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- Aerial views of The Villages
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Villages organizations reach out at Club & Committee Expo



Representatives of many Villages organizations were eager to meet residents to provide information about and promote their respective groups at the first-ever Club and Committee Expo held in Cribari Center Saturday, September 9. The event was in the making for several years, planned by the Community Activities Department, to provide greater opportunities for residents to interact with Villages organizations. Previously, interaction was limited to New Resident Orientation sessions and sometimes new residents needed the time to settle in before they sought opportunities for involvement. The event included 43 exhibitors—six committees and 37 clubs. Most organizations connected with potential new members. (More photos on page 27)

PhotobyFrankLangben

VMA to present ‘Oversee Your Healthcare Decisions’

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Programs Coordinator

“Hey, Mom, this Advance Care Planning (ACP) is stark,” sighed my 53-year-old daughter. Margot is preparing documents for a four-month trip to Portugal and Malawi, Africa. Now sandwiched in her backpack, along with her passport and her Malaria records, are her desires regarding use of CPR, Ventilator, Artificial Hydration, and Tube Feedings.

Stark—yes. Necessary—yes. Permanent—no. Freeing—yes.

In “**Oversee Your Healthcare Decisions—How & Why**,” Amy Wang, NP, and Founder of Ready2Nurse Home Health Agency will dialogue with participants on these key questions:

- Why do I need to have an Advance Care Plan in place?
- What are the primary components of an Advance Care Plan?
- What are the risks and benefits of CPR? Ventilator? Artificial Hydration? Tube Feeding?
- What if I change my mind about my first decisions?
- How do I face my own mortality and the mortality of my loved ones?

Using case histories of two actual patients, Amy will illustrate how each person made their decisions and created their Advance Care Plans. Amy will also answer your questions about who needs to hold your Advance Care Plan, so your wishes and health care rights are protected. Whether you tuck your ACP in your backpack or in your Important papers

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Fire Safety Workshop

at the Clubhouse

Thursday, September 28

4 to 6 p.m.

(See ad on page 3 for more information)

Crafters Fall Boutique is Saturday!

Just a few more days until the Crafters Club Fall Boutique! Yes, it's this Saturday, September 16 at Cribari center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have several new crafters who will be showcasing their talents in ceramics, jewelry, mosaics and fabrics! Of course, our roster of established crafters will also be ready to greet you with new items that they have been busy creating! Look for your favorites—like quilts, tote bags, beaded jewelry, succulents, wreaths, crocheted items and handmade cards—as well as new creations! If you can't wait to start decorating for Halloween you won't want to miss the tables of pumpkins, potion bottles and magical cats! Many of our crafters will be happy to create personal items designed to your specifications but be sure to get your requests in now because the holidays are our busiest time for crafting! We will be looking forward to seeing you on Saturday! The coffee will be on and the cookies will be out! Happy shopping!



Barbara Osborne's magical hand-painted cats are must-haves for Halloween.

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.

1 Pulse letter received this week.
 0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.
 1 Pulse letter 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.

I totally agree with Arthur Yu's Pulse letter on August 24. We keep hearing that Comcast is fixing the problem and yet the problem has continued with no internet, phone or TV. It is ironic that there will be Comcast enhancements by upgrading its cabling and introducing 10G network. The Villages has a contract with them and we additionally pay monthly fees. The disruptions are not acceptable and we should demand that the problem gets fixed ASAP. Furthermore, we should get some kind of refund for the aggravation. I also found out that AT&T and Verizon are going to build towers in The Villages and we will have better phone reception. Comcast is not, as it is not in our contract! Why can't a tower be added to our contract?
 —Judy Eskinazi

Welcome New Residents!
New Resident Orientation scheduled for September 20

There will be a New Resident Orientation on Wednesday, September 20, at 3 p.m. at 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. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

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

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

BOUQUETS

Our Club held its August General Meeting/Breakfast in the beautiful Clubhouse Fairway Room. To Albert Salcedo, John Yu, servers Dayli Guzman and Mariella Hernandez, and the chefs, thank you. The food was absolutely delicious, perfectly prepared, and lots of it. We appreciate everything you do to make our events special. You're the best!
 —Burt Lancaster and Jean Corrigan, Republican Club



The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)
 If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

IN MEMORIAM

Betty (Pat) Hanzad
June 30, 1926—August 16, 2023
 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Edward (Ed) Klein
June 7, 1925—September 1, 2023
 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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.

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.
Delivery: *The Villager* is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in *The Villager* office and in the Library.
 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, Thomas Moore at 408-887-5322, and Janis Silver at 408-274-6605.

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Councilmember Domingo Candelas invites you to a



FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOP



Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The Villages Clubhouse

Join us to learn about fire safety issues and fire prevention tips from our state and local agencies!

RSVP AT:
bit.ly/VillagesFireSafety



Scan me!



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CC&Rs Voting Deadline Extended!

The Villages Association Board has approved to extend the ballot deadline for vote for the Third Amendment to the CC&Rs. The new deadline is Monday, September 25 at 8 a.m. As described in the ballot package, for this amendment to pass at least 1,155 votes must be in favor of the proposed amendment. As of August 11, 2023, the number of ballots received was 1,033. As of July 11, Valle Vista in the lead at 53%, and Cribari with the lowest percentage received at 26% below are the percentages of ballots received by District.

Sonata: 45%	Del Lago: 45%	Fairways: 36%
Cribari: 26%	Montgomery: 40%	Verano: 50%
Highland/Glen Arden: 39%	Hermosa: 46%	Valle Vista: 53%
Heights: 39%	Olivas: 50%	

If you have not voted already, please Vote Now! If you need a replacement ballot please contact Julia Meadows at 408-223-4674 or jmeadows@the-villages.com

2024 Telephone Directory updates

It is time for input for the 2024 Villages Telephone Directory. If you want to update your information, please contact Public Safety Administration (Building C) at 408-239-5246, option 2, as soon as possible. **The deadline for changes for the 2024 Telephone Directory is Friday, September 22.**

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

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'

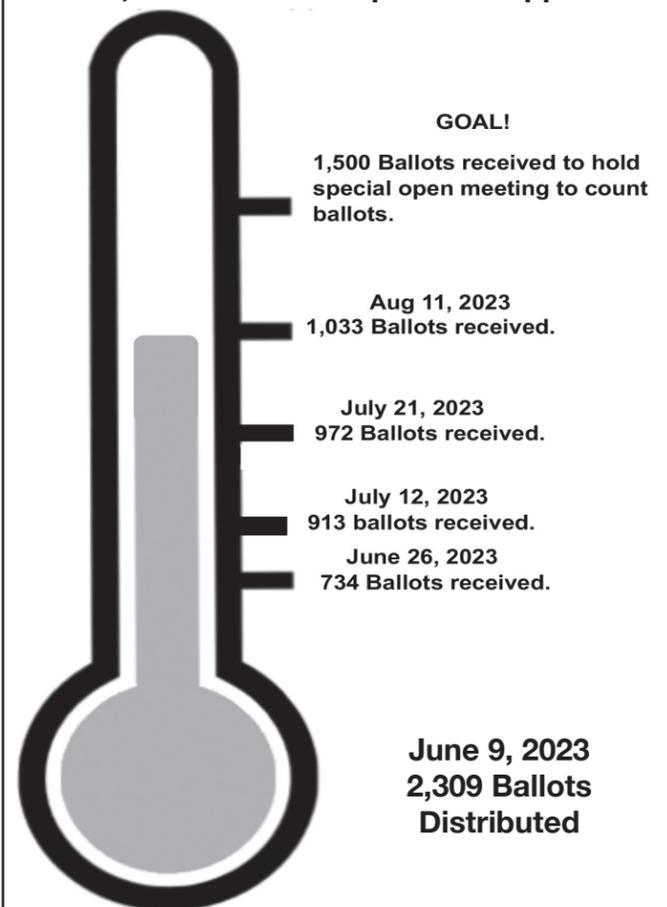
The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The ABOD has a column in *The Villager* so that all those interested can see the question and response. If you have any questions, please email them to Maria Elizabeth Hernandez at MEHernandez@the-villages.com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



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CC&RS Amendment Vote Ballot Deadline Sept. 25

1,155 Yes votes required for approval



(See this page for related items on replacement ballots)

MANAGEMENT

A message from the Comcast Community Representative:

Dear Villagers,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to address the intermittent service issues Villagers in certain neighborhoods recently experienced. We apologize for the inconvenience this certainly caused for those who were impacted and appreciate the grace and patience we received from residents, the board, and staff while we worked to resolve this. After becoming aware of these issues, we started a process of elimination by replacing field equipment to minimize the impact of service issues while trouble shooting. We moved impacted neighborhoods to a new fiber line completing this work the morning of August 31st resulting in resolution of this issue.

We are currently working to find the underlying cause to the original fiber link and have a real time device monitor on the original fiber and plan to run specific tests during the times where our customers had experienced the most issues. We understand the importance of uninterrupted service and are committed providing the best quality of service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, your Comcast Community Account Representative Deisy Gomez at Deisy_Gomez@comcast.com. I will be supporting The Villages with weekly Virtual events on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be hosting in person events at The Villages monthly. **Please see those events dates in the article below.** This is the Calendly link for the event if you want to sign up, <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages>.

Thank you for your understanding.

Deisy Gomez
Community Account Executive – South Bay
XFINITY Communities™ – California
Mobile: 925-758-5999 | Email: Deisy_Gomez@comcast.com

Comcast appointments are coming

The Villages' Comcast representative, Deisy Gomez, is offering to host Virtual Customer Events (one-on-one) to discuss your questions regarding service, your bills and Xfinity products from the comfort of your home.

Sessions will be available on Fridays beginning Friday, September 15 from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For access to online calendar use this link: <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages>

To report service issues and outages, please contact Deisy Gomez at: Deisy_Gomez@comcast.com or 925-758-5999.

As part of your Villages amenities, you also have access to a dedicated Xfinity Support team when you call Comcast/Xfinity at 855-307-4896.

Onsite visits from Comcast/Xfinity at The Villages are listed below.

Dates for upcoming Wednesday Comcast in-person events:
September 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
October 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
November 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Redwood Room, Cribari Center
December 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Villages Post Office employees extend their apologies for our disruption in service due to a malfunction in our meter machine. We are once again up and running with a new machine and eager to serve our loyal customers. We hope that you will visit us soon!

Coyote reminder and tips

Coyotes may try to escort walkers out of an area to protect their pups or food sources when encountered on a trail or street. Humans may perceive this behavior as stalking, which is usually not the case. They may also view your pet as prey. To allow coyotes to be wild while keeping yourself and pets safe, please follow these pointers:

- Never feed coyotes—it is illegal to feed coyotes in most places. Feeding endangers your family and neighbors because it lures coyotes into neighborhoods.
- Keep unattended cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night, and do not assume that a fence will keep a coyote out of your backyard.
- Accompany your leashed pet outside. Make sure you turn on lights if it is dark to check your backyard for unexpected wildlife.
- **Keep dogs on short leashes while walking outside; the Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.**
- Keep noisemakers on hand to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard. Some examples of noise makers are whistles, horns or metal cans with small rocks or coins that rattle.
- Never run away or turn your back on a coyote.
- Do not allow a coyote to get between you and your pet or child—keep children close to you.
- Yell, clap hands, blow a whistle or rattle a can and try to make yourself look larger if you have a close encounter with a coyote.
- An empty soda can with pennies sealed with duct tape makes a very good noise maker when shaken.

