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Villages Music Society to host Festive Collaboration!

Please come join the Villages' Concert Band and guests, the Village Dancers and the Handbells Ensemble as they present a festive collaboration in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m.** You may purchase open seating tickets at the time of the performance for \$20, or you may purchase tickets ahead of time at the Cribari Auditorium lobby **Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.** Your tickets include a 10 percent off benefit at the Clubhouse on that day (main dining room only).

Some of the music we will be performing includes "All I Want For Christmas Is You." This holiday favorite was released by Mariah Carey almost 30 years ago and the Concert Band is looking forward to presenting it to you.

And what would a holiday concert be without "Sleigh Ride"? Would you believe Leroy Anderson's ever popular tune came to the composer during a heat wave in July 1946!

The band is looking forward to performing the John Moss arrangement of "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," a popular Christmas song written in 1963, recorded and released by pop singer Andy Williams for his first Christmas album.

The Village Dancers will perform a Broadway style jazz dance routine to the song: "Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer."

The Villages Handbells Ensemble will present holiday themed songs and encourage you to sing along!

Do you know we award multiple fellowships to local students as part of each concert? To help make that happen there will be an opportunity drawing for two gift baskets—we hope you will help support the students and band by purchasing tickets!

If you are unable to drive, please contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at 408-238-4230 to schedule a ride.

For more information about The Villages Music Society, Inc., visit villagesmusicsociety.org

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 sixth through eighth 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

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Village Voices to present 'Thankful for the Holiday Season' this weekend



Voices members practice their music at a sectional rehearsal.

The Village Voices are fine tuning their music and getting ready to entertain you at their "Thankful for the Holiday Season" concerts this **Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Open seating tickets will be on sale before the performances for \$20 and can be paid for via cash/check or on your house number. Come early to avoid the last-minute rush.

From lively Hanukkah and Kwanzaa songs to more melodic and heartwarming Christmas ballads, our program is bound to get you into the spirit of the season as we light your way to the joy, peace, and unity it brings. Catherine, our choral director, and her family will present a Filipino Christmas song in Tagalog while Tamara Welsh, our pianist, will play an English Carol medley. Naturally, there will also be a touch of "spice" thrown in with Bernice Toy and the VMS Dancers presenting a jazzy "Rudolph" rendition. At intermission, irresistible treats will be served in the Conference room while in the Lobby, Larry Broderick will "tickle your fancy" with some Christmas favorites on the piano. That plus an opportunity to win raffle prizes and warm up your own vocal cords with an audience singalong.

Don't miss this opportunity to make your holidays even more special while supporting our Villages Music Society's community choir and dancers.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

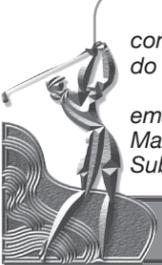
All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your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

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com. E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

0 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
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.



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

Be safe, be seen—VMA Safety Vests

Now that it's getting dark even earlier, it's extremely important that you wear bright, reflective clothing to ensure oncoming drivers can clearly see you.

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has yellow/green reflective vests available, which are free to Villagers. The safety vests are stored at the VMA office in Cribari Center. Pick up your complementary vest at the VMA office during business hours 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

One size fits all, one per household. Go get a vest!

It's no fun being in the dark

Winter beckons, and with it, wet and chillier days. And potential power outages. This is a friendly reminder that the best defense against finding yourself "in the dark" on how to manage during a power outage is by going on the offense and preparing yourself.

EPC can help. Its user-friendly website is chock full of emergency information and is a great resource for everyone concerned with their health and safety. Do you know how long your food is OK in a refrigerator that lacks power? Do you know how to open your garage door when the electricity is dead? Good reason to learn now, while the electric grid is humming along.

So don't delay. Log on to thevillagesepc.com and find all you need to know about how to prepare for winter and its attendant power outages. It will ease the burden when the lights go out.



The Villager Office closures and holiday deadlines

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 following Villager deadlines will change:

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.

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

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.

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'

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

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



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.

Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to electronic delivery of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Buildings A and B, and on The Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

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.



More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 21 & 23

Stay in touch with essential developments on FastLane!

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 FastLane: 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.



Sue Lassetter, M.A., CLC, SRES

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MANAGEMENT

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.

Leash rule for pets

Residents are reminded, as per **Club Rule 1.51**, that pets must be kept on a leash, under control, and always attended to. For hikers, this also applies to our Hill Lands.

A reminder that dogs, especially our small four-legged friends, are easy targets for coyotes and other predators. Keeping our pets by our side and on leash may save our dog's life! The Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.

