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Community TV channel:

CHANNEL 27: Currently playing

- Association CC&R Town Hall
- Landscape & Functional Turf
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- 2023 Fire Safety Town Hall
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- Fitness videos

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Get Village Voices Holiday Concert tickets this Saturday

This **Saturday, November 25** between **10 a.m. and noon** in the Forum Room, Village Voices is having its one and only public ticket sale for our “Thankful for the Holiday Season” concerts.

Dates for the performances are **Saturday evening December 2** and **Sunday matinee December 3**.

While admiring and shopping for craft treasures at the Crafters’ Fair Holiday Boutique in the Cribari center that same day, why not stop by and pick up your \$20 open seating tickets.

The Forum Room is down the Cribari corridor near the Community Chapel and VMA offices. Look for our signs!

Come and hear a unique blend of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Filipino songs as well as some sentimental jewels. And don’t forget there will also be a special appearance from Bernice Toy and four of her lively dancers as well as our favorite virtuoso Larry Broderick playing holiday tunes during our intermission. All that plus refreshments, raffle drawings and a singalong. A great way to start the holiday season while supporting our VMA music and dance venues.

If you miss our ticket sale, you can still order tickets through Madelaine Yannaccone by calling (408) 219-4680 or purchase them the days of the concerts, **but avoid the long lines and come to our ticket sale.**

Congressman Panetta to pay return visit to Villages

The Villages is in the unique position of being a popular venue for local politicians to visit. So from time to time we get to hear updates from our Congressman, our Mayor, our City Councilmembers and others, and ask them questions.

The Villages Democratic Club is delighted to announce that Congressman Jimmy Panetta is taking the time to join Villagers on **Monday, November 27, at 7 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center. He’ll be discussing the implementation of landmark policies of the 117th Congress and all the work that lies ahead in the 118th Congress. He’ll explain how recently passed laws are lowering prices for seniors and families at the pharmacy counter, how the bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Act is modernizing infrastructure in our Congressional District, and how he is working to ensure that the government is actively tackling the issues of climate change and housing costs. And of course, he looks forward to questions from attendees.

Please register on our website at thevillagesdemclub.vgcc.club

Villages Desi Club hosts a joyous Diwali celebration in The Villages



The Villages Desi Club went all out to celebrate the Festival of Lights—Diwali—on Friday, November 10. (See more photos from the Diwali celebration on page 14.)

Visit Crafters Club’s poet Diane Goodrich this Saturday!

By Tere Barbella

The word “magic” best describes the work of Diane Goodrich, an accomplished poet who will be a vendor at this Saturday’s Crafter’s Club Holiday Boutique at Cribari Center. The event is **Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you haven’t seen her exquisite cards and paper goods you won’t want to miss this opportunity!

Diane has been a Villages resident since 2011 and has been writing seriously for about 20 years. Her inspiration to start writing poetry began when she moved here from England in 1986 and would include a poem or two in her weekly letters to her Mum who first suggested that she make cards. Over the years Diane expanded her collection of cards and paper goods, using the finest quality papers and embellishments that complement



her beautiful words. Each one of her cards is hand designed with her original verse, carefully selected paper and special touch of just the right adornments creating an elegant work of art that is her signature style. Her inspiration comes from life around her and what she sees and feels at the moment. Diane’s poems are heartfelt and true and she makes cards for all

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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.
1 Pulse letter deferred.
0 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

ABOVE & BEYOND

Here's a shout out to Bob Semple and his team for a first class Veterans Day presentation at the Cribari Center. Professionally produced with excellent music, video, speakers and recognition of our Villager vets. Job well done!

—Brian and Kathy Dombrowski

Office closures and holiday deadlines for The Villager

Villages business offices close for the Thanksgiving holiday—both **Thursday, November 23** and **Friday, November 24**. In addition, Villages business offices will close for the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day—**Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26** and **Monday, January 1**. Because of these office closures, The Villager's editorial deadlines will change:

November 30 edition deadline is **Wednesday, November 22**.

January 4 New Year's edition deadline is **Wednesday, December 27**. Classified ad deadline is **Friday, December 29**.

Please note that in December, *The Villager* will not publish the week of Christmas—**there will be no December 28 edition**. Materials needing to be published before Christmas will be published in the December 21 edition.

Missed your Villager?

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

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



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

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.

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

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 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. 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 website 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 available in *The Villager* office, in Cribari Center 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 develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

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.

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Notice of New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area

At the October 31, 2023, board meeting, the Association Board approved new AC Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Areas and to publish proposed new rule for the required member comment prior to formal approval consideration at the January 30, 2023, board meeting.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to provide a process for the request of Area Projects that do not fall under existing Association Architectural Committee (AC) rules which are to be constructed or installed on Association Common Areas and are not in conflict with Association Rules.

Response to the proposed new rule may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed new rule at the Association Board of Directors December 12, 2023, and January 30, 2023, board meetings, 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at mehernandez@the-villages.com.

D-32 Common Area Projects - Draft F

Projects proposed for construction or installation in Association Common Areas that do not align with the existing guidelines set by the Association's Architectural Committee (AC) must receive approval from both the AC and the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). These projects are unique in nature, and their review by the AC and ABOD is essential to ensure they align with the orderly maintenance, preservation, and enjoyment of Common Areas and do not jeopardize the health, safety, convenience, or welfare of all residents (Villagers).

Application Procedure:

A. Project Request Submission

- Start by submitting a "Project Requirements Form" to the AC. This document should include the following details: project description and purpose, project location, any necessary alterations to common areas, potential impacts on existing common area elements (like trees, landscaping, hardscape), possible effects on surrounding Villas, and any other relevant information.

B. AC Meeting Attendance

- Attend the regular monthly AC meeting to review the "Project Requirements Form" and receive feedback from the committee. If the project is substantial, the AC will provide a list of specific items required for the formal Project Application package.

C. Common Area Alteration Agreement

- Prepare a "COMMON AREA ALTERATION AGREEMENT" application, signed by the applicant(s), which is similar to an Owner Alteration Agreement. Include comprehensive plans and specifications. All applicants must be Association members residing in the affected District(s). In some cases, a District Advisory Committee (DAC) may also apply. Plans should be drawn to scale on substantial paper, providing clarity regarding the project's location, nature, extent of work, and maintenance responsibilities. Ensure that the project adheres to this rule's requirements.

D. Document Submission

- Submit all necessary documents, including estimated costs, to the AC by the monthly submittal deadline, as published in The Villager.

E. Approval Process

- The AC will determine a renewal period, and after each period, project compliance will be reviewed by staff. Upon AC approval, with possible conditions, the maintenance and landscape departments must also review and approve the project.

F. ABOD Approval and Member Advisory Vote

- Following AC and staff approval, the proposal will be presented to the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). If approved by ABOD, a confidential member advisory (non-binding) vote will be conducted by the Association Inspectors of Elections. Ballots will be distributed to all members in the affected District(s). These ballots will be color-coded to distinguish between members within 100 feet of or having a line of sight with the project and other members. The results will be counted and reported at the next regular ABOD meeting by the Inspectors of Elections. Owner comments and the outcome of the advisory vote will be carefully considered by the ABOD when deciding whether to approve the project.

G. Ongoing Monitoring

- After approval and project construction, the AC and staff will continue to monitor the project at the end of each renewal period to ensure compliance with initial requirements and any new safety or building code requirements in effect. If the project is not in compliance, the AC may recommend remediation or removal to the ABOD.

More MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE MEETINGS and
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 26

Volunteers needed!

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors is seeking interested candidates for appointment to key advisory committees. This is a great opportunity to contribute your time and talents for the betterment of the community. There are openings for both voting and also associate members.

Stay active and involved by submitting your application to serve on one of the following Club advisory committees.

Architectural Committee

Advises the Board on matters related to the exercise of architectural control over the Club properties.

Communications Advisory Committee (CAC)

Advises the Board regarding each of the community's internal communication media.

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

Develops and implements those parts of the The Villages Emergency Operations/Response Plan assigned to the Committee, as defined in The Plan.

Fitness Center Advisory Committee (FCAC)

Provides recommendations to the Board regarding matters pertaining to the Fitness Center.

Swimming Pools Advisory Committee (SPAC)

Provides recommendations to the Board on matters regarding swimming pools including the entire fenced pool area.

Rules Committee

Provides advice to the Board on rule-related matters.

Villages Golf Committee (VGC)

The mission of the Villages Golf Committee is to represent the Villages' community by endeavoring to maintain the aesthetic values, functionality and playability of both course and practice areas to enhance the resident's golfing experience and to meet the expectations of the majority of golfing residents.

Apply now! Candidates are asked to submit an application by Friday, December 1, 2023. Applications and committee charters can be obtained from the The Villages website Resident Portal or from the General Managers Office in Building A. For more information contact Julia Meadows at 408-223-4634 or jmeadows@the-villages.com.

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'

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MANAGEMENT

The Bulky Bins are back!

Great news! Green Team Bulky Bins for disposal of bulky items are scheduled to be delivered from Tuesday, November 28 to Thursday, November 30.

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

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

Please follow these guidelines:

- Dispose of items towards the front of the dumpsters so others may follow with their disposals.
- Do not overload beyond the height of the dumpster.
- Do not leave items outside of the dumpster in the parking lot.
- Do not block driveways at parking lot—wait along adjacent street and proceed when clearance is available.

Please comply with the above so that we can continue with this free service in the future.

The bins will be located at the usual areas:

- Cribari east parking lot
- Cribari west parking lot
- Foothill Center parking lot
- Montgomery Center parking lot

Please note that time of delivery and pickup is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the delivery day of Tuesday, November 28 and the pickup day of Thursday, November 30 (the bins might not be at the specified locations at 8 a.m. on the delivery day.) Please be patient.

Contact the Director of Maintenance and Operations Maria Hernandez at 408-239-5248 or Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670, if you have any questions.



Upcoming Comcast appointments

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 **every Friday from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** For access to the 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.