Reminder to all small pet owners: A recent rise in coyote aggression has been seen with small dogs, most unleashed. **Please always leash your pets. Keep leashes short.** Coyotes will try to get between you and your pet if the leash is extended far enough. Coyotes are known to attack leashed dogs when the owner gets distracted. Please stay cautious and aware of your surroundings when cleaning up after your pet, talking to a neighbor, checking the mail, etc. Coyotes are opportunists and may make their attacks when you are not paying attention.

Carry a noise maker and always be alert. Use caution when walking past wooded areas, hiding spots between homes, and the golf course. They are widespread in The Villages and can truly be anywhere.

There is no way to completely eliminate coyotes from The Villages, so always use caution when walking, especially with pets. Also, coyotes tend to be most active around sunrise and sunset. Pick different times for walks.

Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the email addresses listed in the article below.

Report Coyote Activity

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

- Director of Public Safety Steve Norden at snorden@the-villages.com and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home. Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

Call 911 for medical emergencies

Public Safety would like to remind you, in the event of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first.

Public Safety monitors all emergency calls through San Jose Fire Dispatch. We will respond at the exact same time as the Fire Department and Paramedics.

Calling the front gate can only delay response time by emergency personnel. It is always quicker to call 911. It is the only phone call you will need to make.



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 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.

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 to register your cart.

**Business Card Ads
Call Adrienne
at 408-223-4657**

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Glen Arden DAC to meet September 20

There will be a Glen Arden DAC meeting on Wednesday, September 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Vineyard Center with a special guest.

Fairways DAC to meet September 19

There will be a Fairways DAC meeting Tuesday, September 19 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cribari Patio Room.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Questions concerning DMV e-Learning

The August 24 Villager article about the new alternative to taking the DMV multiple choice test has piqued the interest of many Villagers. Senior Resource Service has received many questions at the office and by telephone. Most of the questions can be summarized into one question:

How do I start and proceed through the process?

Go to dmv.ca.gov. Click on "Driver's License & ID Cards" and then on "Renew." Scroll down and you will find a box "Start renewal online & finish at DMV office." This is where you need to start if you are required to take a knowledge test and/or eye test.

Be prepared to create a DMV online account if you have never done so previously. If you already have an account, be prepared to log into it. Then:

1. Complete the online driver's license application (eDL44).
2. If eligible (and you should be), you will be invited to participate in the DMV Virtual Test Center.
3. Select the choice: **I want to complete my test through eLearning.**
4. Follow the application fee payment steps. (Have your checking account number available.)
5. Upon successful payment, you will receive a Virtual Test Center Access email with a link to the eLearning course and additional information.

Complete the eLearning course at your convenience. You do not have to complete it all at once as long as you complete it in 30 days. When you finish the last lesson, eLearning will notify you that you completed the course and instruct you to visit a local DMV office to complete the application by taking the eye test and getting a photo.

You may then make an appointment online at the DMV office of your choice.

Please note that if you are also applying for a REAL ID there is likely to be an additional step in the process. That is, at some time during the process you will be reminded or asked to provide proof of your identification (e.g., Passport) and proof of residency (e.g., Lease, Deed, Utility bill). The specific document requirements should be included with the notice you will receive either as a part of the on-line application process or in a separate email message to you. By following DMV instructions, you may submit the required documents electronically - which may be accomplished by submitting online photos in advance of your DMV appointment. If you don't submit the documents online prior to your appointment, you will need to bring them with you to your appointment - which is likely to add significant time to your visit as those documents will have to be reviewed and approved while you wait.

Please remember eLearning is a new offering from the DMV. It is possible that some administrative steps will be changed in the next few months. If you use this process and believe there is something your neighbors should know, please call or email SRS at the number or address shown below so we can pass on the information.

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

Online seminar:

Introduction to Medicare

Join HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023, or on Thursday, October 19, 2023, for an Introduction to Medicare Presentation online seminar.

HICAP's Introduction to Medicare Presentation is a comprehensive introduction for Santa Clara County residents entering the world of Medicare. HICAP Counselors do not sell, endorse, or are affiliated with any insurance companies. Its goal is to inform and educate the community so you can make an informed decision on something as important as Medicare.

To register, go to mysourcewise.com. Click on "Events" then scroll down to "Introduction to Medicare," click on the seminar and then on "Click here to register."

Call Senior Resource Services (SRS) at 408-239-5253 if you have questions.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 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, September 26, at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of October are due to the Architectural Committee on or before Friday, September 22. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **Friday, September 22, 2023.**

Here it comes again...the EPC Drill

By Arlene Versaw

Some things come around every year—your birthday, the holidays, income tax deadlines—and the EPC Annual Drill. Not as much fun as birthdays and holidays, but not nearly as taxing as filing your annual returns. That's because your role in this annual exercise is easy and takes a minute or two, but it is an important role nonetheless.

All you have to do is post your OK sign in a window so it can be seen from the street, and take it down when the drill is over. That's not asking much, is it? And yet it is key for the Villagers who volunteer for the Emergency Preparedness Committee, because it enables them to conduct their drill, train new volunteers and gather lessons learned. And *that* enables them to be more productive and helpful in responding to a future emergency.

This year the EPC Annual Drill is Monday, October 16. Do you know where your OK sign is?

OK

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

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



Cell: (408) 829-4347



Nalini Aiyagari, MBA
BRE#01248710

"Villager" since 1998
Top 2% Coldwell Banker Worldwide
Experienced REALTOR at Coldwell Banker,
Saratoga

Client's comments:
"Nalini is a fantastic Real Estate Broker...is personable, totally attentive and always reachable"

Call (408) 829-4347

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Survey Results are in: On-Site Program Criteria

In the recent Community Activities Survey we asked participants the following: "When choosing to participate in an on-site program, what criteria are important to you? Please choose your top two (2) criteria only. Choosing more than two options may result in this answer being excluded from the results but will not affect your other responses." Four options were provided and there was also the possibility to write in a criterion.

Total Respondents: 61 online surveys, 0 paper surveys

Respondents Who Skipped this Question: 0

Usable Responses for this Question: 61

Subject Matter = 47

Type of Program = 33

Scheduling = 31

Type of Participation = 9

Ability to Participate Safely in a Walker (write-in) = 1

Most participants (77 percent) indicated that Subject Matter was a criterion they used when choosing to attend an on-site event. We followed up on this question with the following one: "Which of the criteria above is most important to you?" Of the 47 respondents, 63 percent said that Subject Matter was the most important of all the criteria.

This is the last survey results article of 2023. Based on the results from the On-site Programs Survey we now know that the ideal on-site event is an in-person concert or performance that can be shared with other Villagers on a Thursday in the early afternoon. Thank you to all participants, we will use this data when considering future events.

Salute to Veterans Week submissions

The Villages will salute those who served with a special edition of The Villager on November 9 as part of the Salute to Veteran's week. The event will be a tribute in *The Villager* to any resident who has served in the military or in a war related service. There are many who contributed to the war effort that may have not been in a branch of service such as Red Cross, USO, media just to mention a few. Please submit your name, branch of service or organization that placed you in service, rank if applicable and dates served, electronically to Mary Tatum at mtatum@the-villages.com no later than October 27, 2023.

We are also looking for personal photos from residents with an interesting caption chronicling the war effort you were involved in. Please submit them to Mary Tatum by October 20.

Giants vs. Dodgers update—tickets available

On Sunday, October 1, The Villages is going to Oracle Park for an afternoon watching the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers go head-to-head. We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 7 p.m.

Tickets are still available for the Upper Seats—Section VR305. The cost is \$119.50 per person, which includes entry ticket, escort, and round-trip transportation. Lower section is sold out.

This trip has not met the minimum required to pay for itself and the tickets are non-refundable; however, our loss would be greater if we did not go. Therefore, the trip will continue as planned and we will leave registration open until Friday, September 22 should any latecomers wish to register.

Activity Level: Light Activity (mostly seated, some walking in stadium)

Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 22 or sooner if tickets sell out.

Please note the following about Oracle Park:

- All entrants will be required to go through a metal detector.
- All bags will be thoroughly inspected. Bag restrictions: no backpacks; no bags larger than 16"x16"x8"; jackets and blankets must be worn or carried and not put into bags.

- Outside food and beverage is permitted. No alcohol, glass, aluminum, or hard sided coolers. Beverages must be in sealed containers.

- Cash is not accepted at concession stands. A machine is available to convert cash into a Visa gift card.

Remember to dress for San Francisco weather. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.



'The Lion King' signup coming

Watch the Serengeti come to life through awe-inspiring visuals, unforgettable music, and theatrical storytelling in Disney's *The Lion King*. A winner of six Tony Awards, this musical has been experienced by more than 100 million people. Join us and see it for the first time or to re-experience the magic. More information will be contained in the Fast Lane and The Villager the week of September 22.

Learn Intro to Line Dancing with Nanci

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a seven-week introductory line dance class. The fun line dances to traditional and more popular music will introduce you to basic moves and footwork.

Sign up for this class taking place Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. October 3 to November 14 (seven dates—one more than our last class!) in Cribari Auditorium.

The cost is \$30 per resident for this seven-week class. Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 29 or sooner if class fills up.

Nanci has been dancing for over 30 years and has been teaching country line dance for the last 20 years. She teaches throughout the Bay Area including some of the largest country nightclub and winery venues. She has enjoyed working with all ages of dancers who have varying levels of experience.



Learn Intermediate Line Dancing with Nanci

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a seven-week intermediate line dance class. These fun line dances will increase your skills with more advanced moves to faster music. Don't be shy, give it a try!

Sign up for this class taking place Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. October 3 to November 14 (seven dates—one more than our last class!) in Cribari Auditorium.

The cost is \$30 per resident for this seven-week class. Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 29 or sooner if class fills up.

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.

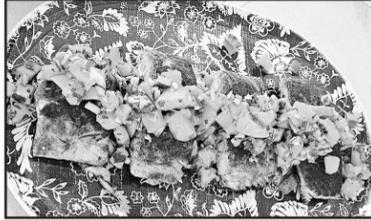
Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

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.

Villagers celebrate summer with cooking class



On Thursday, August 31, Villagers joined instructor Dayna Pawlowski for a summer cooking class. They made three dishes: Goat Cheese and Pear Crostini, Blackened Salmon with Mango Salsa, and Chilled Watermelon, Cucumber, and Feta Salad.

Last chance—Boxing and Mitt Work 101!

Sign up for the new Boxing and Mitt Work class taught by instructor Jannsen Tariga! This class will be held Mondays, September 25 to October 30 (six dates) from 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

The price is \$68.50 per person (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below). Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 15 or sooner if spots fill up.

This new class will focus on the core elements of boxing and mitt work. Participants will learn how to throw punches and combinations safely and effectively and incorporate footwork to movements, while building mobility, strength, and conditioning. No prior experience is necessary as the course and drills are tailored to the experience level and interest of each participant. This is a no contact class other than hitting mitts. Participants should feel comfortable moving up and down from the floor independently (for any ground stretches or exercises). Boxing gloves (minimum 12 oz) and mitt set, and hand wraps are required for the class and can be found at sporting goods stores or online, a limited number of loaner gloves will be available. A mat or towel is recommended but not required.

Jannsen Tariga is a licensed Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Professional Trainer with over 20 years of experience teaching mixed martial arts and fitness to students of all backgrounds.