For those who are physically challenged and walk their pets by golf cart, your pet-loving neighbors appreciate your extra care and concern to ensure your pet is up for the extra speed and protection from passing cars.

Keep in mind that dogs allowed to run free may scare the wildlife that we adore, such as our wild bunnies and deer. Thank you for caring for your pet, our cherished wildlife, and the beautiful landscape we enjoy!



Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

Report Coyote Activity

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

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

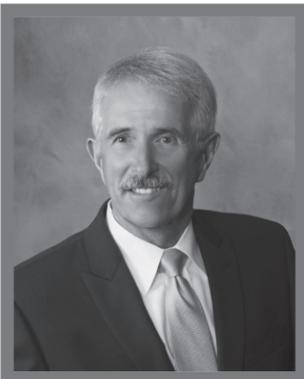
Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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.

Estate Planning Attorneys

Establishing or updating your Estate Plan has never been more important than it is right now. At Del Ponte and Hirz, we offer comprehensive Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Administration services.

Call us to schedule your [Free Consultation!](#)



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

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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

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Fairways DAC to meet December 5

There will be a Fairways District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting **Tuesday, December 5 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

Important reminder for Montgomery residents

Never miss news and updates from your Montgomery DAC. There is always important news in all DAC announcements and newsletters that you won't want to miss. Please have every member of a household submit their email address to DavidRaskinMontgomeryDac@gmail.com. Thanks!

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Medicare B Premium increase amounts for 2024

In 2024, Medicare recipients will have an increase of \$9.80 per month in the basic Medicare B premium. The new basic monthly premium will be \$174.70.

While most Medicare beneficiaries will pay or have deducted from their Social Security benefit this \$174.70 per month, high income seniors will pay a higher Medicare B premium. It is called an "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount." You will see the press refer to it as the IRMAA. Most people just call it the **Medicare Surcharge**.

High income is defined as adjusted gross income (plus tax-exempt interest income if any) of more than \$103,000 if single and \$206,000 if married filing jointly.

Medicare B premiums for 2024

Single tax return income	Joint tax return income	Medicare B Mo./Annual Premium
Up to \$103,000	Up to \$206,000	\$174.70 / \$2,094.40
\$103,001 – \$129,000	\$206,001 – \$258,000	\$244.60 / \$2,935.20
\$129,001 – \$161,000	\$258,001 – \$322,000	\$349.40 / \$4,192.80
\$161,001 – \$193,000	\$322,001 – \$386,000	\$454.20 / \$5,450.40
\$193,001 – \$499,999	\$386,001 – \$749,999	\$559.00 / \$6,708.00
\$500,000 or more	\$750,000 or more	\$594.00 / \$7,128.00

Using the above table, a single individual with \$103,000 or less of income will pay or have deducted \$2,096.40 in 2024 for Medicare B. If that individual earns \$193,001, he or she will pay a total of \$6,708 during 2024 – an additional \$4,661.60 for the same insurance as the person earning \$103,000.

Remember that Medicare premiums are for each individual on Medicare. Consequently, a married couple with income of \$206,000 or less will both pay Medicare B premiums of \$2,096.40 for the year 2024 for a total of \$4,192.80. If that couple earns \$750,000, they will both pay an annual Medicare B premium of \$7,128 – or \$14,256 for the couple. This is an additional \$10,063 for the year.

The high-income surcharge is an annual calculation based on your gross income from two years previously. Therefore, your surcharge for 2024 is based on your 2022 income tax return. If you had unusually high income in 2022 because of, for example, stock gains or a sale of real estate, you will now be paying higher Medicare premiums in 2024. If in 2023 your gross income is less than 2022, your Medicare premium will decrease in 2025.

You can appeal the surcharge if your income has substantially decreased since 2022 because of certain life changing events. Examples include the following: getting married or divorced or becoming widowed; you or your spouse retire or reduce your work hours; you lose your pension income; or you lose income-producing property due to a disaster.

A spouse dying and his or her pension being terminated would be a life changing event. However, having a large capital gain in 2022 from the sale of your personal residence in Los Gatos or from the sale of stock is not considered a qualifying life changing event. Remember that the surcharge is calculated every year, so without another large capital gain, you will not have the extra premium in future years.

To appeal, you must request a reconsideration of the initial determination from the Social Security Administration (SSA). Go to www.ssa.gov and search for **form SSA-44 (12-2023)** or stop by the SRS office and ask the team member to print a form for you. The completed form should be mailed to an SSA office. The closest one to us is the office at 6140 Cottle Road, San Jose 95123. The SSA-44 form details the documentation required for reconsideration.

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Three Boards

(Note: The following educational workshop is limited to Board Directors.)