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. **The next upcoming Wednesday**

Comcast in-person event:

December 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

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: mhidalgo@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: mhidalgo@the-villages.com to register your cart.

Report Coyote Activity

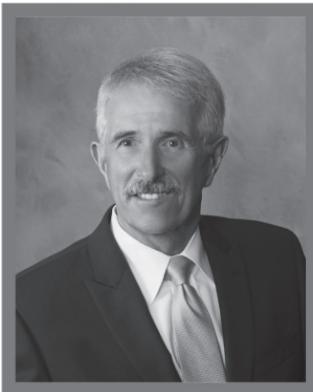
Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the following email addresses:

- 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.

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Leash rule for pets

Residents are reminded, as per Club Rule 1.51, that pets must be kept on a leash, under control, and attended to at all times. This also applies to the Hill Lands.

An increase in coyote aggression and incidents with deer have created problems with small dogs, especially those that are unleashed.

Please always leash your pets. And keep leashes short—the Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.



Furthermore, accompany your leashed pet at all times while outside. Do not let go of the leash or tie your animal to trees or other objects. An unattended leash not only attracts the attention of coyotes, but is also a tripping hazard to other walkers.

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

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

The Villages Association CC&Rs Vote

The Villages Association Board has approved to extend the ballot deadline for the Third Amendment to the Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) to **Monday, December 11, 2023**. Replacement ballot packages are being sent to members who have not yet voted. Please vote on this important amendment.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Is it time to do a wallet audit?

It's possible someday your wallet might be lost or stolen. If stolen, an overstuffed wallet can provide crooks with information and tools that may lead to theft that spreads far beyond the cash your wallet contains. Here are some steps to reduce your risk.

Prune your cash. There is rarely a reason to carry large amounts anymore. Think through your actual cash needs, plus an appropriate cushion of emergency cash and carry just that much. Replenish as needed.

You usually don't need to carry your Medicare card unless you are headed to an appointment with a new doctor. In the wrong hands, your Medicare number may be used for a variety of scams, including filling for false claims and reimbursement.

Copy the front and back of the health cards you have chosen to carry and store the copies at home. If these cards are lost or stolen it will be easier to report the loss and replace the cards if you have the patient number and phone numbers to report the loss.

Never carry a blank check in your wallet. The days when you might need one for a purchase are in the past.

Carry only one credit card and one debit card you wish to use the most. Leave the others at home. Multiple credit cards are a gold mine for criminals, who can easily charge items online or send runners to different stores. As above, copy the front and back of the credit card and the debit card.

Carry your AAA card or other emergency auto service card.

Do not carry a house key in your wallet. Assume crooks will find your address from your wallet contents and quickly show up there before you make it home. Yes, they might figure out a way to talk their way through the gate.

What's left in your wallet? One credit card, one debit card, your driver's license or CA ID, health insurance cards (other than Medicare), AAA card, a modest amount of cash, and not much more!

Of course, if you are cell phone savvy, you can take pictures of your credit cards, Medicare card, passport, etc. But very sure you use a strong lock on your phone.

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

SRS Reminder:

Medicare Plan Finder for your D plan

Comment from an SRS team member: The online Medicare tool Plan Finder for drug plans works! If my husband stayed with his current plan, we would pay \$20,000 more than the cheapest D plan. Yes, that is the number two followed by four zeros! It is not a typo.

By the way, if you have a Medicare Advantage plan (for example Kaiser) you do not have a separate Medicare Plan D, so you don't need to compare drug plans before Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES
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BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is Tuesday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors Governing Document Review Workshop is **Thursday, November 30 at 9 a.m.** in the Voyage Room in Montgomery Center.
- The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting is **Thursday, December 7 at 9 a.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

Stay in touch with essential developments on Fast Lane!

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

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



Owners responsible for cleaning up after pets

The Villages Rules and CC&Rs state that it is the owner's/handler's responsibility for immediately cleaning and disposing of pet excrement in a sealed container. There are reports that some owners are not immediately cleaning up after their pets and assume that it is the responsibility of the landscaping crew, which it is not.

The pet poop should be picked up immediately, bagged and placed into the dumpsters in the trash enclosure near your home or in the designated pet poop stations in the center parking lots. Please do not place any pet poop in any restrooms or other containers at any of the various community centers.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

We're off to see 'The Wiz' — Learn Intro to Line Dancing with Nanci sign up for SF trip

On Wednesday, January 31, see "The Wiz" return to theaters in its first tour in 40 years! Sign up for this trip to the Golden Gate Theater in San Francisco. We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5:30 p.m.

This groundbreaking twist on The Wizard of Oz brings Dorothy to a contemporary world of soul, gospel, rock, and '70s funk. This extraordinary cast features five-time Emmy Award-winner Wayne Brady as the Wiz and award-winning recording artist Deborah Cox as Glinda. This dynamite infusion of ballet, jazz, and modern pop brings a whole new groove to easing on down the road!

Before the performance we will be having an early lunch at Max's Opera Café. Lunch will include a beverage (your choice of soda, coffee, or iced tea) and New York-style cheesecake for dessert. You will need to pick from one of the following entrees at registration:

- Fresh Pear Salad (D'Anjou pear, bleu cheese wedge, toasted walnuts, dried cranberries, and scallions tossed with greens and raspberry vinaigrette dressing)

- Max's famous corned beef reuben (sauerkraut, swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing, on grilled rye with coleslaw)

- Fettucine Alfredo (button mushrooms and peas in a creamy Parmigiano-Reggiano sauce)

Activity Level: Light (mostly seated)

Due to the weather of the Bay appropriate attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

The cost per person is \$165 and includes round trip transportation, tickets, meal, and escort.

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, November 27 and ending Friday, December 15 or sooner if tickets sell out.



Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a six-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. to 11 a.m., January 2 to February 6 (six dates) in Cribari Auditorium.

The total cost is \$17.50 per resident for this six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, November 27 and ending Friday, December 15 or sooner if the class fills up.

Nanci has been dancing for over 30 years and has been teaching country line dance for the last 20 years. She has enjoyed working with all ages of dancers who have varying levels of experience.

Learn Beginner-Plus Line Dancing with Nanci

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a six-week Beginners-Plus Line Dance (formerly known as Intermediate line dancing) 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., January 2 to February 6 (six dates) in Cribari Auditorium.

The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for this six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, November 27 and ending Friday, December 15 or sooner if the class fills up.

Get tickets for Doox of Yale concert at Cribari

On **Saturday, January 13**, see the Doox of Yale perform at Cribari Auditorium from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 per person.

The Doox of Yale has a long history of entertaining audience members with their timeless classics, dynamic performance energy and heartfelt singing. This group of talented tenor and bass a capella singers was formed in 1952 with the name, The Duke's Men, but in 2017 the group became mixed-gender and changed their name. Now The Villages will join the diverse venues who have hosted them, including the White House, the Smithsonian, and Drew Barrymore's birthday party. Their repertoire includes nostalgic rock ballads, soulful jazz standards, classic folk tunes and even some catchy pop songs.

Pre-registration is required in Building B. Register during office hours by **Friday, December 8** or sooner if spots fill up.



Fitness demonstration to have holiday schedule

There will be no Fitness Center Safety Demonstration on the following Thursdays due to the Christmas holiday: **December 21 and 28**. Demonstrations will be offered for the rest of these months at the regularly scheduled times: Thursday nights at 7 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Each session is 90 minutes long and led by a personal trainer at the Fitness Center. Reservations are required.

For more information or to sign up for a demonstration please visit the Fitness Center Demonstration page under the Reservations menu option when logged into the Resident Portal, or call the Community Resource Center at 408-754-1336. Instructions on how to locate and create an account on the Resident Portal are available upon request.

Game Day schedule to change for holidays

This holiday season, the availability of Game Day will be affected by special events and, of course, holidays. Game Day is the time allocated by Community Activities for drop-in game playing in the Redwood Room and Terrace Room Lounge in Cribari Center. No games materials are provided, but groups usually play bridge, mah jong, poker, and more in these spaces. The Game Day schedule is Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside of Game Day these rooms are available by reservation only.

On the dates below the regular Game Day schedule will be changed. Signs will be posted in the rooms as well. Please contact Community Activities with any questions at 408-223-4643.

- **November 24 (Friday):** the rooms will be available until 12 p.m. to setup for the Crafters Boutique and will return to the normal drop-in schedule on Monday, November 27

- **December 25 (Monday):** the rooms will be closed for Christmas and will return to the normal drop-in schedule on Tuesday, December 26.

- **January 1 (Monday):** the rooms will be closed for New Year's Day and will return to the normal drop-in schedule on Tuesday, January 2.

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.

Holiday Season at The Villages

Holiday Crafts

For the weeks of November 17, December 1, and December 15 The Villager newspaper and the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane will feature a holiday craft or recipe for you to try.

A Festive Environment

During the month of December Club facilities are transformed with a holiday theme and the Knoll (near the Front Gate) features religious décor sponsored by The Villages Community Chapel, the Catholic Group, and the Villages Jewish Community.

Victorian Carolers

Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a performance from the time of Charles Dickens! See The Villager or the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane for more information. Pre-registration is required. **Sold out! Join the wait list!**

Holiday Card Contest

We are challenging residents to correctly guess the sentiment inside a holiday card, for a prize. The card will be published in The Villager newspaper and the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane the week of December 8.

Pro Shop Holiday Sale

From December 6 to 15 all merchandise in the Pro Shop will be on sale from 10 percent to 70 percent off! No lines, no long waits, no shipping fees... everything you want for the golfer in your life, right here at the Villages Pro Shop! We also have items non-golfers will love!

Back-in-Form New Year's Promo

Start your fitness resolutions off right with a special deal from fitness trainers Back-in-Form. See The Villager or the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane the week of December 22 for more information.