Last chance—Build strength and mobility with new Bootcamp class

Sign up for the new Bootcamp class taught by instructor Brian Danley! This three-week class will be held Fridays, October 6 to October 27 (three dates, no class on October 20) from 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

The price is \$76 per person for this three-week class (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below). Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 15.

Brian Danley from Back-in-Form will be teaching a new three-class Bootcamp (some of you may know him as one of our popular personal trainers). Increase your strength, mobility, balance, and posture with this efficient total body workout. This class includes a dynamic warmup, upper and lower body pulling and pushing exercises using light weights, and cooldown stretching. Emphasis is on correct posture, breathing, and coordination while sitting and standing. A great way to burn calories and strengthen your whole body! A set of dumbbells (between 2 and 6 lbs.) and stretch bands are required for the class.

Brian has a B.S. in Kinesiology from San Jose State University and is an ISSA Certified Personal Fitness Trainer with specialties in Senior Fitness and Exercise Therapy.

We are trying a new format to broaden our fitness offerings, let us know what you think!

Sign up for new Core & More class

Dr. Jennifer Sylvester will be teaching a six-week Core & More class that uses foundational techniques in precision strength and motor training to improve alignment, balance, and mobility for lifelong health.

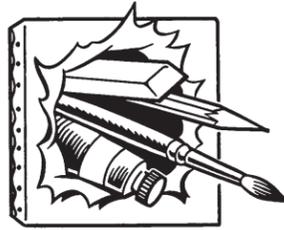
This new class will be held Wednesdays, October 4 to November 8 (six weeks) from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

The price is \$121 per person (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below). Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, September 22 or sooner if spots fill up.

You will need to be physically able to get up and down from the floor unaided. The class requires a yoga mat to be purchased independently prior to the first class. You may also bring stretch bands and/or weights up to 2 lb., but these are not required.

Dr. Jen is a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Her passion is to share how she improved her own arthritis and chronic pain through healthy living and improved movement. She is highly in demand and only in our area for a short time. Space is limited, please sign up early!

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR



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

Open Studio times in the Art Room: Mondays and Fridays with Jane Hink and Taf Tafarrodi, beginning at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays with Pat Andrade, 2 – 5 p.m. All Villagers and all mediums welcome!

September 19: Free Art Film “Whistler – The Case for Beauty” with host Roz Zinns. Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., Cribari Conf. Room.

October 5 – October 27: “Creative Collage Inspired Painting” with Wendy Fitzgerald. Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$35. All materials furnished. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Holiday Faire contracts available on villagesartsandcrafts.org

Coming soon: Nicole’s Paint Night!

Wanted: Drawing teacher. Phone 408-531-9402.

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. You can learn knitting here!



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday** – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. **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 September 20: Jim Koski (408-313-4848) will lead a 4 mile beach hike through Seacliff State Beach to the New Brighton Beach campground and return. The pier and old cement ship were further damaged by last winter storms and the pier has been removed. We’ll start at the parking lot near the Pixie deli (Rio Del Mar Blvd at the ocean) and have lunch there when we return. Meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. to carpool. Distance to Aptos is about 48 miles.

Rambler Lite Hike September 20: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to **Larkspur Hill**. We’ll walk through the Villages gate to San Felipe Road where we’ll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the slow long hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite the security gate at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike September

27: Rich and Wendy (408) 499-1789 will lead a 3.9 mi. on the Monte Toyon Vista Loop Trail in the Forest of Nisene Marks in Aptos. The entrance fee is \$8, exact change is required at self-pay at the entrance station. An optional lunch stop at Aptos Street BBQ is planned. Round trip mileage is ~90 miles. We will carpool. Please arrive at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 departure.

Rambler Lite Hike September 27: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivas and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.



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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.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.

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 percent 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 9/18 to 9/24

Monday	September 18	Butternut Squash
Tuesday	September 19	Shiitake Mushroom with Chicken
Wednesday	September 20	Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar
Thursday	September 21	Beef Vegetable and Barley
Friday	September 22	Manhattan Chowder
Saturday	September 23	Chef's Choice
Sunday	September 24	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. Bistro Menu 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)	Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating) Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)	Saturday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating) Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

Main phone line: 408-223-4687
Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5
Online
Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Bistro Menu 2 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Appetizers

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

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

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

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

V Fried Green Beans \$8.95

V Samosas \$13.95
Potato and Vegetables with Citrus Lime Dipping Sauce

Grilled Prosciutto Wrapped Prawns \$15.95
3 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Angus Beef Sliders \$9.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

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

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

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

Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled 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

Seared Ahi Tuna Niçoise Salad \$16.95
Green Beans, Potatoes, Black Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg and Lemon Wedge on Mixed Greens

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

Mongolian Beef Over Rice \$16.95
Green Onions, Red and Green Bell Peppers, Onions

V Quesadilla \$13.95
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Add Chicken or Beef \$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 Cilantros, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

Sides \$5.50

Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup

Sandwiches

Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Jumbo all Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
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

Chicken Club on Focaccia Bread \$15.95
Roasted Chicken, Bacon, Swiss Cheese and LTO

Reuben \$14.95
Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, 1,000 Island dressing

Naan Pizza Crust Red Sauce with Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95

Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95

V Margherita Pizza \$12.25

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

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

BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95
Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar and Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Sub \$2

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, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

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

V Belgium Waffles \$10.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

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 Ham, Cheddar Cheese, and Fruit

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

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

Chicken and Waffle \$13.95
2 Piece Chicken Tenders and Belgian Waffle Served with Seasonal Fruit

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

French Roast 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

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs Any Style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Potatoes or Fruit, Choice of Toast

Three Egg Omelet \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4. Served with Potatoes 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, Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Ralph's Special (Loco Moco) \$14.95
2 Eggs, Potatoes or Rice, and Ground Sirloin Patty with Gravy, Choice of Toast

Huevos Rancheros \$12.50
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Black 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 Potatoes 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, House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Non-Dairy Creamer Available Upon Request
GF Gluten Free Bread Available \$1.50 Extra

Weekly Specials

For the week of 9/18 to 9/24

Breakfast Special:
Tuesday 9/19 to Sunday 9/24

Denver Omelet: Onion, Bell Peppers, Ham and Swiss with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:
Monday 9/18 to Sunday 9/24 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

French Burger: Angus Patty Caramelized Onion, Mushroom and Swiss Cheese with Choice of Side **\$16.95**

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

Dinner Specials:
Tuesday 9/19 to Sunday 9/24 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Grilled Mahi-Mahi: With Grilled Pineapple and a Ginger and Garlic Ponzu Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$28.50**

Jumbo Beef Ravioli: Sundried Tomatoes in Garlic Cream Sauce with Pine Nuts and a Pesto Drizzle **\$22.50**

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm Last Order

Starters

Soup of the Day 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

V Samosas \$13.95
Potato and Vegetables with Citrus Lime Dipping Sauce

Grilled Prosciutto Wrapped Prawns \$15.95
3 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

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

Penne Pasta Bolognese \$14.95
Creamy Red Meat Sauce Add Meat Balls 2 Pieces \$2

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

V Pad Thai Spaghetti \$16.95
Stir Fried Pasta with Crushed Peanuts, Bean Sprouts, Garlic, Green Onions and Scrambled Eggs. Served with Peanut Sauce Add Chicken, \$4 or Prawns \$5

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

Chicken Fried Steak and Gravy \$26.95
Pan Fried Breaded Steak Cutlet with Country Gravy

Rotisserie Half Chicken and Gravy \$26.95

Grilled Flat Iron Steak \$32.50
Chimichurri Sauce

Grilled Lamb Chops \$33.95
3 Chops with House made Mint Sauce

Country Breaded Bone In Pork Chop \$28.95
Smothered with Gravy

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

Stuffed Sole with Bay Shrimp \$26.95
with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes and Ricotta Topped with Mornay Sauce

Honey Garlic Salmon \$27.95
Sesame Ponzu and Citrus

Prawns Provencal \$29.95
Crusted with Lemon Butter Breadcrumbs and Grated Parmesan with Lemon Wedge.

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

V Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95

V Samosas \$13.95

Potato and Vegetables with Citrus Lime Dipping Sauce

Grilled Prosciutto Wrapped Prawns \$15.95

3 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

V Villages Nachos \$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 \$9.95

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 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 \$3, 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

Seared Ahi Tuna Niçoise Salad \$16.95

Green Beans, Potatoes, Black Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg and Lemon Wedge on Mixed Greens

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.75

Mixed Greens, Black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions Topped with Toasted Tortilla Strips
Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4 Cilantro Lime Dressing

Cobb Salad \$14.25

Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled 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

Mongolian Beef Over Rice \$16.95

Green Onions, 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

Chicken Fajitas \$15.95

Refried Black Beans and Spanish Rice with Flour Tortillas.

Fish and Chips \$14.95

Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malt Vinegar

Pulled Kahlua Pork and Steamed Broccoli \$15.95

With Potato Salad or White Rice

Street Tacos \$13.95

Grilled Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on Mini-Corn Tortillas

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Pear Tart

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Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

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Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



Shared Table

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

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	MC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
5 p.m.	Jewish Services	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal - Fall Show	VC

Saturday, September 16

8 a.m.	Tennis Mixed	
	Doubles Social	RS
9 a.m.	Jewish Services	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
8:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Crafters Sale	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	MC
11 a.m.	Hermosa Social	GP
4 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC

Sunday, September 17

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8 a.m.	Tennis Mixed	
	Doubles Social	RS
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	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
3 p.m.	EPC Orientation	VC
3 p.m.	Verano DAC Social	GP
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	SEQ

Monday, September 18

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

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)

9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Tennis USTA Social	RS
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal - Fall Show	A
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
6 p.m.	EPC Orientation	VC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
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.	Ukulele Intermediate	PR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates Class	CR
10 a.m.	VMA Hearing Screening	MC
10:30 a.m.	Chapel Lay Board	F
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
2 p.m.	Brandeis American History	PR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Class	FC
2:30 p.m.	Art Film	CR
4 p.m.	EVF Flights & Bites	CH
5 p.m.	Fairway DAC	PR
6 p.m.	Joint Garden Club Meeting	VC
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal - Fall Show	MC

Wednesday, September 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.	Watercolor Classes	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal - Fall Show	A
3 p.m.	New Resident Orientation	CH

3 p.m.	VMUG	CR
4 p.m.	Glen Arden DAC	VC
4 p.m.	Highland DAC	GB
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices	FC

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	VMA Flu Clinic	MC
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Classes	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
10 a.m.	Caregivers Support	SRQ
10 a.m.	Parkinson's Support	F
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women	
	Golf Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	18 Hole Women Golf	
	Hole In One Party	FC
4:30 p.m.	Hiking Club BBQ	GP
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal - Fall Show	A

Friday, September 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
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	MC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	9 Hole Women Golf	
	Twilight Dinner	CH



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

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Upcoming Programs

Hearing Screening will again be offered by Hearing Life Tuesday, September 19 from 10 a.m.- Noon. Please call 408-238-4230 to schedule a time.

Adapting to Change: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div., BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health will offer keys to accepting change and growing from it! As the author John Maxwell once said, "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." Wednesday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Vineyard Center. Please register online at vmvillages.org or call 408-238-4029.

Oversee Your Healthcare Decisions - How and Why! - Amy Wang, FNP-C, PA-C and founder and owner of Ready 2 Nurse will help you start a discussion on advance care plans and outline some of the risks and benefits of CPR, tube feedings and more. She will share real life cases and how decisions were made. Join us Tuesday, October 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. Please register online at vmvillages.org or call 408-238-4029.

