luxurious" and "Drab to Delightful"

We all know that the design world has to constantly change to keep sales up. Like hair styles and fashion, it gets to a point where styles are in and out so fast that you can get away with any and all styles. I believe we have hit that point in the home interior design arena. Design articles are covering a multitude of design styles all at once now. The designer I quoted above talks about 2 different designs concepts in one statement and has a third design that I will talk about in a future article.

Look more luxurious is not just for the "look"

A "Wellness" bathroom is a place is where you spend alone time pampering yourself, not just your body. The concept is that your bathroom should become a spa, a place where you lounge in a luxury tub, play soft music, read a good book etc. The look includes large showers and tubs, radiant heated floors, beautiful chandelier lighting and luxurious lounge chairs and tables. Piped in Music or TV is also on the menu. The problem is that most people do not have large enough bathrooms to accommodate the Luxury "wellness" experience. In reading the description I thought of the old bath soap commercial. "Calgon...take me away". It is all of that. (You can Google it)

For those that can't afford the "Luxury" look, there is the "Delightful" look

Now this is a real new one for me. We are now naming a room overstuffed with your favorite items as "*maximalist Décor*". Why not! We have had Minimalist décor for a few years, let's make it a style to have a room full of your favorite eclectic items. For those of us who never get around to declutter your home, you will love this "new décor". A room stuffed full of happy bright, fun stuff. Lots of stuff! The picture they gave was of a very bright, colorful room full of stuff. I guess a Maximalist doesn't have drab belongings. I think this style will never go away. It will only be expanded to incorporate old duller stuff that may still "delight" your maximalist taste. Go for it I say!



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