Accessing Table Tennis using your Villages ID

The Montgomery Multi-Purpose room is accessible during table tennis/ping pong play hours by residents who have met the following requirements: 1) attended a Table Tennis Group membership orientation, and 2) read and signed the release waiver to use this space. Once both requirements are met the Table Tennis Group will provide Community Activities with the waiver and we will activate your Villages ID Card to use as a key to the facility.

When wanting access make sure to hold your ID up to the door sensor with your photo facing yourself. You may need to move the ID around a little so that the sensor can locate and read the microchip embedded in your card. Once the chip is read there should be a green light, some beeps, and you will have four seconds to open the door.

If the light does not turn green it could be because:

a) You have not completed both requirements listed above. Please contact the Table Tennis Group to set up a membership orientation; their contact information is available when logged onto the Resident Portal or by calling the Community Resource Center (CRC) in Building B at 408-754-1336. The club will provide a copy of the waiver to you.

b) You have met the requirements previously but moved out of The Villages and have since moved back in. You will need to re-establish your membership in the Table Tennis Group and sign a new release waiver.

c) The microchip in your card has been damaged in some way and your card must be replaced. Please contact the Public Safety Administration office at 408-239-5246, Option 2 for assistance.

For more information on accessing table tennis/ping pong please contact either the Table Tennis Group or the CRC.

Guest Room reminders



Each of our four guest rooms includes a bathroom, TV, mini fridge, and coffeepot. For you and your future guests, here are a few reminders:

- You can reserve up to six months in advance.
- After hours key pickup at the Front Gate is available by request.
- **Pets are not allowed**

Please call the Community Activities department at 408-754-1336 for more information or to reserve. Additional information can also be found in Club Rule 1.22.

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!

Tuesdays: Poetry in Art with Colleen Mirassou at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

November 27: Advisory Board meeting, Monday, 5 p.m., Art Room.

January 10 – January 24: Beginning Drawing with Ceil Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$120. Register at barb.gottesmans@gmail.com.

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 November 29: Rambler Hike November 29: Al Girolami (209)-531-6553 will lead a two-mile hike in Calero County Park. We will enter and park at the Rancho San Vicente Entrance off of McKean Rd. (restrooms available) and do the North Ridge Trail loop starting on the Lisa Killough Trail. This is rated as an Easy Hike with just less than 2 miles and just less than a 200 ft. elevation gain. For those doing or wanting to do the 2023 Magnificent Seven Hikes, this is one of them. Distance to the Park is 18 miles. Following, there will be an optional lunch stop at Los Amigo at 7058 Santa Teresa Blvd. For the benefit of the late risers and the fact it is a nearby short hike, we will meet at the Cribari bell at 9:45 a.m. for carpooling and depart at 10 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike November 29: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike December 6: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We'll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike December 13: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothills. Meet at Foothill at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike December 20: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a 4-mile hike to the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. The distance to where we will park in Morgan Hill is about 14 miles r/t. To get there just get on US-101 S from San Felipe Rd, Farnsworth Dr and Silver Creek Valley Rd (12 min (5.9 mi). Follow US-101 south to Cochrane Rd in Morgan Hill. Take exit 367 from US-101 S and head east. Take Cochrane Rd east (left) and drive about ¼ miles then turn left onto Peet Rd and follow it until it turns to the right and becomes Eagle View Dr. Park along the curb on Eagle View Dr. but near Chinook Ct. The Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake will be a very short walk from our cars near where Eagle View Dr. makes its next turn to the right. (19245 Malaguerra Ave). We will walk north toward from there to the Model Plane Airport and back (about 4 mi. r/t). Hopefully, a few folks will be test-flying their planes, and we can observe that. Afterward, those interested can stop for lunch at Mr. Pickles in the nearby shopping center back by Hwy 101. There are other dining options, too. We will meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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 11/27 to 12/3

Monday	November 27	Split Pea
Tuesday	November 28	Cream of Mushroom
Wednesday	November 29	Chicken Noodle
Thursday	November 30	Beef Barley
Friday	December 1	Clam Chowder
Saturday	December 2	Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 3	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. <i>(last seating)</i>	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. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>	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. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>

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 2pm-8pm

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 \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning.

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg rolls with Dipping Sauce

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95
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 \$5.50/ \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

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 \$14.75
Cabbage, Carrots, 4 Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with Sesame Ginger Dressing
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
Mixed Greens, black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions, topped with toasted Tortilla Strips Cilantro Lime Dressing Add grilled chicken or Beef \$4

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

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

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

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 or Chili Con Carne

Sandwiches With Sides

Jumbo all Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Add Cheddar or Chili \$2

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat
Add Avocado, Bacon, Cheese \$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, 1000 Island Dressing.

Classic BLT \$13.50
Iceberg, Tomatoes, and Bacon on Toasted Sourdough

Naan Pizza Crust Red Sauce with Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95
V Margherita Pizza \$12.25
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, 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 \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Bacon or Ham, Cheddar Cheese, and Fruit

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

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

Chicken and Waffle \$13.95
2 Piece Chicken Tenders, Belgian Waffle, 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

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

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs Any Style with Sausage Links, 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, Bay Shrimp \$4 Served w/ Potatoes or Fruit and 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

Sundays Only
Oatmeal With Raisins, Bananas, Syrup, Fruit \$9.25
Country Cornbread with Sweet Butter, Fruit \$8.50

Weekly Specials

For the week of
11/27 to 12/3

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 11/28 to Sunday 12/3

California Benedict: Poached Egg, Tomato, Avocado, Bacon and Hollandaise Sauce on an English Muffin with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$15.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 11/27 to Sunday 12/3
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sole Dore Amandine: Flour & Egg Wash Sole with a Beurre Blanc Sauce topped with Toasted Almonds and served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetables **\$16.95**

Beef Taco Salad: Seasoned Ground Beef, Pico de Gallo, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, Guacamole and Iceberg Lettuce inside a Flour Tortilla Shell **\$16.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 11/28 to Sunday 12/3
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Grilled Swordfish: With a Lemon Garlic Chutney Butter with Choice of Sides **\$30.95**

Half Slab of St. Louis Style Barbecue Ribs: Served with Coleslaw and French Fries **\$28.95**

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm Last Order

Starters

Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

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

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls with Dipping Sauce

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Piece Skewered on Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Dipping Sauce

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

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

Pasta Puttanesca \$15.95
Spaghetti with Zucchini, Capers, Eggplants Olives and Garlic. Essence of Anchovies

V Butternut Squash Ravioli \$15.95
Creamy Garlic Sauce

Spaghetti Tuscan Ragù \$16.95
Beef Chuck and Sausages with Tomatoes, Mirepoix Garnished with Basil

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

Crispy Muscovy Duck Breast \$29.95
Dark Cherry Brandy Sauce

Chicken Parmesan \$26.95
Panko Breaded with Mozzarella Marinara Sauce

Country Pot Roast \$28.95
Slow Braised with Herbs and Vegetables

New York Steak \$32.50
Green Peppercorn Sauce

Rosemary Braised Lamb Shanks \$33.95
Slow Braised with Red Wine and Mirepoix

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

Blackened Creole Salmon \$27.95
With Corn Verde Salsa

Salt and Pepper Prawns \$28.95
Crushed chili, Chinese Five Spices, White Pepper, Garlic and Onions Tossed and Sautéed.

Lunch Menu 11am to 2pm

Appetizers

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 \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasonings.

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Piece Skewers on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Chicken Lumpias \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls Dipping Sauce

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 \$11.95
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

South of the Border

Rotisserie Chicken Enchiladas \$15.95
Refried Black Beans, Spanish Rice and Tomatillo Sauce

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

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

Villager Favorite

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

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

Sandwiches and Such with choice of Sides Included

Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Sides \$5.50

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

Jumbo All Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish.
Add Cheddar or Chili \$2

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

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

French Dip with Au Jus \$14.95
Roast Beef, Onions, w/ Jack Cheese, Hoagie

Melts: Tuna Salad, Bay Shrimp or Patty \$14.95
Grilled Sourdough, Cheddar Cheese Caramelized
Onions. Substitute Impossible Patty Add \$1.00

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

Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella

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

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

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

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

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

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

Soup or Salads

Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

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

Grilled Sirloin Salad \$16.25
On a Bed of Greens, Avocados, Cucumbers Cherry
Tomatoes, Balsamic Vinaigrette.

V Greek Salad \$14.75
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Feta cheese and
Olives with Pepperoncini, Lettuce, Red Wine Vinegar
Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
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 Salad \$14.95
Chicken or Tuna Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Hard
Boiled Egg

Over Rice

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

Pork Adobo Over Rice \$16.95
Braised with Soy, Vinegar Black Pepper, Garlic, Onions

Chicken ala King \$16.95
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Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!

Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.



Dessert Menu

\$6.95

House Made Vanilla Crème Brule with Berries
Creamy Custard Topped with Glazed Caramelized Sugar

Chocolate Lava Cake (Warm)
Chocolate Cake with Creamy Fondant

House Made Bourbon Bread Pudding
New Orleans Style Bourbon Glaze and Frosting

Pecan Pie
Buttery Shortbread Crust Topped with Hand Placed Glazed Pecan Halves

New York Style Cheesecake
Raspberry Coulis and Berries

\$5.25

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes



Clubhouse Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day

The **Clubhouse Restaurant, Bistro** and **Curbside** services will be **closed** on **Thursday November 23** to facilitate the special Thanksgiving Buffet and Curbside pickup services.