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CLUBS & EVENTS

VMA changes website domain name

By Diane Nelson

The Villages Medical Auxiliary is announcing a change to the domain name for its website...Say hello to **VMAvillages.vgcc.club**

The VMA website is now part of the Villages Webmaster Club, where the advantage is to ensure websites are maintained as effectively and securely as possible. This has resulted in the domain name change to **vgcc.club** effective Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Note: For the next few weeks, anyone who accesses the former domain name will automatically be forwarded to the **vgcc.club** website.



Villages Macintosh Users Group to meet



Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) will have a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 3 p.m. by Zoom and at the Cribari Conference Room. If you are not on our mailing list and you wish to attend, contact our treasurer, Larry Roben and he will send you the link when our presenter gives it to him. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.

VMA workshop: 'Adapting to Change'

Author John Maxwell once wrote, "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." Life deals us change. Sometimes change is welcomed. Other times it is unwanted and resisted. Change can come from the death of loved one, unexpected and/or chronic illness, loss of a relationship, ending a job (volunteer or paid), retirement, moving to a new home, children and grandchildren growing up, decline in physical ability or mental acuity as we age. Change may birth an uneasy sense of loss of purpose, meaning, and connection. Change often tries us to our core to adapt.

Dale Poland, chaplain at Hospice of the Valley with a background in philosophy and psychology will present "Adapting to Change," a thoughtful and sensitive workshop on Wednesday, September 27 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Vineyard Center.

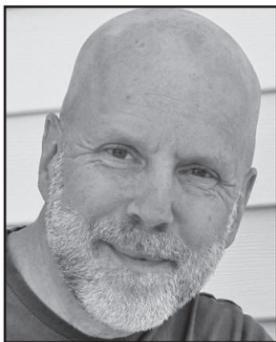
Dale will tease out answers to these vexing questions:

- How do you cope in a healthy way with the changes that come along in life?

- What are the keys to accepting change and growing from it?
- What is resilience? How does resilience play a role in adapting to change?
- What are things you can do now to prepare for change?

Someone once said, "No one likes change, except babies. Even they cry in the process." Come cry, smile, laugh, and connect with Chaplain Dale Poland as you expand your skills in this VMA-sponsored workshop. Handouts will be available at the free workshop.

Registrations strongly encouraged, as there is limited seating. To register online: visit vma-villages.org. Click on "Register for Programs." Follow the prompt. To register by telephone: Call 408-238-4029. To register in person: Visit VMA office in Cribari Center (next to post office), Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Bonnie Grim MS, The Villages Service Coordinator at bgim@sequoialiving.org.



Dale Poland

Senior Academy: 'Mother Earth Under Attack' event cancelled

The Senior Academy's "Mother Earth Under Attack" program scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Foothill Center has been cancelled because of insufficient signups.

Opera Lovers: 'The Marriage of Figaro'

On Thursday, September 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery Center, Opera Lovers will present "Le Nozze di Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" is widely considered one of the greatest operas ever written. It is packed with famous arias and is always a hit with opera goers.

This highly entertaining comic opera tells how the servants Figaro and Susanna succeed in getting married, foiling the efforts of their philandering employer, Count Almaviva, to seduce Susanna. In the process, the Count is taught a well-deserved lesson in fidelity.

Our DVD presents a classic production, with the inimitable Bryn Terfel as Figaro. Perhaps you saw Mr. Terfel sing in Welsh at King Charles III's Coronation earlier this year.

We look forward to welcoming you on September 28—at our new location, Montgomery Center. For more information, call Mary Stradner at 408-887-3293 or visit VillagesMusicSociety.org.

We hope that you will enjoy the new location. If you are unable to drive, don't let that stop you from attending. Please contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 to schedule transportation to our event. Please remember to tell them that the opera lasts three hours.

Art Film: 'Whistler and The Case for Beauty'

By Roz Zinns

On Tuesday, September 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present "James McNeill Whistler and The Case for Beauty." Best known for his groundbreaking portrait of his mother, Whistler had become one of the most recognized artists in Europe by the time of his death. He is now placed in the first rank of modern painters. Dramatic re-creations, art, graphics, and interviews combine to profile this fascinating character. You will be amazed by his talent throughout his life and the unusualness of his person.



Come and enjoy. Free admission to all Villagers and their guests.

Hiking Club to hold End of Summer Potluck Picnic

Join the Villages Hiking Club for our annual End of Summer Potluck Picnic, 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 21 at the Gazebo. This should be a fun event, we will play some games—bocce (available from 5 – 6 p.m.), French bocce, croquet, cornhole, giant Jenga, etc. Music for the evening will be provided by well-known Villager DJ Ed Knott.



If your last name begins with A-E, please bring an appetizer; F-K bring salad or side dish; L-R – main dish; and S-Z – dessert. Please plan for 8 servings.

Please bring your own tableware (placemats, napkins, cutlery and glasses) and drinks, as this is a BYOB event. Water will be provided by the Hiking Club.

Please RSVP, by September 13, to Carmel Smith at 408-621-1467 or carmel.smith@att.net.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Afternoon Bingo is October 4

There is more fun and winning to be had on Wednesday, October 4. Afternoon Bingo is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Everybody had a great time at the last event, especially the folks that won! Don't be mad at the winners, simply show up next time and be a winner yourself!

All money paid to purchase cards is returned to the players. Cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. (Now that's a deal). Daytime bingo is one of the many free services provided to residents by the VMA.

The fun, the festivities and the winning will commence at 3:30 p.m. on October 4 at the Cribari Center Auditorium. Doors open at 3 p.m. with free coffee, tea, and treats.



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More CLUBS

Supervisor Cindy Chavez to speak at Vineyard



By Tony Berg

The Villages Democratic Club is delighted to be hosting Cindy Chavez, Santa Clara County Supervisor and a regular and welcome visitor to our community at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 27 at Vineyard Center. Please register for this event on our website, VillagesDemClub.com.

Since 2013, Cindy Chavez has been representing District 2, which includes 500,000 residents. She leads regional transportation boards and joined the Board of State and Community Corrections in 2022.

Chavez secured a \$950 million housing bond in 2016, funding 5,000 affordable units, and leads nationally in ending leaded aviation fuel use, closing Reid-Hillview Airport, and bridging the digital divide.

Her initiatives include expanded services for survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, and gender-based violence, with a 400 percent funding increase. She created a Fentanyl Working Group, raised awareness, and supported public transit expansion and remote work. Chavez also established the nation's first Vietnamese American Service Center in San Jose.

Before her supervisor role, she doubled park space on the San Jose City Council and led labor unions and progressive policy organizations.

All Villagers are invited to meet and hear from Supervisor Cindy Chavez at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 27 at Vineyard Center.

Theresa Ostrander to speak at Hiking Club meeting

The Villages Hiking Club is meeting at Vineyard Center on Monday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. This month's speaker will be Theresa Ostrander, The Villages General Manager. Theresa will speak on topics of interest to the Hiking Club members including hiking and maintaining the Hill Lands and walking within The Villages. Items she may cover will be Hill Lands grazing, trail plans awaiting permitting, maintenance and incident reporting and adverse weather warnings.

The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome. The program will commence after a brief business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. Please note we're meeting at the Vineyard Center rather than the usual location.



Create Abstract Art with Wendy

Wendy Fitzgerald is offering a rare and unusual study group class with her expertise in collage and mindful drawing.

If you wish to create abstract art but struggle to get started, this is the class for you. Wendy will teach you multiple ways to create abstract art by incorporating collage pieces as inspiration. The metaphor of collage triggers magical responses in your brain and unexpected creativity will surprise you as a result.

Join Wendy on Thursdays in October in the Cribari Center Art Room, October 5 – 26, 10 a.m. to noon. All materials furnished. \$35. Limited to 8 students. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Walking/Chair Dancing can help improve mobility skills

Join the LSAL Fitness Club (Live Stronger and Longer) to develop muscle memory, which may help you regain confidence in your mobility and reduce your risk of falling.

Join us every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium!

The first class is **free!** Sign up in class! LSAL Fitness Club's mission is to help each person live stronger as they age, and thus, participants of all fitness levels are encouraged to come and work at their own pace. So, bring a friend and join the fun. **Visitors are always welcome.**



Learn new home trends at 'Inside the Gates' Home Tour

By Sherry Benz

Remember when we loved color... appliances in Harvest Gold, Avocado Green and Coppertone? How bold! Yet the walls were always white! Move over... "greige" is here.

Greige is simply beige plus gray. The addition of gray to beige creates a richer color, one that can work in both cool and warm color schemes and you will see it on display in a couple of beautiful homes on this year's "Inside the Gates Home Tour."



Gather your friends, neighbors and family for the Tour scheduled for Saturday, October 7 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Home Tour tickets may be purchased on the VMA website at vmavillages.vgcc.club or directly from <https://rebrand.ly/hometour>. Tour tickets are \$30 and luncheon tickets are \$30 and the charges will be billed directly to your house number. Our team is preparing a scrumptious lunch of quiche Lorraine with Parmesan crusted stuffed tomato and Fall apple current coleslaw followed by a fall dessert, all topped off with a refreshing sangria—a perfect time to relax at the Clubhouse between visiting homes. The boutique is back featuring high quality vendors for your shopping enjoyment. Browse before or after lunch, or just drop in.

Inside the Gates Home Tour benefits the Villages Medical Auxiliary. The mission of the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) is to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible.

If you have questions, contact Penny Barcellos at (408) 531-9582 or Melinda Dobbs at (408) 267-1777. For information about the luncheon, contact Pam Watson at (408) 270-6210 or Sheryl Ruth at (408) 348-5449.

Shannon Bushey, ROV speaks at Republican Club meeting

By Cathy Pope

On August 25, Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, Shannon Bushey, gave an excellent presentation to Republican Club members and fellow Villagers at the General/Breakfast Meeting.



Republican Club President Burt Lancaster with Shannon Bushey.

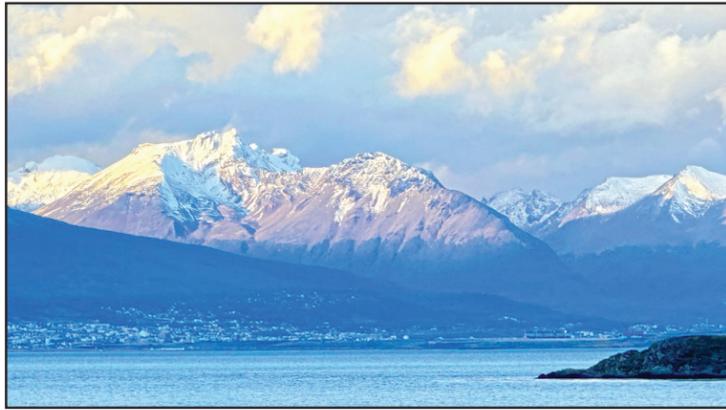
Photo by Teres Ryan

Our Club would like to thank Ms. Bushey who addressed the group for over an hour with a comprehensive explanation of the duties and challenges of overseeing elections in our County that includes one million voters. The Registrar of Voters is beholden to the election laws passed by the California Legislature and partners with the Secretary of State's Office as it is responsible for oversight of certain aspects of state elections. She was gracious in taking every question asked and followed up with answers that required investigation on her part. Ms. Bushey also encouraged and welcomed us to get involved and anyone interested should visit the ROV website, sccvote.sccgov.org.