- Three-Board Workshop Re: Strategic Planning is **Tuesday, December 5 at 9 a.m.** in the Vineyard Center.

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Special Open Meeting to count CC&R Ballots is **Monday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center.
- 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 Quarterly Meeting is **Thursday, December 7 at 9 a.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

SRS Reminder:

Don't forget your IRA RMD

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

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

Your RMD for 2023 is calculated based on the fair market value of your IRA account on December 31, 2022, and your age on your birthday in 2023. Your IRA monthly or quarterly statement should show the amount of required distribution and the amount you have taken to date.

Owners responsible for cleaning up after pets

The Villages Rules state that it's the owner's/handler's *responsibility to immediately clean up* and dispose of their pet's excrement and place it in a concealed bag (*ideally disposable plastic*) in an appropriate waste bin. It's an unpleasant task, but one we do as responsible pet owners. It's not the duty of our landscaping crew.

There should be a dumpster in a trash enclosure near your home or a designated "pet poop" station in a nearby parking lot. Please do not use restroom and community center trash disposals! Thank you for caring for your pet and the beautiful landscape we enjoy!



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Building B business hours

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

Sign up for new Yoga class

Sign up for Beginning Yoga on **Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., January 17 to February 21** (six classes). This class will be taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below).

Register in Building B during business hours. Registration begins **Monday, December 4** and ends **Friday, December 22** or sooner if class is filled.

For the new year our Yoga class (formerly Beginning Yoga) has received a refresh to reflect multiple skill levels. This class will incorporate simple sequences to improve body/breathing awareness, flexibility, and range of motion. Standing poses will be incorporated into the class to help strengthen the muscles, joints and bones as well as provide an opportunity to practice balance, flexibility, and mobility. Seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures will also be done on the mat. Modifications (regressions and progressions) will be offered, and movement will be done mindfully at a slow pace, but participants should feel comfortable moving up and down from the mat. This class is appropriate for participants of various abilities—from beginners to seasoned practitioners.

Mariko Dugay is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance. She will soon finish training to complete her 500-hour certification. She teaches Gentle Yoga, Mindful Flow Yoga and alignment base Hatha Yoga. Mariko seeks to inspire her students to meet where they are and unite body, mind, and soul in the present moment by creating a safe and non-judgmental space.

Sign up for Mat Pilates!

Mat Pilates will be offered **10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, January 9 to February 13** (six classes) in Cribari Conference Room. The cost per student is \$68.50 (yoga mat purchased independently as needed, more details below).

Register in Building B during business hours beginning **Monday, December 4** and ending **Friday, December 22** or sooner if spots fill up.

Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training your arms and legs. It is a mind and body practice with benefits that include improved posture, better coordination and balance, improved coordination and focus, increased body awareness, stress management and injury prevention. Participants should be comfortable with performing exercises on a mat on the floor and should be able to get up from the floor without assistance. A yoga mat is required for this class and must be purchased independently.

Instructor Natsuko Tsuji is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor with nearly 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over seven years teaching Pilates.

Take trip to SF's Legion of Honor to see Botticelli Drawings exhibit

On **Thursday, February 1**, come with us to the Legion of Honor in San Francisco as it hosts its newest exhibit, Botticelli Drawings. We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at **8:30 a.m.** with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

Botticelli Drawings is the first exhibition ever dedicated to the drawings of Renaissance artist Sandro Botticelli (ca. 1445 – 1510). The exhibition traces his artistic journey, from studying under maestro Fra Filippo Lippi (c. 1406 – 1469) to leading his own workshop in Florence. Featuring rarely seen and newly attributed works, the exhibition provides insight into his design practice and offers an intimate look into the making of some of his most memorable masterpieces, including Adoration of the Magi (c. 1500), which will be reunited with its preparatory drawing, surviving only in fragments.

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

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, December 4 and ending Friday, December 22 or sooner if tickets sell out.

The cost per person is \$71 regular price; \$44 for FAMSF members. It includes admission, escort, and round-trip transportation. Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco members must show valid membership card at registration. Audio tours are available for an additional \$6.

Lunch will be purchased independently at the museum café. Admission includes the permanent exhibits and non-ticketed temporary exhibits available on the day of the trip.

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.



We're off to see 'The Wiz' — 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 by Friday, December 15 or sooner if tickets sell out.



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.

Learn Intro to Line Dancing with Nanci

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 by 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 by 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 this month 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.