Thanksgiving Buffet 12:30 p.m. and **3:30 p.m.** seatings in Main Dining Room and Banquet Rooms

Thanksgiving Special Menu Curbside pickup **11 a.m.** and **2 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

Clubhouse Restaurant Bistro and **Curbside** open **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Special Menu Curbside pickup **noon.**

Christmas Day Monday, December 25—Closed

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31

Bistro Open **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Clubhouse Restaurant is open for **Early Bird Dinner**—two seatings **5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Banquet Rooms

New Year's Day Closed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 24

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.	Quilters	PR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, November 25

10 a.m.	Crafters Boutique Sale	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	MC
10 a.m.	Villages Voices Concert	
	Ticket Sale	F
4 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC

Sunday, November 26

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
5:30 p.m.	Villages Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	SEQ

Monday, November 27

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	EPC Med/EST	F
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee	PR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	VGCC Six Clubs	V
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
5 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Advisory	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A

6 p.m.	Democratic Club	VC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7:30 p.m.	Hiking Club	FC

Tuesday, November 28

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Intermediate Line Dance	A
9:30 a.m.	Poetry in Art & Pastel	AR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Intermediate	PR
10 a.m.	Intro Line Dance Class	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates Class	CR
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
3 p.m.	Korean Club Board	F
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Tech Talk	FC
7 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	PR

Wednesday, November 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
6 p.m.	Village Dancers	FC
6 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Thursday, November 30

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Homeowners Board	V
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Class	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Global Village Meditation	PR
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Olivas Social	FC

Friday, December 1

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 Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	VAT Spring Show Auditions	A



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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)

Upcoming Programs

The Impact of Footcare on Your Health – Leonard Iskander, MSN-FNP, BSN, CFCA and Aiza Iskander, MSN-CNL, BSN, owners of RN Scrub Foot Care will present on the basics of foot care hygiene, the diabetic foot and how foot problems can increase falls and decrease our sense of well-being. Wednesday, December 6 at 11 a.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. There will be support groups every Monday through and including December 18 at 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

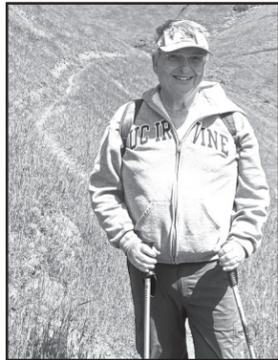
Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on Thursday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

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

VMA new website domain: VMAvillages.vgcc.club

CLUBS & EVENTS

Hiking Club to present 'Road Trip to Big Bend National Park'



Bob Bogdanoff

This month's program will take you on a road trip to Big Bend National Park. Big Bend is located on the Texas/Mexico border on the great bend "boot heel" of the Rio Grande and was established in 1944 to preserve the great canyons and panoramic vistas of mountains and desert.

Our speaker, Bob Bogdanoff, moved with his family into The Villages five years ago and retired at the start of the Covid pandemic after a financial and administrative career with technology companies. He is a second-generation Villager as his parents have lived in The Villages 25 years. It is an annual family tradition to visit National Parks, 26 in total so far.

The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages.

The meeting will be held at the Foothill Center on **Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** All Villagers are welcome to attend.

Global Villages: 'Healing Room—Letting Go of Sadness'

The Global Villages Community Club is bringing back "The Healing Room" for November with a different topic—Letting Go of Sadness, Grief, Loss and Depression. The event, led by Kim Silverman, will be held **Thursday, November 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room. You must pre-register for this event.

We've all experienced sadness at one point in our lives. Grief and loss are another level that can trigger the feeling of sadness. It could be loss of a pet, a job, a friend or loved one. Sometimes depression can be triggered and it may not be the direct result of losing someone. Depression could seem like a numbness without feeling anything. This month, we are going to work on letting go of all of these.

You may register by texting or calling 408-827-8860 or emailing kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis. This event is free. The purpose of this Healing Room is to learn how to let go of unwanted emotions, release debilitating thoughts, return our bodies to health and wellness, and establish a direct link to our higher soul-self. The healing room is led by intuitive healer, Kim Silverman, a Certified Quantum Energy Master and Certified Life Coach. She will combine guided meditations and educational moments that allow you to return to a more centered and balanced state of well-being.

For more information about the Global Villages club, visit the GVC Club website at: sites.google.com/view/gvclub/home or email globalvcclub@gmail.com



VMA to present 'The Impact of Foot Care on Your Health'

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education

On average, you will walk 100,000 miles in your lifetime. That's a lot of wear and tear on 26 bones, 33 joints, and more than 100 ligaments. Your foot is more complicated than your car. Yet, we often pay more attention to our car tune-ups than our foot health. Until now. On **Wednesday, December 6 at 11 a.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, Leonard Iskander, MSN-FNP, BSN and Aiza Iskander MSN-CNL, BSN will provide one hour of interactive education on foot health. The founders of RNScrub Foot Care, two Master's certified nurses, will cover:



Leonard and Aiza Iskander

- Foot Care for: Fall Prevention, Diabetes, and Basic Foot Hygiene
- Commonly encountered cases in medical foot care
- Treatment Options to Enhance Healthy Feet
- Overview of RNScrub Foot Care Services

Leonard states that he and Aiza began RNScrub Foot Care after observing how good foot health increases one's vitality. They agree that "Foot care is important to individuals, especially those with decreased mobility and comorbidities,

like Diabetes. Foot problems may increase the likelihood of problems including falls, infections, and decreased sense of well-being." Join Leonard and Aiza Iskander on December 6 for a grounded and interactive presentation, "The Impact of Foot Care on Your Health."

Step up now to reserve your place at "The Impact of Foot Care on Your Health." Go to vmavillages.vgcc.club. Click on Register for events or call Bonnie Grim MS, Residents Services Coordinator at 408-238-4029.

Arts & Crafts membership renewal



With our new President Mandy Book, we hope that all of our Arts & Crafts members are eager to support Arts in The Villages during 2024. If you wish to remain a member and support Art in The Villages for 2024, you need do nothing. Your membership will be automatically renewed on your house bill for January.

If you wish to cancel your 2024 membership in Arts & Crafts, please send an email to the Interim Vice President for Membership, Barbara Gottesman at barb.gottesman@gmail.com **before November 30** so that \$10 dues will not be charged to your house account in January.

"Peace on Earth"

Annual Tennis Club Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Village Clubhouse 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Semi-formal

With music by DJ Norman from Ultimate Sounds



Menu

- Assorted Rolls & Butter • Spinach Salad
- Candied Walnuts. Sliced Pear Slivers & Cranberries
- Creamy Balsamic Vinaigrette & Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Entree • A Special Dessert • Includes Hosted Red & White Wine and No Host Bar

Entree Choices:

Grilled Pacific Salmon Lemon Grass Beurre Blanc - \$38.65

Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Swiss Chard & Red Pepper

6 oz. Petite Filet Mignon with Cabernet Reduction - \$61.89

Au Gratin Potatoes. Asparagus, Swiss Chard & Red Pepper

Pasta Primavera - \$32.20

Marinara sauce & seasonal vegetables

Registration is also available from the

Tennis Club website, villagestennis.vgcc.club

Deadline to register is Sunday, November 26!

Save the dates for Ciel Duke's art classes



Ciel Duke is returning to teaching Drawing and Watercolor in the new year. Watch for a webpage and an article in late December. The dates are:

Beginning Drawing,

Wednesdays, January 10 to 24. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Beginning Watercolor,

Wednesdays, February 7 to 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All materials furnished in both. Each class costs \$120.

Register early at barb.gottesman@gmail.com



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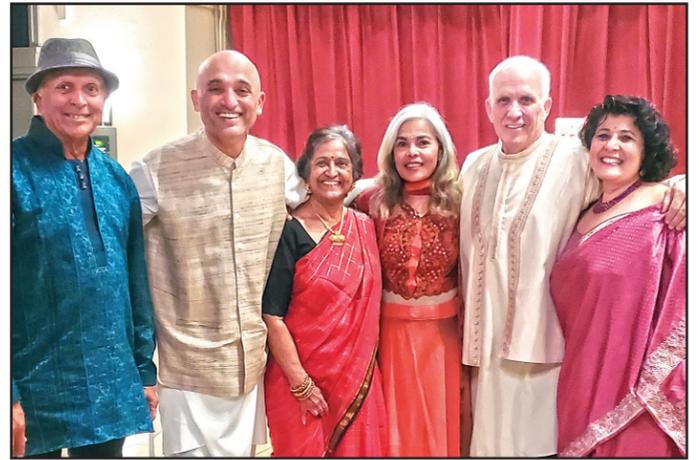
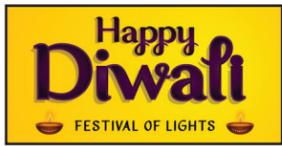
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Villagers celebrate Diwali at Cribari Auditorium



By Lalita Batra

Members of the Villages Desi Club for Desis (those from the South Asian Diaspora) and their friends from The Villages gathered to celebrate the Auspicious Festival of Diwali on November 10, 2023.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights and New Year is celebrated throughout the World. It symbolizes victory of the good within us over our negativity! Thereby, Diwali heralds a Joyous occasion for families and friends to gather together to give thanks and celebrate the blessings bestowed upon all of us. Traditionally, lamps are lit, homes are decorated, sparklers and firecrackers (safe) add to the festivities replete with singing, dancing, exchanging of sweets and of course an array of delicious fare to indulge in.

Reflecting the Spirit of Diwali/NewYear at The Villages, the Auditorium donned the ambiance of a Sparkling Wonderland filled with gaiety, camaraderie, singing, dancing and a daunting game for couples and of course then we enjoyed the delicious Indian cuisine!

Happy Diwali, everyone!

Sign up for Villages Study Groups Club

We are excited to announce our new club in The Villages called "The Villages Study Groups Club." The club is designed to offer members many varied study groups such as current events, discussions, reading groups, dining, arts and crafts, museum excursions, movie groups and many others. Our mission of the club is to have members connect, share, and build community through various diverse study groups and social activities.



Dues for the year 2024 are \$25 per person and will be billed to your Villages house account. This annual due payment entitles you to join as many of the club's study and interest groups as you wish.

Please, email your application to Yvett Katz at ykatz256@gmail.com

Please one membership application per person.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

What is your special interest _____

Would you like to start a group? _____

Any questions, contact, Judy Rogers at judy.rogers488@gmail.com. **For a complete list of study groups**, contact: Josephine (Joey) Stern at sternjo@pacbell.net or 408-238-4890.