The event began with a beautiful breakfast served by John Yu and his wonderful staff in the lovely Clubhouse Fairway Room.

We are blessed to live in America where we are free to vote for the candidate of our choice and it is exciting to be a part of the process. Thank you to all who attended this informative morning event.

Senior Academy: See Patagonia—The Edge of the World with John Trudeau



Patagonia encompasses the vast southernmost tip of South America. It is shared by Argentina and Chile, with the Andes Mountains as its dividing line. Join the Senior Academy's lecture and see this amazing region through the eyes of John Trudeau, a Villages resident who's explored the region.

John's tour of southern Patagonia, including parts of Argentina and Chile, will start

with a short visit to Buenos Aires, then head for the Argentine pampas, the Andes mountains, the Chilean fjords, all the way south to Cape Horn. We'll see a lot of wilderness areas, and some flora and fauna unique to this region of South America, along with penguins, sea birds, and dolphins. The landscapes will provide us with views of rugged mountain peaks, different kinds of glaciers, and glacial lakes and lagoons, all amid some very active weather.

We'll visit the towns of El Calafate, Puerto Natales, Punta Arenas, and Ushuaia, where we'll visit with locals and native populations. And, of course, we'll hike up to the weathered monument to seafarers on the southernmost island of Cape Horn. We will end with a side trip to the northeast corner of Argentina, where it borders with Paraguay and Brazil, for a visit to the immense Iguazu Falls. Buckle your seatbelts—we're going to cover a lot of territory!

John Trudeau is an active Villager, a frequent hiker, and an enthusiastic traveler. He gets considerable enjoyment from photographing nature and the great outdoors on his travels. He has presented travel lectures here at The Villages, at various Bay Area libraries, and at UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Clara.

This event will be Tuesday, September 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vineyard Center. Please register on the Senior Academy website at VillagesSA.org or call Mattie Alesi at 408-239-0513. Come away with us!



Verano Ladies receiving a Bollywood dance lesson.

Verano Ladies Host 'Brunch in Bollywood'!

By Wendy Ledamun

On Saturday, August 12, Village Verano held their second Annual Ladies Luncheon at the Clubhouse. This year's theme was "Bollywood." Residents Sonia Soin and Asra Batoole wore brightly colored saris and brought brightly colored jewel "Bindis" to share with everyone. A Bindi is a decorative mark on the forehead worn by Hindu women (and members of some other religious groups), traditionally believed to venerate an energy center of the human body or represent "the third eye." A Bindi may also be worn as an adornment or a sign of marriage.



Bollywood dance instructor Anitha Ramareddy in action.

After a scrumptious lunch, Anitha Ramareddy (one of the Jazzercise instructors at The Villages), performed and explained Bollywood dancing to the ladies. After her demonstration, she led the ladies in a fun dance lesson. Wow, those Verano Ladies can move!

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Barbara and Vince Sunseri with Toby and Buddy.

Villages Dog Club throws Labor Day ‘Pawty’

By Phyllis Mueller

Around 34 legged combed and clipped doggies descended upon Montgomery Lake for the Labor Day Pawty! Leashed and well behaved, they did their usual “sniff and go” routine and

had a great day. Smaller ones were able to play in a large pen erected by Susie Q Conklin!

Appetizers were delicious and a few dogs with good “smellers” spent the day patiently under and near the food tables hoping for a dropped snack!

As usual, Barbara and Vince Sunseri put most everything together. Barbara announced the slate of new officers for 2024: President—Rita Holiday. Vice President and Treasurer—Barbara Sunseri. Secretary—Leslie Gloven. Publicity—Sue Daughtrey and Helper Phyllis Mueller. Social—Tina Parsley. The next activity will be October 7 at 10 a.m. at the stables and it will be the Blessing of Animals.

Calling all Villages cat lovers and owners

It’s time to unite and form a Cat Club here in The Villages. If you are interested in learning more about cats and finding a network of cat owners and cat lovers, please contact **Bette Loomis** at (408) 234-9798 or dbloomis@sbcglobal.net. The goals of the club will be:

- Explore the best way to care for your cats.
- Find and share care here in the Villages.
- Exchange pet products like food and toys if your cat rejects the ones that you have.
- Update your knowledge about cats.
- Meet fellow cat lovers right on your doorstep!

Twenty Villagers need to show interest and support in order for a Cat Club to be established here in the Villages. Be counted in the new Cat Club. With your help we can get this up and running before the end of the year!

Please call or email Bette Loomis today!



Save the date: Arts and Crafts Holiday Faire

By Michael Sunzeri

Good Day, Arts and Crafts Membership and all Villagers. Set your calendars for our November 4th Holiday Faire Event that is not that far off.

The last fun-filled event of the year of

Arts and Crafts will take over the Cribari Conference Room, the Auditorium, and all the walkway rooms including Arts and Crafts and the Ceramics Lab. We will have a full complement of artists and our famous Bake Sale. You will see familiar artists with new items and new artists who have joined us this last year. We are gearing up. All artists are encouraged to sign a simple contract that can be found on our website and hard copies in our mailbox across from the Post Office.

Get started now thinking about joining us for this event. Tell your friends too as they may want to secure a spot to round out sales. Visit villagesartsandcrafts.org

More CLUBS on pages 27 & 28

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.

“**The Last to Vanish**” by Megan Miranda. Ten years ago, Abigail Lovett fell into a job she loves, managing The Passage Inn, a cozy, upscale resort nestled in the North Carolina mountain town of Cutter’s Pass. Cutter’s Pass is best known for its outdoor offerings—rafting and hiking, with access to the Appalachian trail by way of a gorgeous waterfall—and its mysterious history. As the book begins, the string of unsolved disappearances that has haunted the town is once again thrust into the spotlight when journalist Landon West, who was staying at the inn to investigate the story of the vanishing trail, then disappears himself. Abby has sometimes felt like an outsider within the community, but she’s come to view Cutter’s Pass as her home. When Landon’s brother Trey shows up looking for answers, Abby can’t help but feel the town closing ranks. And she’s still on the outside. When she finds incriminating evidence that may bring them closer to the truth, Abby soon discovers how little she knows about her coworkers, neighbors, and even those closest to her. Mystery, 2022.



“**Homecoming**” by Kate Morton. Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959: At the end of a scorching hot day, beside a creek on the grounds of the grand and mysterious mansion, a local delivery man makes a terrible discovery. A police investigation is called and the small town of Tambilla becomes embroiled in one of the most shocking and perplexing murder cases in the history of South Australia. Sixty years later, Jess is a journalist in search of a story. Having lived and worked in London for almost twenty years, she now finds herself laid off from her full-time job and struggling to make ends meet. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother, Nora, who raised Jess when her mother could not, has suffered a fall and been raced to the hospital. Nora has always been a vibrant and strong presence: decisive, encouraging, young despite her years. When Jess visits her in the hospital, she is alarmed to find her grandmother frail and confused. It’s even more alarming to hear from Nora’s housekeeper that Nora had been distracted in the weeks before her accident and had fallen on the steps to the attic—the one place Jess was forbidden from playing in when she was small. At loose ends in Nora’s house, Jess does some digging of her own. In Nora’s bedroom, she discovers a true crime book, chronicling the police investigation into a long-buried tragedy: the Turner Family Tragedy of Christmas Eve, 1959. It is only when Jess skims through the book that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this once-infamous crime—a crime that has never been resolved satisfactorily. And for a journalist without a story, a cold case might be the best distraction she can find. Large Print, Mystery, 2023.

“**Hello Beautiful**” by Ann Napolitano. William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him. So, it’s a relief when his skill on the basketball court earns him a scholarship to college, far away from his childhood home. He soon meets Julia Padavano, a spirited and ambitious young woman who surprises William with her appreciation of his quiet steadiness. With Julia comes her family; she is inseparable from her three younger sisters: Sylvie, the dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book and imagines a future different from the expected path of wife and mother; Cecelia, the family’s artist; and Emeline, who patiently takes care of all of them. Happily, the Padavanos fold Julia’s new boyfriend into their loving, chaotic household. But then darkness from William’s past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia’s carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters’ unshakeable loyalty to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations. Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough to draw them back together when it matters most? Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

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



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High Holidays — Schedule of Services

Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 15
Candlelighting and Evening Service, Foothill Center, 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, September 16

Morning Service, Foothill Center, 10 a.m.
Tashlich, Montgomery Lake, 3 p.m.

Yom Kippur, Sunday, September 24

Candlelighting and Evening Service, Foothill Center, 7 p.m.

Yom Kippur, Monday, September 25

Morning Service, Foothill Center, 10 a.m.
Afternoon Service Neilah and Yiskor, Foothill Center, 4:30 p.m.
Break the Fast, Foothill Center, 6:30 p.m.

The 10 days starting with Rosh Hashanah on September 15 and ending with Yom Kippur on September 24 are known as the Days of Awe. It is a period for serious introspection. Jews are called on to reflect in their actions and behavior over the past year and seek to make amends. It is a time to ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged and to forgive those who have wronged us. Yom Kippur, begins this year at sundown on Sunday, September 24. It is considered the holiest day of the year. It is a day for fasting, prayer, and repentance. On this day Jews ask God to forgive their sins and hope to be inscribed in the "Book of Life" for a good year.

Our services, led by Rabbi Annette Koch, will be held at Foothill Center. On Sunday, September 24, Candlelighting and Kol Nidre, the prayer sung at the beginning of the service, starts at 7 p.m. Monday morning services begin at 10 a.m. and the afternoon service which concludes with Yiskor, the Jewish Memorial Service, starts at 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the close of the afternoon service, at 6:30 p.m., we invite all worshipers to join us for a traditional Break-the-Fast, also held at Foothill Center. If you are planning to attend, email Diane Rubin drubin25@aol.com with your house number and number attending.

EPISCOPAL

Hildegard a Singin'

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

She was an abbess—leader of a community of religious women—as well as an artist, author, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, and theologian. And all this in the 12th century! Hildegard of Bingen was born into a noble German family, and began to have visions of God as a young child. She was instructed by a devout woman elder and at age 18, Hildegard entered a convent to become a Benedictine nun. She was unusually literate for a woman of her day, so she read widely as well as writing down her visions that she had received. She wrote two books that were well-regarded by Pope Eugene III, and composed over 300 letters to people who sought her advice, as well as short works on medicine and physiology, as well as advising contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

And she wrote music. Such was her deep reverence for creation, and God's incarnational presence, that you might say that she felt the primary rhythms of the earth in her bones. In her later years, Hildegard produced 77 unique compositions of music, including one of her better-known works, Ordo Virtutum (Play of the Virtues), a musical play on morality. In a time when composition itself was held to a remarkably high standard, and when women were neither expected to possess musical talent nor to use it, her songs surprised her contemporaries—and surprise us still—as we honor her as a saint this week.

Please join us at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m. on Sundays for worship. Everyone is welcome.