**Cribari's
New Year's
Rockin' Eve
Dance 2023**



Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Cribari Auditorium

Dress: Cocktail Party

We will have Hors d'oeuvres and a Champagne toast!

Great dance music—DJayZee is back!

Tickets—\$25 per person with door prize drawings!

RSVP is required! No walk-ups!

Send name(s) and address to: cribaridac@gmail.com

Or text 408-375-1760 or call 408-274-1882

The last dance sold out! Don't wait, reserve now!

Open to all Villagers (one guest per resident)

BYOB—We will provide ice and cups

Save the date—Lunch Buddies’ holiday edition is December 13



This is certainly the time to be with others, to celebrate all the good things for which we are grateful. So if you’re in need of some company, if you need to get out of the house, if you need a helping hand, join us at VMA’s Lunch Buddies on **Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Clubhouse area.

Put on that shirt you’ve been saving, wear a holiday sweater, dress up a bit for a wonderful lunch and some very good company! Lunch, as usual, will be \$11, charged to your house account, but lunch this time will definitely have a holiday feel.

A big, delicious cobb salad, (mixed greens with tomatoes, cucumber, hard boiled egg, avocado, bacon and feta cheese with chicken) will be served along with a fabulous holiday dessert—a Yule Log decorated especially for the holidays. Sounds wonderful, doesn’t it?

Call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation. Reservations need to be made by Monday, December 11 at noon. Please remember to let VMA know if you need a ride. If so, a volunteer will pick you up in front of your home and deliver you back there after lunch.

Hope to see you at the Lunch Buddies’ holiday luncheon on December 13 at 11:30 a.m.!

RSVP for Hiking Club’s Holiday Party

The Villages Hiking Club will host its annual holiday dinner party in Cribari Auditorium on Thursday, December 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. All members of the club are invited to attend.

To sign up, contact Bibi Bruce at 404-226-5594 or via email at mmebruce@hotmail.com. Those whose last names begin with A – M are asked to bring substantial hors d’oeuvres. Those with last names beginning with N – V are asked to bring a side dish which will be coordinated with Bibi when you sign up. Those with last names beginning with W – Z are asked to bring a fruit plate or fruit salad. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn casserole, rolls and cake will be provided by the club. Bring your own beverages, glasses and silverware.



Live and recorded music will be provided for listening enjoyment and dancing.

Members are urged to reserve their seats early as space is limited. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 29.

Light Up the Holidays at the Montgomery Holiday Party

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5 to 9 p.m., Clubhouse Fairway Room

Menu

- **Turkey and Stuffing with Gravy**—Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans Amandine with Red Peppers and Cranberry Sauce. \$58 per person

- **Pacific Salmon Beurre Blanc**—Au Gratin Potatoes and Green Beans Amandine with Red Peppers. \$58 per person

- **Eggplant Parmesan**—\$53 per person

All dinners include Spinach Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea. No Host Bar

Dance to Music by Ed Knott. Drawings – Photo Booth.

RSVP by December 12 to:

montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com.

Include names of all attendees, house number for payment, and phone number.

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Verano volunteers needed



Verano volunteers are needed to wrap the holiday lights on the Villages Parkway trees. Lights up on **Saturday, December 2 at 9 a.m.** Lights down on Saturday, January 6 at 9 a.m. If you can help, contact Kerry Besmehn at 408-499-1773. Thank you.

Hoover School Choir to perform at VMFSC meeting

On **Tuesday, December 5**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will feature a luncheon performance by the San Jose Hoover Middle School Choir. We look forward to having this excellent San Jose School District performing arts choir group. Guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:15 p.m.**

The 6 through 8 grade student choir travels annually to various destinations in California. The Hoover middle school is the only middle school invited to the West Valley Annual Choir Invitational where they perform among several high school choirs. They have performed several times in Disneyland, which requires additional songs separate from those performed at their regular concerts.

The choir has been under the direction of Victoria Arribere for nine years. Mrs. Arribere earned her music education degree at San Jose State University. She believes that all students should have access to a musical education and the program is successfully growing at Hoover. The Hoover students work closely with Lincoln High School students and faculty in preparation for future vocal music at the San Jose Unified performing arts high school.

Hoover Middle School's next performance will be at the Hoover Gym on December 15 at 7 p.m.

The Social club members are inviting spouses or significant others to this special luncheon and choir performance. Lunch reservations are required per the



computer system web site referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.

Villages Cat Club gains 60+ members

Over 60 Villagers have signed up to join the *free* Villages Cat Club! Because of the holidays the first Cat Club meeting won't be held until **Monday, January 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Vineyard Center.** You can look forward to guest speakers, gaining insight on caring for your cats, and learning current and new information on the care of cats. Share with others ideas that you have learned. Win prizes. Find and share cat sitting duties and hopefully have fun meeting other cat friendly people in The Villages.



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The fourth Monday of the month (Vineyard Center) from 2 to 4 p.m. has been reserved for our meetings. Save the date!

Suggestions always welcome! Please email Bette Loomis at dbloomis@sbcglobal.net if you have suggestions, speakers, questions or want to join.



Help the VMA help you!

With the holidays upon us, everyone's schedule is getting busier. VMA asks for a minimum two-day notice for all driving requests. Keep in mind that office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will do all possible to accommodate all requests that come in Friday through Sunday for the following week, but we appreciate advance notice. Drivers: Be sure to notify the office of upcoming vacation schedules to avoid unnecessary calls. Happy Holidays!



The Villages Medical Auxiliary

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.

"You Shouldn't Have Come Here" by Jeneva Rose. Grace Evans, an overworked New Yorker looking for a total escape from her busy life, books an Airbnb on a ranch in the middle of Wyoming. When she arrives, she's pleasantly surprised to find that the owner is a handsome man by the name of Calvin Wells. But there are things Grace discovers that she's not too pleased about: A lack of cell phone service. A missing woman. And a feeling that something isn't right with the town. Despite her uneasiness and misgivings from Calvin's friends and family, they grow close. However, as her departure date nears, things between them start to change for the worse. Grace grows wary of Calvin as his infatuation for her seems to turn into obsession. *Mystery, 2023.*

"Dark Angel" (a Letty Davenport book 2) by John Sandford. Letty Davenport's days working a desk job are behind her. Her previous actions at a gunfight in Texas—and her incredible skills with firearms—draw the attention of several branches of the US government, and make her a perfect fit for even more dangerous work. The Department of Homeland Security and the NSA have tasked her with infiltrating a hacker group, known only as Ordinary People, that is intent on wreaking havoc. Letty and her reluctant partner from the NSA pose as free-spirited programmers for hire and embark on a cross country road trip to the group's California headquarters. While the two work to make inroads with Ordinary People and uncover their plans, they begin to suspect that the hackers are not their only enemy. Someone within their own circle may have betrayed them, and has ulterior motives that place their mission—and their lives—in grave danger. *Mystery, 2023.*

"Loyalty" by Lisa Scottoline. Franco Fiorvanti is a handsome lemon grower toiling on the estate of a baron. He dreams of owning his own grove, but the rigid class system of Sicily thwarts his ambition. Determined to secure a better future, Franco will do anything to prove his loyalty to the baron. But when the baron asks him to kidnap a little boy named Dante, Franco makes a decision that will change his life and even the history of Sicily forever. Gaetano Catalano is an idealistic young lawyer whose devotion to justice is tantamount to a calling. He's a member of the Beati Paoli, a real-life secret society of aristocrats who investigate crime in Palermo, a city riddled with graft. Gaetano sets out to find the boy and punish the kidnapper, but his mission leads him to a darker place than he had ever imagined. Meanwhile, Mafalda Pancari is a new mother rejoicing at the birth of her daughter Lucia, when disaster strikes. And Alfredo D'Antonio is a reclusive goatherd under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew. The lives of these characters collide as the story twists and turns to its monumental showdown. *Mystery, 2023.*

"River Sing Me Home" by Eleanor Shearer. Her search begins with an ending. The master of the Providence plantation in Barbados gathers his slaves and announces the king has decreed an end to slavery. As of the following day, the Emancipation Act of 1834 will come into effect. The cries of joy fall silent when he announces that they are no longer his slaves; they are now his apprentices. No one can leave. They must work for him for another six years. Freedom is just another name for the life they have always lived. So, Rachel runs. Away from Providence, she begins a desperate search to find her children—the five who survived birth and were sold. Are any of them still alive? Rachel has to know. The grueling, dangerous journey takes her from Barbados, then deep into the forest of British Guiana and finally across the sea to Trinidad. These are the stories of Mary Grace, Micah, Thomas Augustus, Cherry Jane and Mercy. But above all this is the story of Rachel and the extraordinary lengths to which a mother will go to find her children...and her freedom. *Fiction, 2023.*

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

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

EPISCOPAL

‘Giving Thanks’

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

“Thank you!” What a lovely thing to be able to say—to God, to our friends and family, to those we meet in ordinary life—which become extraordinary encounters through our practice of thanksgiving. And of course, practicing gratitude is baked into our lives as people of faith. Our scriptures are full of reminders to give thanks to God, and the central ritual of liturgical Christians—the Holy Eucharist—actually means “thanksgiving” in the Greek.

As is so often the case, contemporary mental health research echoes what religious people have known for millennia. Gratitude is good for our bodies and minds, as well as our souls. When we express gratitude, our brains release dopamine and serotonin, neurotransmitters that regulate our moods and emotions. These chemicals can help us feel happier, more content, and less stressed. In addition, intentionally giving thanks increases our self-esteem and resilience, and improves sleep. A study by the University of Manchester found that participants who wrote down things they were grateful for before going to bed slept longer and reported better sleep quality than those who did not.

I like to think of this nightly journaling of gratitude as something akin to a harvest feast: that is, gathering up the blessings of the day, savoring them, and returning thanks for them. Something as simple as recording a few sentences of thanks every evening can send us off to sleep feeling fully nourished, so that we wake up with renewed hope for the day to come.

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

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., November 27 at Vineyard Center**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.



COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘The Roll Call’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There are few people living today who can recall a one-room school. The closest a one-room classroom could possibly resemble is homeschooling. The teacher would have to instruct several different age groups, giving them her personal attention. The older children would also help the younger students.

In very poor communities the one-room schoolhouse was also used as the meeting place where the church service was held on Sunday Mornings. Over time, small towns developed into communities and schools were built to meet the needs of a growing population. Students would shuffle off to different classrooms at the sound of a bell to be instructed by a different teacher for the fundamentals.

I recall my very early days of school and for several weeks the teachers would call the roll/take attendance. You would answer “present” or “here” with a raised hand, until they learned your name. Then they would assign each student a seat in class, to easily take attendance, and if you caused problems, you would be required to sit in the front. Yes, I once had to sit up front in my sophomore biology class with Miss Wallace. She was short in stature with thick horn-rimmed glasses and squeaky black shoes. In her class you could hear a pin drop; she would give you instructions, only once. Her throne was made of iron and she ruled well! I was never late to her class.

Many of us today have benefited from the discipline that we received from loving parents and inspiring teachers...along life’s journey. Some of you have been blessed to have traveled around the world. As people talk about their amazing experiences in life, you may respond by saying, “I’ve been there!” The memory of that experience left an indelible imprint on your soul with every detail you recall. Whenever you are feeling a little down and reflective in life, you seek to recapture that moment of euphoria and better days.

All the countries and places that we have visited, with all their beauty which captured our hearts, will appear pale in comparison to what God has in store for us.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I live to see what God has in store for me and when the roll is called, I want to be present. Will you be present when your name is called? Revelations 20:15

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. The chapel is a place for *needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and new friends to embrace*. You can view our worship services on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Compassionate Challenge’

By Kathy Schlosser

I am a city girl and I know very little about sheep or goats, but those that do say that sheep are herd animals depending on and trusting their shepherd while goats are headstrong and disobedient. They are just smart enough to get into trouble!

In Palestine 2000 years ago sheep and goats were part of everyday life. Jesus’ using them in his analogy made sense to the people he was addressing. Here in San Jose 2000 years later it doesn’t quite fit, but we can relate to good guys and bad guys.

In the Gospel passage this week, Matthew gives us an image of the Last Judgment. There will be two groups of people present, represented by the sheep and goats. Jesus seated on his throne, will, as shepherd and judge separate those who have earned a place in his Kingdom and those who will be banished forever. The sheep will be sent to the right having earned a place in the Kingdom and the goats sent to the left and banished.

It is obvious that both groups that Jesus is addressing are surprised at the criteria presented. The sheep ask a question because they don’t remember doing any of the things mentioned by Jesus, yet clearly they must have done some of them.

It seems that Matthew thought that the words of Jesus’ proclamation so important that he includes them four times. He wants to get our attention. Listen to these words. They are the key to eternal life and the Kingdom of God.

We are given a challenge! A challenge to think about we treat our brothers and sisters. Do we clothe them, feed them, help them when they are sick, visit them if in prison and do we welcome the stranger we meet? Are we loving and compassionate? Do we help our neighbors even when it is difficult and perhaps not appreciated?

None of the things Jesus says is of a religious nature. There is no mention of observing or breaking Commandments. People are condemned, not for acting immorally, but for not doing anything at all.

For us this is a call to action. When it is time for us to meet God face to face, we will be judged by how well we listened and acted on the words of this parable.

How will we answer the question? What did you do for your brother and sister?

Kathy Schlosser ministered as a Pastoral Associate at St. William Parish in Los Alto for 15 years. She is a graduate of both the Institute for Leadership in Ministry and Advanced Lay Leadership for the Diocese of San Jose. Kathy has lived in The Villages since 2012.

SPORTS NEWS

BOCCE NEWS



Bocce Club appoints 2024 Board of Directors

By Barbara Orlando



2024 Bocce Board of Directors.

The Bocce Club's new board of directors have been appointed. Our new officers are President Jana King, Vice President Marie Colaizzi, Secretary Tricia Hunt, and Treasurer Libby Nelson. The board of directors are as follows: Membership Director Jeanne Anne Whitacre, IT Director Roger King, Court Manager Ken Colaizzi, Social Director Wendy Ledamun, Bash Director Patti Smith, Past Tournament Director George Paris, Tournament Director Todd Horvatic, Your Courts Helen Paris, and Past President Barbara Orlando. Congratulations to the club's new leaders. Board members are looking forward to the new courts next year and planning for 2024 a list of fun events.

Remember Winter Play is every Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. Your Courts Director, Helen Paris, has reserved the courts for anyone wanting to drop in and play. Winter play will run through the end of January. Courts one and two will be open and will only be closed when courts are resurfaced, and the new boards are put on.

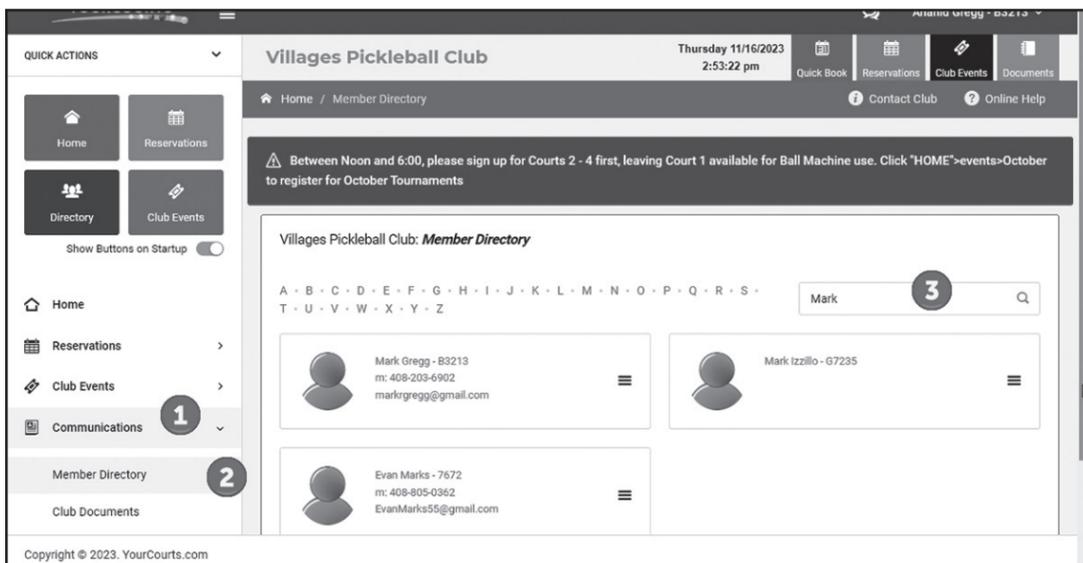
Your new courts committee has added a new member, Tom Hunt, who joins committee chair Jana King, Ken Colaizzi and Nancy Dawn. The committee will be working along with CBOD and EVF on the planning and completion of our new third court project. The court construction is due to start early next year.

Bocce Club Holiday Party sold out

The Bocce Club's 2023 Holiday Party scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 5 – 9 p.m. is now **sold out**. If you have questions, contact Barbara at ormuh2@comcast.net or 408-300-1230.



PICKLEBALL



Pickleball Website Tips and Tricks

By Anahid Gregg

Did you know per The Villages rules, anyone who wants to use our courts must be registered? Registration is easy to do! The Pickleball Club uses two websites for different purposes. Here are some tips for residents.

The Club website is villagespickleball.org. This site has lots of information for members and residents alike. The first thing you will see is how to apply for membership. Just want to try pickleball? No worries—when filling in the application, just choose “non-member resident”.

There are a number of “buttons” on the right side of the website with links to valuable information such as the Approved Paddle List (per the City of San Jose, only paddles listed there may be used at The Villages—a requirement to pass the sound study), information on how to register a guest, sign up for group play.

We use YourCourts.com as our reservation system. YourCourts is also where members can sign up for events such as Tournaments, Group Play, Drop-In play, and special events.

Need to look up a fellow members contact information? In YourCourts:

1. Select the drop-down arrow to the right of Communications
2. Choose Member Directory.
3. Enter the name in the search bar in the upper right corner and press enter to retrieve their information. This also works for the Tennis, Bocce, and Table Tennis Club YourCourts sites!

Next week there will be more information about the using the Club websites!

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Carol Begley

Forty-nine brave ladies showed up to play golf. It was cold and very windy but they persevered! It occurred to me it's time to put the covers on the golf cart!

Two ladies celebrated birdies: Susan Sunzeri and Lolovic Shaw. Great job, ladies!

We're looking forward to the Turkey Shoot next week!

It will be a Step-Aside Scramble with prizes awarded! There will be no sweeps that day. This will get us in the mood to get that turkey out of the freezer to be baked on Thanksgiving Day!

An observation I have made: What happens on the driving range stays on the driving range. Why is that? Is the air thinner? Is there less stress? Just when I think I'm improving, once I step onto the golf course somehow the old golfer shows up!

If you will recall, last week I wrote about a new set of golf rules that I want to share with you.

Golf Rule #2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.



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TENNIS TALK

By Sherry Benz and Roy Pennington



Josh Liao, Mitzi Macon and Ken Leong enjoying the Villages Tennis League.

The Villages Tennis League (VTL) concluded its Fall season on Sunday, November 12. All the courts were full on a beautiful afternoon for play. Almost as a grand finale, an incredible match lasting nearly 2.5 hours saw Mitzi Macon and Ken Leong win in a 10-point tie-breaker (12-10) over opponents Josh Liao and Peggy Seidel. Awesome tennis, couldn't have been closer, and the crowd expressed their pleasure. There were four VTL teams with a total of 49 players and another 30 who filled in as subs. Lucinda Havart-Simpkin and Lynn Dickson played in their first ever competitive matches and did it very well. Kudos to them!

Just as in the Spring session, the winning team for the Fall was captained by Betty Olsen. The other captains are perplexed as to how she is so successful. It was considered that maybe she spies on the other teams or just plain cheats ... or maybe she is just so good!