Kindness and Mercy - Psalm 103

By Patricia Galli

Each week the Catholic worship service (Liturgy) uses four readings from the Bible. These readings are taken from the Hebrew scriptures, from the Gospels (life of Jesus) and the letters written by the earliest followers of Jesus. There is usually a certain thread of wisdom or comfort in these writings. When we listen to them all at once it may be a little confusing. If I pause and talk to God about what is important for me to understand or grasp as God's word sometimes a word or two emerges as the message. In this week the thread is forgiveness and its many difficulties. What I hear are the words from Psalm 103 – "The Lord is kind and merciful..." My most memorable time of trying to forgive is encompassed in this. I had been deeply hurt by someone. The hurt and pain kept me from forgiving. I held on to the pain. One day as I was praying, I knew something – God had forgiven this person even if I held on to the past. I paused to consider and realized that I could allow and admit that this was true. God had forgiven them. I didn't have to do anything but accept that as real. Immediately, I felt a great sense of relief, I was lighter. The situation didn't change but my awareness of my life now was different and less burdensome. God is kind and merciful.

The writings in this column come from the Catholic Community in The Villages. The Catholic Community meets in Cribari auditorium, Sundays at 8:15 am to listen and reflect on the readings and to celebrate our belief in God's presence with us by sharing the Eucharistic meal. We also, meet in the Conference Room at 9 am on the first three Friday mornings of the month for the same purpose. Anyone is welcome.

For the next few months, the writers will introduce themselves at the end of their reflections.

To introduce myself, I have been a resident of The Villages for 17 years. I am a mother, grandmother, and a nurse. 34 years ago, I entered an international women's Catholic Community called the Sisters of Mercy. I then studied theology at the Jesuit School of Theology and worked in several Catholic Parishes. I now teach a course in Encountering Christ for the Diocese of San Jose as well as two other courses on prayer in ministry. I currently coordinate the writers who submit the reflections to this column.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., September 25 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

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Living Out Your Truth'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Some may think, if life continues the way that we have grown accustomed to knowing it... there's little need to change our routines. So, we develop habits that make us feel comfortable with ourselves but sometimes those habits can become detrimental over time. Some people build their lives on looking for the easiest ways to get through the day without a challenge or desire to improve.

A person can become afflicted overnight and suddenly they need serious assistance from another person. When a person's freedom has been restrained, that individual will remember the things that they took for granted. They may even state how things are going to be different, once they are free from what restricted their freedom. If they can accomplish this with God's help, then it is something to be praised.

Several years ago, during the height of the Covid Pandemic, a lot of people's lives were disrupted and turned upside down. As we have seen most recently, any major global event can disrupt or restrict the freedom that we hold so dear.

As a result of the pandemic people were restricted to their homes for the most part. New habits were developed with some good and others not so good. During those experiences, anxiety took its toll on a person's mind and spirit. Suddenly, people seemed to be less tolerant and more demanding to the point of physical conflict with others. The landscape of the country appeared to have changed overnight and it has become difficult for people to be reconciled to each other and to God.

Romans 12:18-20 ESV 18 *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."*

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life, enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies with friends.

Annual Villages Catholic Dinner Dance September 24, 5:30 p.m. in Cribari

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Questions? Call Marie Colaizzi at
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at 408-677-4770



SPORTS NEWS

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

It's finally underway starting tomorrow! Best of luck to all of the participants and play well!

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club "Club Championship - Match Play"—September 16 to 24, 2023. Play will be conducted over two consecutive weekends. Tee times will be assigned by the Pro Shop. Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted. This is always considered to be an "MGC Major." See you there!



Fall Classic & Annual Meeting—October 14, 2023 – Two-Man Teams. 6,6,6...6-Holes Best Ball, 6-Holes Alternate Shot, 6-Holes Scramble. Flighted – Holes assigned on scorecard. Coffee and Donuts. Annual Meeting, Trophy Awards and Lunch in the Fairway Room.

Looking For A Few Great Men— If you always have an opinion and or a brilliant idea (you know who you are), and you want to make sure you get your viewpoint across, why not make your voice heard as a member of the **Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Executive Committee**.

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Executive Committee is searching for candidates to run for office for the 2024 club year. The executive committee is a small group of volunteers who provide our 388-member club with golf experiences for all levels including monthly tournaments, weekly games, Home and Away play at other country clubs, team play, etc. It's a great way to give back to the club and meetings are just once a month. Your talents will help keep the club strong and vibrant into the future. Please contact: George Olson at gfolson@comcast.net or Gary Chappell at garymchappell@comcast.net by September 15, 2023 for more information and to apply.

Golf Thoughts: Gimmies

Nothing at Stake—Pros putt out because they are playing for big money, coveted trophies, and trophy wives. For the average golfer, missing or making a short putt is more meaningless than a cup of decaf coffee or a political campaign promise. Give him the putt. There is no good reason not to.

Reward—The guy has stroked a winding 125-foot putt from just off the green to within three feet of the hole. Reward him. Let him pick it up. He earned it. It is better than watching him lip out, melt down, and try to disembowel himself with his putter.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **October 3, 2023**. MGC Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Nancy Carson



Mary Ann Diridon's hole in one during the pandemic in 2020.

Keeping atop the pace of play...why putt, when you can chip it in? A strong performance by the ladies of graphite.

Fabulous weather with a cool morning marine layer giving way to warm sunshine, lots of cheering and high fives,

and a hearty lunch prepared by John Yu's staff and served by Elizabeth and crew. We are blessed indeed to be living in paradise and to share all this bounty with our good friends. The Club Championship started today and extends for the next two weeks. It's a cumulative three round gross competition.



The 18 Hole Women toasting Mary Ann's newest hole in one.

Did you attend the Club and Committee Expo on September 9? Did you pick up the invitation slip to join the 18 Hole Women's Group? Contact our membership chair Pam Schramm at psschramm77@gmail.com or call her for more information at 925-336-7535. Come join us!

It's late summer at The Villages. Tomatoes, basil, heavy scented melons and summer barbecues are not the only bounty of fruits brought to market in The Villages. A ripe harvest was plucked off the vine on the golf course. I'm talking birdies and chip-ins today at our golf outing. It's the first of three consecutive weeks for our Club Championship. Tweet, tweet for Monica Saneholtz #13 and another hole hidden in the crevice of the birdie book, Vicki Krattli #16, Sumi Minami #11, Pam Schramm #11, Gloria Landry #4, Jay Lee #4, Diana Hallock #11, Lyn Strong #1. Good hunting, Ladies! Just so you know, it's still two months until thanksgiving. There's still time to improve.

"Chip It In, no messing around," were Vicki Krattli #16, Marky Olsen #8, Suzanne Fazzio #3, Judy Rodriguez #6, Vivian Brown #10, Mary Ann Diridon #6, and #13, Gloria Landry #2, Barbara Nilsen #18, Diana Hallock #11, Lyn Strong #1.



Phyllis Mueller awarding Lyn Strong with the Birdie pin.

Incredible news abounds! We were all still reeling at Lyn Strong's Gross score of 75 last week, including four, count 'em four, birdies. Here's a picture of Phyllis Mueller awarding Lyn her birdie pin. Then today, Mary Ann Diridon scores a Hole in One at #6, yardage 145. This is Mary Ann's second Hole in One at #6. Mary Ann celebrated with cosmos toasting her skill in getting that ball to drop in one. Well done, Mary Ann!

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PICKLEBALL

Dink 'n Drink and Tournament Fun

By Joyce Kludt

"Are you having fun yet?" "Oh yes!" responded the attendees at our Dink 'n Drink last Friday. Thanks to the efforts of Tim McQuay, Michelle McQuay and Sherry Benz, this event was once again a success. Many played pickleball, while others enjoyed being spectators. Delicious appetizers were liked by many.

Members: Please mark Friday, October 22 on your calendars. That is the date of our final D&D of the year...and there will be a Taco Truck! Woo hoo! Please sign up on our website.

Another important event to mark on your calendars: Our Pickleball Club is holding their annual "Battle of the Paddle," our Club Championship, the weekend of October 14. On Saturday, October 14, we'll have the Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles. On Sunday, October 15, we will have Mixed Doubles.

For both events, there will be four divisions: Advanced, Advanced Intermediate, and Novice/Advanced Novice. No partner? No problem! We can find one for you.

Signups are now open, so please come and join in the fun! If you have any questions, contact Sherry Benz or Michelle McQuay.

Have a wonderful weekend and a great upcoming week of Pickleball!



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WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Nancy Carson



Captain's Trophy winner, Carol Begley, Front 9

Whew! We've been busy! On August 29, 21 guests and six Swingers, teed off on the Front 9 for our WNHGA Open Day. Low Net Winner was Linda Moran from Round Hill CC in Alamo with a 35. Low Gross Winner was Lauren Dummer from Lake of the Pines with a 41! Sherry Benz took first place, low net for the Swingers with a 32! Great playing, ladies! Thank you, once again, to Wendy Ledamun for organizing our WNHGA events.

Congratulations to our two Captains Trophy winners September 5, Carol Begley on the front nine and Sherry Benz on the back nine!

Bragging rights also go to Karen Carlson with a chip in on #16. Joyce Mukuno had a birdie on #11 and Emily Li on #15.

Coming up – Friday Night Lights, our final twilight for the year, Friday Night Lights, September 22. Sign up at the Pro Shop. Pat Smith and Gisele



Captain's Trophy winner, Sherry Benz, Back 9

Barber and Scott always put together a fun event.

Did you know?...from Betty Garcia: That Play for PINK (PFP) sounds like fun and games, and it was! The Swingers aka Women's Long Nine Golf club enjoyed a fun morning on the golf course on Tuesday, the 12th. Many months in the planning, it was remarkable for the good cause it was supporting, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). Thanks to underwriting by Estee Lauder Corporation, 100 percent of donations go to this charity. Go to playforpink.org to learn so much more about the important research this organization is doing, and the different kinds of research PFP is supporting this year. We feel great to have learned about them and to have been a small part of their efforts. Stay tuned for lots of pink pictures next week!

BOGGE NEWS

'That's a Bernie Ball!'

By Barbara Orlando

While playing a game of bocce, either in tournament or casual play, when a pallino is placed deep in either corner of the court, you often hear players shout out, "That's Bernie ball." For those who weren't fortunate enough to meet Bernie McCaffrey, he loved placing the pallino in those deep corners. Bernie was a member from the very start of the club and served on the board of directors in many positions over the years. He's missed by those who learned strategy tips on playing and those who knew him socially. So, when playing, and the pallino is placed deep the corners, you'll know what Bernie looked like. A very special guy.

The Fall Round Robin is finishing its first week of play in the last tournament of the bocce season. Good luck to all 28 teams participating in this six-week tournament.

The Village Challenge took place this past Sunday, September 10. Next week, photos of the winners will appear in the Villager.

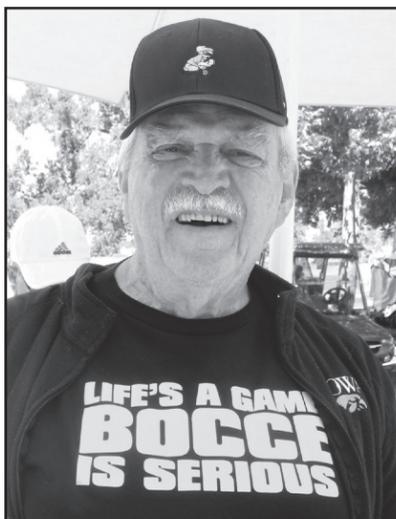
Save The Date: Place the following dates on your calendar, so you don't miss out on upcoming events.

- Wednesday, October 25, Social following the Championship Game. More information to follow in future issues of the Villager and on our club's website.