Matches played were spirited, very competitive, lots of 10-point tiebreakers and frequently decided by only a few points. Many commented that they were new to mixed doubles, but found it really fun. In addition, being partnered with new people allowed new friendships to be made. That was an objective of the VTL.

The VTL Committee is already planning the Spring season. Stay tuned. Thanks to Jim Murphy, Peggy Seidel and Roy Pennington for providing this fun, social format for our tennis club.



Lucinda Havart-Simpkin celebrating her first match with Sherry Benz.

The Mighty and the Few—A Tennis Tale



Villages women with the Silver Creek High School girl's tennis team.

lagger women held their rackets high and made us proud as they played one set against two youngsters and the second set with a youngster. They can sure run like the wind. "We schedule these matches after the tennis season," said Wendy Ferguson, chair of the Scholarships.

And, speaking of wind, the players battled strong winds and a bit of rain, too. However, fun was had by all. The teams look forward to coming to The Villages. And by the way, the boy's team will come in the spring to play the Villages men.

The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship is in its 20th year and gives the largest scholarships awarded to Silver Creek High School seniors. Last year \$16,000 was awarded to four graduates. Those seniors went on to attend schools such as UC Berkeley, UC Merced, and Cal Poly studying applied math, biology, and computer science. Athletic and smart, too!

Winter Golf Course Walking Schedule

Here are the new days and times that walkers may enjoy walking on the golf course this winter:

- Mondays before noon and after dusk
- Tuesdays before 9 a.m. and after dusk
- Wednesdays before 7 a.m. and after dusk
- Thursdays before 8:20 a.m. and after dusk
- Fridays-Sundays before 6:50 a.m. and after dusk

Walkers please enter/exit the golf course at the above mentioned times. Please be safe. We appreciate your cooperation!



MEN'S GOLF CLUB



Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Holiday Tournament



When: Saturday, December 9, 2023
What: Shamble Tournament open to all Men's Club 18-hole members. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament. **MGC Members only. No guest or spouses**
Format: Shamble, Foursomes, 2BB-Net
Signup: November 25 through December 7 – Sign up with the pro shop either as a team, or individually, and the pro shop will pair you with other players to form a team.
Handicaps: 100 percent of December 7 Handicap
Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players
Tees: #4/3 Combo, or #3 based on Flight
Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun.
Cost: \$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

By Doug Moore
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The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club sincerely hopes you and your families had the best Thanksgiving ever.

Upcoming events:

It's right around the corner... what's that? **Holiday Tournament** – December 9, 2023. Shamble – Four-Man Teams, Flighted. Coffee/Donuts.

Net or Better Shooters Veterans Day Tournament—We only had 19 players return to the clubhouse holding their flags last year...This year it was 30! All of these players won \$15 sweeps each! See full list of names on the Scoreboard page. Great shooting gentlemen! (And if you were one of the patriotic souls the kept the flags, please return them to the pro shop. We are missing 10 flags.)

The Elections Have Concluded—The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club executive committee elections are now concluded and a big congratulations to returning members **Doug Bettencourt** and **Kurt Pagnini**. These gentlemen, along with the rest of this hard working committee, will power our club into 2024 and beyond.

Golf Thoughts:

Leave no trace—Pretend that you're camping in a National Park. When you depart, no one should know that you were there. That's another way of saying: rake bunkers, fill divots and repair ball marks. No doing donuts in the fairway, either.

Mind your temper—Sulking. Whining. Screaming. Flinging clubs. You're not good enough to engage in such behaviors, which you should plan on avoiding, no matter how well you learn to play the game.

Executive Committee Meeting: Curious as to what transpires at The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meetings? You are cordially invited to sit in, participate and make a difference. If you have a point of view, an opinion or a concern that needs to be presented, we would love to hear from you. We meet the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be December 6, 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



These creative players decided to “dress up” for Thanksgiving.

By Nancy Keane

November 16 was our Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 18 Hole ladies play day, which was quite appropriate as we were all very thankful to get to play without the rain!

The day turned out to be very warm and lovely, and many ladies had fun playing from the number two tees, and throwing out three of their worst scores... Always a treat!

And speaking of treats, the Turkey pot pies are always a delicious addition to this luncheon.

Our captain reminded us that we must sign up for our luncheon at <https://forms.gle/QtTQWQfS2z9TQVEL8> for the December 7th holiday tournament by November 25, and also to consider a donation to the Evergreen Nurses Fund as well on the day of that tournament.

Many of the ladies had chip ins today winning \$2 a piece: Helen Varenkamp #7, Annie Bassford #14, Judy Rodriguez #13, Gail Tuft #14, Pam Schramm #15, Camille Giulioldibari #7, Pam McCarthy #3.

And those having birdies: Helen Varenkamp #7, Monica Saneholtz #7, Judy Rodriguez #13, Pam Schramm #15, Camille Giulioldibari #7, Donna Quartaro #4, Susie Q Conklin #15.

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Last Tuesday was our “Turkey Shoot” game. Really just a closest to the pin on Hole 5. Twenty-one Shonis golfed and flexed their driving muscles. Our big winner was Meg Rogers with her drive landing 10’ 2 1/2” from the hole. Way to go, Meg. She got awarded a divot tool. Only two other Shonis managed to get on the green. Marty Blinde and Joyce Baptiste and they each got seasonal pins.

We continue our pre-game Putting for Pesos putting contest. Last week our winners were Meg Rogers and Teddy Morse. They each got a dollar more in their sweeps envelopes.

Our sweeps scores last week had lots of tied scores but no birdies so our birdie pot rolls over.



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Winter Golf schedule until February 2024

Mondays – Shotgun starts at noon – Driving range closes at 2 p.m.
Tuesdays – Swingers Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. – Open Play 11:30 a.m. – Par-3 Course Shonis start at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays – Men’s Club preferred tee times 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays – 18-Hole Women 8:20 a.m. Shotgun - Open Play 11:30 a.m. - Par-3 Course Ironmen start at 1 p.m.
Fridays – Pinseekers 9-Hole Men start at 12 p.m.

The last tee time each day will be 4 p.m. – The Pro Shop will close at 4:30 p.m. daily (3 p.m. Mondays)

Pro Shop Holiday Sale—From December 6 to 15 all merchandise in the Pro Shop will be on sale from 10 to 70 percent off! No lines, no long waits, no shipping fees...everything you want for the golfer in your life, right here at the Villages Pro Shop! Plenty of Villages logo merchandise for the non-golfers as well including hoodie sweatshirts, tee shirts and headwear in many styles.

All Holiday Sale Shoppers will qualify for the **Grand Prize** with the winner being chosen on the final day of the sale: **three free rounds of golf plus \$50 on your range card!**

PXG Fitting Day—Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. PXG Gen 6 Woods & Irons – Golf Clubs Unlike Any Other! Played by Tour stars – Patrick Reed, Zach Johnson, Jason Kokrak, Joel Dahmen, Charl Schwartzel and Luke List

2024-Annual-Golf-Calendar-of-Events—2024 promises to be another great year for golf at The Villages, and the annual golf course activity calendar on **The Villages Resident Portal** has been updated with the events for the new year. Please remember that this calendar is a living document, which is updated regularly. **Some highlights to the 2024 golf calendar include:**

- Men’s Club Member-Member May 3-5
- Women’s 18-Hole Invitational June 19-21
- Men’s Evergreen Invitational July 11-13

Winter Rules—From now until further notice we will be playing Winter Rules defined as 6-inch relief, through the green (includes the rough), no nearer the hole, pick-clean-and place, no penalty.

Interseeding Schedule continues—We are inter-seeding the fairways with Rye Grass. This practice will require additional irrigation to help the seed germinate. We do this to help create a uniform turf condition in our fairways and to fill in continual bare spots on the fairways.

Fairway Top-Dressing—We are top-dressing the fairways with a layer of sand and then the sand will be dragged in to help it settle into the top layer of the turf. This new practice will in the long term create a more porous top layer of turf to allow for better permeation of water, air and nutrients to the roots. This will ultimately boost the health and consistency of the fairway turf. A Gypsum application will follow top-dressing to aid in turf growth and seed germination.

Winter Weather and Daily Golf Course Conditions—Remember that at this time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it’s cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible). Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408-223-4663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. And remember that the flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag = Open for Play / Yellow Flag = Frost Delay / Red Flag = Carts on Paths Only / Black Flag = Golf & Practice Facilities Closed**

Now available in the Pro Shop—Villages logo straw hats for men and women. Columbia Men’s Apparel for Fall. Jamie Sadock women’s golf fashion apparel. Titleist ProV1 Limited Edition Align golf balls with putting aid line in multiple colors. 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. Villages Logo Golf Towels...four colors to choose from. Black Clover Live Lucky Golf Caps for men and women.

Tips from the Pro—Uneven Lies; Ball Below your Feet

If golf courses were perfectly flat the game would be much easier. We wouldn’t have to worry about putts breaking, we wouldn’t have to worry about elevation changes, and we wouldn’t have to worry about those uncomfortable side hill lies. But alas, the reality is that uneven lies are part of the game. One type of uneven lie that gives us post 50-year-old golfers trouble is when the ball is below our feet. Staying down becomes more difficult because the ball is further from your hands. This can occur on Villages holes like Hole #7, Hole #8, Hole #9, Hole #15, Hole #18. When the ball is below your feet, focus on maintaining your spine angle and your knee bend throughout your swing. Many golfers tend to stand up on their back swing in these types of situations which makes it much more difficult for them to return the club to the ball and make solid contact. I try to feel more knee bend, like sitting in a bar stool. Also try to keep your head still...if your head is still, your body is still, and good contact becomes easier to manage. Take 1 more club for use of the longer shaft and swing easy. Play the ball 1-2 inches further back in your stance. If it is a severe downhill lie, aim a bit left and allow for the ball to move right a bit as the downhill lie causes the heel of the club to contact the ground first which opens the clubface. Yes, this is a relatively long checklist of things to do, but once you have mastered these tips, the ball below your feet scenario will be a piece of cake. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

On Thursday, November 16, 2023, we thought it might rain, but the day turned out to be mostly sunny and warm; a beautiful day for some golf. Ten Ironmen played.