- Friday, October 27, Halloween Bash 3-5 p.m., hosted by the Colaizzi's. Everyone is welcome!
- Sunday, November 5, Membership & Elections, Foothill Center from 3-5 p.m. Members only!

Correction: The first place team of the All Guys vs. All Gals tournament, team member Steve Gilbert, was not present for the photo and his name was accidentally omitted from the Bocce Straight Shooters line up.

Did You Know? Information can be found on YourCourts and the club's website villagesbocce.vgcc.club, such as tournament rules, rules of etiquette, referee rules and much more.



Bernie McCafferty, sporting a shirt letting everyone know how he felt about bocce.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, September 7, 2023, was sunny and warm, another great day for some golf. It was also the first week of our annual three-week Ironmen Tournament.

Fourteen Ironmen played. The results are as follows:

Al Bruno won **Third Place** with a net 27; **Second Place** was a two-way tie between Dave Hathaway and Victor Hong with net 26s; Sang Nam won **First Place** with a four under par net 23!

There were nine **Birdies** today, a recent history high! One each by: Jack Bindon on hole 6; Al Bruno on hole 5; David Cook hole 2; Dave Hathaway on hole 8; and Doug Herring on hole 2; two by Victor Hong on holes 6 and 8; and two by Sang Nam on holes 1 and 9.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 1 at 6 feet, 6 inches.

And Sang Nam won **Low Gross** with a 27.

Golfer of the Day honors went to Sang Nam with a first place, two birdies, closest to the flag and low gross. Way to go, Sang!

Today's Ironmen Tournament results and the first week's Tournament standings can be found on the Scoreboard page in this week's Villager.

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and play basically pressure-free golf. And the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283.

Deep Thoughts: "In the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point." - Payne Stewart, winner of the PGA Championship, and two-time winner of the US Open

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CLYNE SOLEY TOURNAMENT

Clyne Soley's Contributions to the USGA Handicapping System

Dr. Russell "Clyne" Soley, scientist and engineer at IBM and United Technology, dedicated golfer, golf book author, Villages Golf Club Champion in 1968, and long-time Villager—was also a statistician and mathematician by habit. He analyzed and charted everything. His affinity for numbers and golf led him to the development of a handicap system to equalize the chances of success for all players—beginners and experts, men and women, on all kinds of courses and types of competition.

While the USGA had worked on various approaches for years, it wasn't until 1979 that the USGA created the Handicap Research Team (HRT) including Clyne Soley as a charter member. Members of the team independently researched thousands of score-cards and player's experiences to understand what aspects of a golf course most directly influenced a player's score. Dr. Soley was the first expert to suggest that a course rating should include additional factors to course length to compute the course's difficulty.



The various course factors are combined into a "slope" rating for the course that indicates the measurement of the relative playing difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers, compared to scratch golfers. It is the slope rating that allows all players to develop their "handicap index," and apply it with confidence on any USGA rated course in the world to find their "course handicap" and an equitable way to compete with all other players on that course.

This year's Clyne Soley tournament will be played on the Par 3 course on Saturday, September 30 with two tee times: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. A luncheon and awards ceremony will follow at noon in the Vineyards Center. Entrance fees are \$50 for residents and \$60 for guests. Contact Dave Hathaway at dave.hathaway@comcast.net or 256-655-9416 to register. This event is sponsored by the Shoni and Ironmen golf clubs. Further information to follow in the coming weeks.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

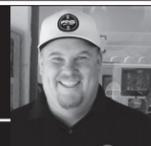
Tomorrow, September 16, our tennis club's mixed doubles tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. Come down to the viewing stands to watch and cheer. Finals will be on Sunday, September 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Then in two weeks the tennis club's men's and women's doubles tournament will be on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. There is still plenty of time to sign up so reach out and find a partner. If you are having trouble finding a partner, let us help. We need eight teams for men's doubles A, and 8 teams for men's doubles B. The same for the woman's doubles, so don't be shy. You keep playing whether you win or lose. The only requirement is **participation**.

And finally, we celebrate the club's tournament with the Awards Dinner on Sunday, October 1 at Foothill. The menu will be from Art's BBQ with chicken and ribs, potato salad, roasted vegetables, cornbread and ice cream for dessert, wine, beer and lemonade, all for \$30. You don't want to miss it. Watch your email for signups.



FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

2023 Couples Member/Guest Invitational—Sunday, October 1. Enjoy a great day of golf, friends, food & drink! Invite your favorite couple from another club and showcase the Villages' great golfing experience. Sign up in the Pro Shop now. All Participants must have a valid USGA Handicap Index – GHIN #s must be provided when you sign up. Entry Fee: \$195/Couple (\$390/Team). Includes: All Green Fees, One Cart for Guests, Tee Prizes, Four Dinners at Banquet, Prize Money for Winning Teams.

September Golf Scheduled Events

Thursdays, September 21 – 18-Hole Women's 2023 Club Championship – 8:20 a.m. Shotguns

Saturdays, September 16, 17, 23, 24 – Men's Club 2023 Club Championship – 8 a.m. tee Times

Friday, September 22 – Twilight Nine & Dine – 4:30 p.m. Shotgun – Last tee Time 12 p.m.

Friday, September 29 – 8 a.m. Open Play Shotgun – 12:30 p.m. St John Vianney Tournament – *course closed*

Saturday, September 30 – Clyne Soley Memorial Tournament – Par-3 Course – 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Shotguns

Fall Aeration Schedule

September 14-30—Tees Aeration

Monday, October 2—Back Nine *closed* all day for greens aeration. Front Nine – 9 a.m. Swingers 9-Hole women – 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun. Par-3 Course - 9:30 a.m. Shonis Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Play

Tuesday, October 3—All Golf facilities *closed* all day – including all practice greens, driving range and Pro Shop

Wednesday, October 4—Par-3 Course *CLOSED* all day for Greens aeration

Monday, October 9 through end of Month—Fairways aeration 18-Hole and Par-3 Course (weekdays only)

Villages Golfers – Be a part of our "Culture of Care"—We can all participate in keeping our golf course beautiful by observing these **simple acts of care**:

1. Follow the 90-degree rule (longer hitters) or the Entrance gates (shorter hitters) when entering the fairway
2. Avoid driving on the mounds surrounding our greens
3. Respect any roping and cart directional signs and please *exit* every hole through the *Exit Gates*
4. Park your golf carts behind the Yellow Lines 30-feet in front of each green
5. Repair your pitch marks on the greens
6. Fill your fairway divots with our sand mix provided on Hoe #1, #10, #6, #15
7. Smooth out the sand in the bunkers with the rake & knock the sand off your shoes before walking on the green
8. Do not drive on or too close to the #2 & #1 forward tees

Driving your golf carts properly helps to create consistent and predictable wear patterns making things easier to maintain. Driving carts on the greenside mounds breaks down the rough turf in these important areas that we chip from. Not fixing ball marks on the greens leaves a divot, which when mowed the next day causes scalping and a scar on the green. Not filling your divots or raking the bunkers leaves divots and footprints affecting the conditions for following golfers. Let's all make it a goal to leave our golf course in better shape than we found it, EVERY time we play...Thank you!

New in the Pro Shop— SanSoleil Ladies Golf Long Sleeve Tops – 50+ SPF Sun Protection – Fashion and Functionality! Villages Logo Caps for men and women from Ahead headwear – the #1 headwear company in the golf industry. Men's & Women's Antigua Logo Golf Tops for Spring & Summer. Black Clover Live Lucky Golf Caps for men and women. Dorfman Pacific Women's Sun Hats in Summer colors – protect yourself from the UV Rays with a wide brim hat. Orlimar Pitch n Putt Golf Bag – Perfect for our Par-3 Course – available in multiple colors for men and women. Power Bilt Beginner Box Sets – Includes 9 clubs and a bag – Only \$299! Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression golf balls in the World – 40 compression perfect for low swing speeds. Wilson Triad Golf Balls – High performance 3-piece golf balls – great distance with exceptional feel – something new.

Tips from the Pro – Here today...Gone tomorrow

I had a member ask me other day, "Scott, why do I hit it great one day, and the very next day I cannot hit the broad side of a barn?" Well we all know the only consistency in golf is that it is inherently inconsistent. What I told him was that from my experience, the swing "template" for anyone does not change from day to day. Meaning a person's swing and delivery rarely change. What tends to change is the person's tempo and grip pressure. The small muscles can either be passive or aggressive and this is the biggest variable. So what I call "flow" is really what changes day to day, not the swing itself. So if you find yourself struggling with feel and balance; relax your grip pressure and waggle the club a bit to enhance your feel; and make sure your tempo is smooth, especially the first 2 feet of the backswing just off the ball. A good tempo tip is to visualize a syrupy swing like Freddy Couples or Ernie Els and try to mimic that tempo. Hopefully then you will get your "flow" back. Let us know if this tip helps. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

SHONIS



Kathy Tanaka with her two trophies.

By Betty Hall

Our monthly Captain's Trophy golf outing happened last Tuesday. We had a nice large field, 25, along with two more new qualifiers. The course was in great shape and if we could just stay out of the bunkers and the lake, we could put down some good scores.

We usually start our golfing day with a mini putting contest, what we call Putting for Pesos. Last week we had two winners, Tahera Khalil and Jonna Robinson. They each get a dollar to add to whatever sweeps they win that day.

Our Captain's Trophy winner last week was one of our long time Shonis. Kathy Tanaka had a nice gross of 37 and with her handicap of 17, she also had the lowest net, 20. At the end of our golf year at our Holiday Luncheon in December, we present a permanent Trophy to the Shoni who has won the most Captain's Trophy low nets. Kathy certainly has a good head start on receiving this award.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

A recurring theme in quotes from professional golfers is focused on practice. Gary Player, "The harder I practice, the luckier I get." Dr. Bob Rotella, "A golfer has to train his swing on the practice tee, then trust it on the course." May Hezlet, five-time winner of the Irish Ladies Close Championship, 1899 – 1906, "No golfer can ever become too good to practice."

The results for September eighth are: First Place, Jim White, Net 32; Second Place, Don Lee, Net 34; Third Place Choo Kim, Net 36; Fourth Place, Jack Bindon, Net 37. All totaled, we had twelve members finish the day with an average score of Net 38. That's only two over par. Great day gentlemen.

By now, all Pinseekers should have received an email from President Lee Thompson regarding "Pace of Play." This is an ongoing issue for us. The scorecards printed by the Pro Shop give an estimated time for completing each hole, based on your starting tee time. This time is for 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete a 9-hole round. There are a few things we can do to speed up our rounds:

1. Play Ready Golf. If you are in position to play and a playing partner, who is further from the hold, is not yet ready to hit, Play your ball.

2. If a playing partner cannot locate his ball, help him look. Three or four sets of eyes are always better than one.

3. The Pinseeker Rules of Play dictate that the maximum number of shots that may be taken on any hole is 10. If you have completed your 10th stroke pick up your ball and move to the next tee.

4. If your group is lagging too far behind your hole completion time as established on your scorecard, accelerate your play or pick up your ball, score a ten for that hole, and move to the next tee.

Always remember, the number one priority in Pinseeker golf is to have fun. Don't let a bad shot or lost ball ruin the day for you or your playing partners.

Villages Culture of Care – Adopt A Green Initiative

At The Villages we pride ourselves in maintaining excellent golf course playing conditions. And the greens are a major focus of course conditions.

Toward that end, we have an "Adopt a Green" initiative for all resident golfers as a part of our continuing Culture of Care initiative.