There was a two-way tie for **Third Place** between Doug Her-ring and Jerry Juracich each with net 28s; Lee Thompson won **Second Place** with net a 25; and Mike Schwerin won **First Place** with a net 23.

There were four **Birdies**: one by Lee Thompson on hole 3; and three by Mike Schwerin on holes 2, 5 and 7.

Mike Schwerin won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 2 at 3 feet, 1 inch.

Mike Schwerin also won **Low Gross** with a 2 under par 25! **Golfer of the Day** honors go to Mike Schwerin with a dominating performance: a first place finish, three birdies, closest to the flag, and low gross. Way to go Mike!

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new mem-bers. 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:
Golf is the cruelest of sports. Like life, it's unfair. It's a harlot. A trollop. It leads you on. It never lives up to its promises...It's a boulevard of broken dreams. It plays with men. And runs off with the butcher. The great Jim Murray, sportswriter

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

A bit of a damp day on the greens for our Pinseekers day chas-ing the little ball. Only nine members in the fairway, therefore, no Sweeps or Championship points were recorded. We really need to have a greater participation if we want to keep our weekly tournaments alive.

At our annual picnic, President Lee Thompson notified us that three of the executive board members will be stepping down at our meeting this June. Lee Thompson, Jack Bindon (Treasurer), and Martin Hoek (Vice President) will all be retiring. As you can expect, we are searching for members who are willing to serve in these roles for the upcoming season of June 2024 to June 2025.

The Holiday season has arrived. We are still scheduled to play our weekly tournaments every Friday, starting at noon. Sign up through Chelsea or call the Pro Shop and get out there with your friends to enjoy a couple of hours on our beautiful course.

I'm going to repeat a quote from Bobby Jones: "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots—but you have to play the ball where it lies." Remember, Golf is fun, join us.

SCOREBOARD

SHONIS

Tuesday, November 14
All Nets

- Flight One:**
1. Tied – Marty Blinde and Teddy Morse 28
2. Tied – Gloria Lowry and Manoli Kelly 26

- Flight Two:**
1. Tied – Jonna Robinson and Lesley Robinson 26
2. Tied – Sharon Lingofelter and Meg Rogers 28

- Flight Three:**
1. Fran Schumaker 23
2. Tied – Schinae Ogihara, Judy Rogers and Deborah Strauss 26

BRIDGE

Monday, November 13:

1. Louann Partridge – Guest
2. Mary LeGrand
- Jonna Robinson
3. Claude Ashen
- Jane Michaels

Wednesday, November 15:

1. Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho
2. Han Koransky
- Lorrie Scott
3. Art Lind - Jonna Robinson

Friday, November 17:

1. Roger Lasson – Guest
2. Selma Chastaine
- Lorrie Scott
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
4. Hank Koransky - Guest

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

Tuesday, November 14

- Front Nine Net**
Flight One:
1. Mukuno, Joyce 33
2. Citrigno, Auralie 37
3. Rice, Mazie Belle 37
4. Shaw, Lovivic 37

- Flight Two:**
1. Chan, Josephine 32
2. Curyea, Linda 37
3. Frey, Judy 38
4. Ruona, Jane 38

- Back Nine Net**
Flight One:
1. Pennington, Kathleen 40
2. Driskell, Sheryl 40
3. Sunzeri, Susan 41
4. Krattli, Vicki 42

- Flight Two:**
1. Ehrhardt, Jan 35
2. Sear, Patricia 36
3. Hoek, Anka 37
4. Chaisson, Diane 42

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

- Wednesday, November 15**
Kit Hultquist 282
Sandy Gardiner 283
Aloma Lazetera 292
Sylvia Rozewicz 297

- Friday, November 17**
Kitty Heston 212
Maribeth Berlie 214
Carol Souza 216

MEN'S CLUB

Veterans Day Tournament
Saturday, November 11

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| 1. Martinson, Larry | -7 | 65 |
| 2. Schumaker, Shel | -7 | 65 |
| 3. Gutierrez, Dave | -5 | 67 |
| 4. Blinn, Bruce | -5 | 67 |
| 5. Welch, George | -4 | 68 |
| 6. Hands, Rob | -3 | 69 |
| 7. Lanctot, Noel | -3 | 69 |
| 8. Loebig, Frank | -3 | 69 |
| 9. Townsend, Len | -2 | 70 |
| 10. McCarthy, Jack | -2 | 70 |
| 11. Tobler, Rick | -2 | 70 |
| 12. Bell, Frank | -2 | 70 |
| 13. Branco, Tony | -1 | 71 |
| 14. Noce, John | -1 | 71 |
| 15. Sanders, Bud | -1 | 71 |
| 16. Lippert, Bob | -1 | 71 |
| 17. Bodamer, Wayne | -1 | 71 |
| 18. Mendoza, Tomas | -1 | 71 |
| 19. Leisy, Ray | -1 | 71 |
| 20. Wamsley, Eric | E | 72 |
| 21. Briscoe, Ted | E | 72 |
| 22. Chappell, Gary | E | 72 |
| T23. Fuller, Brooks | E | 72 |
| T23. Martinez, Jess | E | 72 |
| 25. Tomei, Steve | E | 72 |
| 26. Kaczmarek, James | E | 72 |
| 27. Lewis, Paul | E | 72 |
| 28. Castillo, Victoriano | E | 72 |
| 29. Wahlgren, Clay | E | 72 |
| 30. Urrutia, Joe | E | 72 |

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, November 16
Turkey Shoot
Drop 3 Worst Holes

- Flight One: (Low Net)**
1. Vicki Krattli 57
2. Marky Olsen 55
3. Camille Giulliodibari 55
4. Millie-Anne Schwerin 60

- Flight Two:**
1. Gail Tuft 55
2. Renee Woolard 58
3. Michelle Chung 59
4. Joyce Mukuno 59
5. Loanne Rube 59
6. Nancy Keane 60

- Flight Three:**
1. Inge McQuiddy 54
2. Kathy Apgar 57
3. Valerie Dimmick 57
4. Jean Shimada 57
5. Donna Quartaro 58

- Flight Four:**
1. Marie LeBlanc 58
2. Margaret Davies-White 57
3. Alice Glazer 59
4. Debbie Moore 60
5. Barbara Weisend 59

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 11/27.

Estates

8876-8897—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/11-12/15.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in planning.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

Turf Aeration process throughout the district in progress.

Turf Fertilizer application throughout the district scheduled to start the week of 11/27.

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

8372—Deck repairs in planning.

Highland

7574-7598, 7661-7701 and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/1-1/5.

Dead/dying tree removals in progress at various locations.

Montgomery

6079-6126, 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

6246-6336—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

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

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 11/27.

6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Awaiting for permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/11-12/15.

Turf Aeration process throughout the district to start the week of 11/27.

Turf Fertilizer application throughout the district to start the week of 11/27.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/11-12/15.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 11/27.

Valle Vista

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/11-12/15.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/11-12/15.

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, ongoing.

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

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

Annual Turf Aeration process in progress throughout all the districts.

Turf fertilizer application in progress throughout the districts.

Club Centers

Buildings A, B, C and D—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 11/27-12/1.

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

Annual Turf Aeration process in progress throughout all Club Properties.

Foothill and Cribari Pool and Spa—Remodeling project in progress.

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

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It's high time for safety inspections for your furnaces and fireplaces

Cold Weather Safety Tip: As the weather is changing, now is a great time to make sure your furnaces and fireplaces are ready to use. Furnaces should be safety inspected and filters changed before use. A qualified HVAC technician can do both.

Your fireplace and chimney should also be inspected. The area around both your furnace and fireplace should be free from lint, dust, debris and any paper.

This is also a good time to check that your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are still in good shape and replace them at the proper time. These simple basic things will keep you safe and cozy in the cold months ahead.

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Customer Service Line:

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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

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Kevan and Diane Stover coordinated their European vacation with Pam and Lee Thompson and met at the Louvre in Paris on the night that happened to be the kickoff of Paris Fashion Week. At right: they are shown facing the Louvre entrance with the Eiffel tower shining its light in the background. Below: Later they dined together at a nearby sidewalk cafe.



Attention Villages travellers: Now that the world is open, please contribute your vacation pictures to the Where In The World column. We're all excited to see where you've been.

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Crafters Club Boutique...

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occasions including birthday, get well and sympathy. Diane can also customize poetry for your personal needs upon request.

Diane still works full time but writing poetry is her passion. She gets great satisfaction from hearing that her poetry has been a source of comfort or joy to her customers. It motivates her to continue and build her line of poetry products. In addition to her cards, Diane also has two published books of poems which will also be available at the Craft Boutique along with her 2024 calendars; where each month has a special poem to compliment a picturesque Villages photo.

You can see Diane's beautiful work and the work of many other crafter Club artists **this Saturday** at the Crafters Club Holiday Boutique! Bring your friends and family to Cribari Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for all of your holiday shopping enjoyment! We'll have the coffee on and there will be holiday cookies available in all of the rooms!

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

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

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



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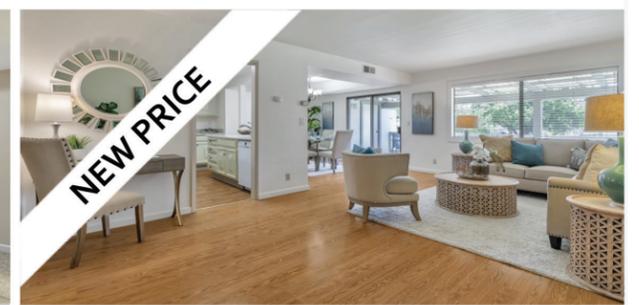
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