The premise is simple – each resident golfer will be assigned a green(s) according to the first letter of their surname. Whenever you play, you will be asked to repair as many ball marks as possible on the green(s) to which you are assigned.

And remember to always repair your personal ball marks on every green played as well.

We encourage you to start repairing your assigned green(s) as soon as possible. We thank you for your efforts...This will make golf at The Villages more enjoyable for all!

Surname	Hole #	Surname	Hole #
A	1 & 4	L	12
B	2	M-Mc	9 & 17
C	3 & 15	N	8 & 11
D	1 & 4	O	8 & 11
F	5 & 6	P	12
G	5 & 6	Q	13 & 16
H	7	R	14
I	1 & 4	S	13 & 16
J	8 & 11	T	14
K	10	U	15
V,W,X,Y,Z	18		

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, September 6

Sylvia Rozewicz	217
Beverly Wharton	236
Shirley Bellavance	340
Audrey Osuna	393

Friday, September 8

Sandy Gardiner	186
Beverly Wharton	282
Kit Hultquist	297

BRIDGE

Wednesday, September 6:

1. Mary LeGrand - Louann Partridge
2. Ed Logg – Guest
3. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

Friday, September 8:

- 1/2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
- 1/2. Selma Chastaine - Jonna Robinson
3. Mary LeGrand - Guest

SHONIS

Tuesday, September 7

All Nets

Flight One:

1. Manoli Kelly 23
2. Tied - Bonnie Evans and Betty Hall 25
3. Teddy Morse 26

Flight Two:

1. Kathy Tanaka 20
2. Tied - Lesley Robinson and Johanna Bakker 25
3. Tied - Jonna Robinson and Peggy White 28

Flight Three:

1. Donna Erickson 23
2. MaryAnn Haggerty 24
3. Czelia Schiffner 25

IRONMEN

2023 Ironmen Club Championship

Name 9/7 Net Total Net

Flight One:

1. Sang Nam 23 23
2. Victor Hong 26 26
3. Dave Hathaway 26 26
4. Al Bruno 27 27
5. Dave Cook 28 28
6. Doug Herring 28 28

Flight Two:

1. Jack Bindon 28 28
2. Roger Pyle 28 28
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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/18-9/22.

Cribari Glen through Cribari Circle—Final front door painting in progress.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/23-10/27.

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

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/18-9/22.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/16-10/20.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/2-10/6.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/25-9/29.

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 9/18.

8499—Water remediation in progress.

8501—Hydro flush and videotaping in planning.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonay lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/25-9/29.

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

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 9/18.

Turf herbicide broad leave (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray in progress.

8436—Walk path sinkhole repairs on hold.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/18-9/22.

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

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/18-9/22.

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

6043-6045—Exterior repairs in progress.

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/16-10/20.

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 9/18.

8713-8716 and 8753-8768—Jet pro chip mulching scheduled for the week of 9/18.

8736—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/16-10/20.

Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 9/18-9/22.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 10/16-10/20.

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.

Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Turf herbicide broad leave (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

-Due to ongoing watering restrictions, weather conditions, etc., the turf mowing and edging operation schedule to all Association property areas, will be completed every other week, to avoid/reduce further damage to current severely stressed turf situations.

Club Centers

Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.

-Due to ongoing watering restrictions, weather conditions, etc., the turf mowing and edging operation schedule to all Club Property areas, will be completed every other week, to avoid/reduce further damage to current severely stressed turf situations.

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

Maintenance 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.

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

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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

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

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

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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.



Slice of Humor



Substitutes for a healthy diet:

- Pasta—Zucchini
- Chips—Carrots
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- Butter—Sadness
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Real Estate

The Fed stopped talking. Mortgage interest rates slip under 7%.

Mortgage interest rates have slipped down some. This has helped fuel a bit of a buyers purchasing movement. The sale of homes outside the market has been active as well as inside the Villages.

In the Villages however, there are still too many Cribari homes waiting for new owners to come along. My Cribari listing is a beautiful remodel that is in one of the best locations in Cribari Village. We are all hoping that the slowdown in rate increases continues to bring out the buyers. The larger Village homes, if prices right, are coming off the market as quickly as they come on.

"Will my home 'pass the test?'" After receiving the inspection reports from the home inspector, my clients looked extremely worried. They were wondering if they needed to fix all the items listed on the report. After reading so many reports over the years, I had forgotten that this is the first introduction to these type of reports for my seller. Sometimes they can look a bit scary.

You see, the inspectors have to be up to date on the latest building codes. Not only do they call out damaged area of the home, they also call out the differences between the old construction and what is required by new building codes. Of course, there will always be some areas of an older home that will not be built to the new building code standards and will be noted by the inspector.

The Village homes are not new construction, so there are often a few notes regarding new building codes. Some items that almost always show up on the inspection reports. I have guys that can make those repairs. My clients were relieved to know their home was not in bad shape despite the inspector's comments and that we can fix a few items to be able to present a very clean home for sale. Buyer or seller, I can ensure that my clients understand the condition of the property.



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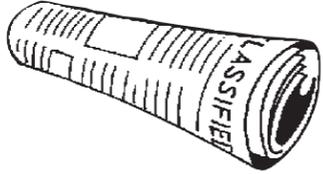
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OBITUARY

Betty (Pat) Hanzad
June 30, 1926 – August 16, 2023



Betty (Pat) Hanzad has gone to meet Armen, the love of her life. Born at home in Hollister to Annie and Eugene Paterson. Raised in Modesto and Mountain View by Annie and Grant Runyan in a loving family.

She was destined to be a teacher. Pat graduated from San Jose State in 1948. She was an educator for 33 years in Modesto and Alum Rock Schools. After retiring, Pat volunteered at SJSU Athletics from 1983 to 2014.

Go Spartans!

To place an obituary, 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.

VMA Spotlight...

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

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will be taking a three-week break and resume sessions on Monday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. -12 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's on Thursday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Forum Room.

VMA has made it easy to register!

Go to vmavillages.org and click on "Register for Programs" and sign up! You will get an immediate confirmation! Also, any changes to room, time or speaker will also be noted there as well as the paper.

Please check out vmavillages.vgcc.club



The Villages Medical Auxiliary

OBITUARY

Edward (Ed) Klein
June 7, 1925 – September 1, 2023



Edward (Ed) Klein was born in Hollywood, California on June 7, 1925 and passed on September 1, 2023. He graduated from Hollywood High and later from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, a feat he accomplished in 2.5 years. While employed at IBM, as a Design Engineer, he completed his MBA at



the University of Santa Clara.

He served in the Navy during WWII and the Korean war and reached the rank of Lieutenant JG.

He and his wife Pat moved to The Villages some 30+ years ago. She passed in 1998.

Ed was an avid tennis player and golfer well into his late 80s and early 90s.

He leaves behind his three sons Ken, David and Martin, his daughters-in-law, Akhila, Marianne and Mary Catherine, his grandsons Peter and Jon his granddaughter Katie, and his partner of 23 years, Vivian Brown.

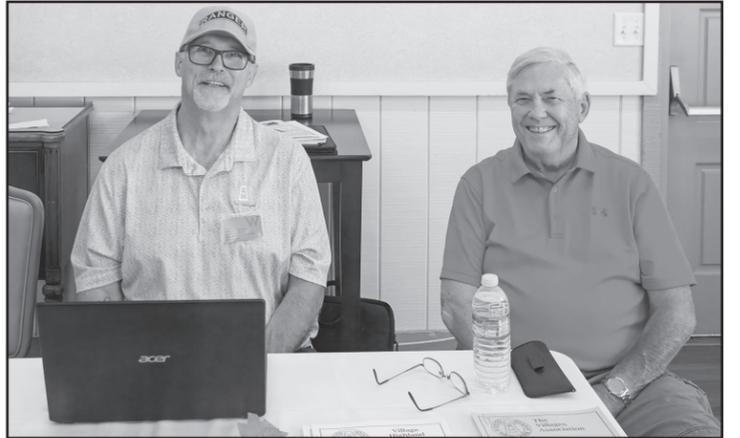
He taught us all how to live life with gusto. He is dearly missed.



Club and organization tables filled Cribari Auditorium as well as some of the crafts rooms.



The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)



Jim Ware and Lou Pustka of the Highland DAC.



The Villages Music Society ready to march! Betty Wegner and Bernice Toy get in the spirit of the moment.

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Here's how it works: Take along a copy of *The Villager* on your next vacation—it's not heavy—and have your picture taken holding up the paper with a well-known landmark or celebrity. Just tell them it's for the folks back home. (And be sure to get your camera back!) Then after you unpack and process your pictures from your vacation, e-mail your *Villager* picture (in Jpeg format) and perhaps a couple of "zingers" from your vacation and e-mail the files to shinrichs@the-villages.com. We'll publish your smiling face with your favorite local paper for all to see.

Judy Gergurich out and about in August in Paamiut, Greenland. Paamiut is a town of about 1,800 hardy souls on the southwestern coast of Earth's largest island. It was established in 1742 and was a cod fishing town until the cod stock collapsed and its large fish processing plant closed down.



In the Arts & Crafts Association Ceramics Room, Diane Finley greets visitors.



The Villages Amateur Radio Club brought out some tech. Photos by Frank Langben

VMA Healthcare Decisions...

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home file, you will experience relief that you completed your ACP. Stark—yes. Real—yes. Ready now to check out and follow through—yes!

Come to “Oversee Your Healthcare Decisions—How & Why” on Tuesday, October 10 in the Sequoia Room, from 1 to 2 p.m. **This event is free, but there is limited seating.** To register: Go to vmavillages.vgcc.club and click on Events. Follow prompts. To call: Bonnie Grim, MS The Villages Service Coordinator at 408-238-4029. In person; VMA Office, Criabri Center (next to the Post Office.) Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Amy Wang

Know a Veteran who would like to be honored with a Quilt of Valor?

By Nancy Chesterton

The Villages Quilters have joined with the Quilt of Valor Association to honor our Villages vets during “Salute the Veteran Week,” November 6 to 11. We will be presenting Quilts of Valor on Wednesday, November 8. We believe that there is a want and need to recognize these veterans’ service and sacrifice, particularly by those of us who did not serve. So far, the Villages Quilters have awarded 12 Quilts of Valor since 2019.

We just need help finding these vets in The Villages. Do you know someone who is proud to have served, but who may or may not talk about it?

One recipient told me recently, after receiving his quilt, that he didn’t realize how much it meant to his family for him to be recognized. It opened up communication between him and his grandchildren. Our children, let alone our grandchildren do not understand what it meant (and still) means to put your life on hold because your country needed your skills.

If you know these vets, please encourage them to pick up an application form and let the Villages Quilters honor our own. Vets can apply themselves, or be nominated by a friend, spouse, child, neighbor, etc. but they must consent to being honored. We are not allowed to surprise them.

Application/nomination forms are available from the Villages Quilters (Fridays, most Saturday and Sundays in the Patio room), the Chaplain’s office or through the Villages Resident Portal.

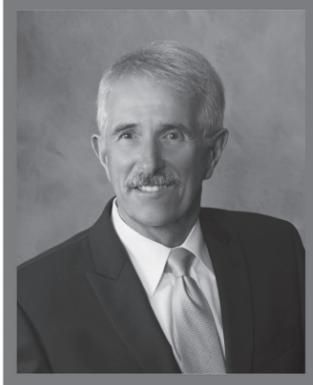
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