Holiday Recipe: Marshmallow Dreidels

The dreidel is a spinning top that can land on any of its four sides, each of which is imprinted with its own Hebrew letter. It is traditionally used at Hanukkah by children who bet chocolate or other treats on which side of the top will show when it stops. Please use good food safety practices when making your dreidels to protect the health of yourself and others. Also, send us pictures of your completed treats to rdreitlein@the-villages.com, we would love to see them! This recipe is sponsored by Community Activities.

What you will need to make your dreidels:

- Large marshmallows
- Hershey Kisses
- Blue sugar sprinkles
- White frosting



the marshmallow to create the dreidel handle.

4) Apply a Hershey kiss to the other flat surface of the dreidel to form the point of the top. The frosting should act like glue.

5) Cover the remainder of the frosted areas with sprinkles. Repeat as desired and serve.

- Thin pretzel sticks
- Something to spread the frosting

Instructions:

- 1) Using a thin layer of white frosting coat all surfaces of the marshmallow.
- 2) Pour the sprinkles onto a plate or other surface and roll the marshmallow into them, leaving the flat sides white.
- 3) Break a pretzel rod in half and stick the broken end into the frosting. Then stick that end into a flat side of

CLUB CALENDARS

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 welcome!

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 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.

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

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

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 12/4 to 12/10

Monday	December 4	Chicken Mulligatawny
Tuesday	December 5	Cream of Tomato
Wednesday	December 6	Chicken Fiesta
Thursday	December 7	Minestrone
Friday	December 8	Crab Bisque
Saturday	December 9	Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 10	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
12/4 to 12/10

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 12/5 to Sunday 12/10

Spanish Omelet: Spanish Sauce, Guacamole and Sour Cream with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 12/4 to Sunday 12/10
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meatball Sandwich: Meatballs in Marinara Sauce with Provolone Cheese in a Sub Roll with Choice of Side **\$14.95**

Teriyaki Salmon Salad: Marinated Salmon, Cucumber, Edamame, Bean Sprouts, Carrots and Water Chestnuts over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing **\$17.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 12/5 to Sunday 12/10
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Filet Tid-Bits: Filet Tails in a Cabernet Reduction Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$29.95**

Seared Scallops: Served in a Garlic Butter Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$32.50**

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 Peppercini, 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
Rotisserie Chicken Breast with Peas, Carrots, Onions, Mushrooms in a Cream Sauce over Rice

The Clubhouse

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Appetizer Special!

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday

*Item must be of equal or lesser value.
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We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!

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



Dessert Menu

\$6.95

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

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



Christmas Eve Curbside Pickup

Sunday, December 24
12:00 p.m. Pickup Time

Christmas Baked Ham
Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers
 Or
Sliced Sirloin of Beef
Mushroom Sauce
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers

Both Choices Served with Rolls and Butter and Dessert

Dessert Christmas Yule Log Cake

\$32.95 Plus 18% Service Charge and Tax Per Meal
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 For Reservations:
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 Please Provide Time of Pickup, House Number,
 Full Name, Phone Number and Number of Each Meal

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Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

2 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax

Single Diners' Night

Let's Dine Together!

Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

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

11 a.m.	Quilters Party	CH	7 p.m.	Global Village Community	CR
11:30 a.m.	Crimson Charmers Party	MC	7 p.m.	Village Voices	FC
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR			
3:45 p.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Board	PR			
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A			
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED			

Thursday, December 7

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Association AC	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Homeowners Board	PR
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
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Club Meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Senior Academy	A
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Homeowners AC	V
5 p.m.	Bocce Club Party	FC
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR

Saturday, December 2

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Dog Club Bake Sale	RED
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
10 a.m.	Concert hTicket Sale	L
7 p.m.	Village Voices Concert	A

Tuesday, December 5

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Ex Com	MC
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.	Line Dance Class	A
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Lay Board Meeting	PR
2 p.m.	Veterans Club	FC
5 p.m.	Fairways DAC	PR
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
7 p.m.	Astronomy Club	FC

Friday, December 8

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.	Fire Safety Committee	MC
10 a.m.	Line Dance Classes	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.	Brandeis World Today	PR

Sunday, December 3

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
2:30 p.m.	Village Voices Concert	A
4:30 p.m.	Tennis Club Party	CH

Wednesday, December 6

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.	Comcast Resident Service	SEQ
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
11 a.m.	RN Foot Presentation	CR
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins Lunch	CH
5 p.m.	RV Club Dinner	CH
6 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Monday, December 4

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.	9 Hole Women Golf Board	FC
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Committee	F
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

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

1:15 & 7:15
Mon Wed Fri & Sun
Chair Fitness
Tue Thu Sat
Cardio Fitness

2023 Fire Safety Town Hall

Daily
2:00 & 8:00

Landscape & Functional Turf

Daily
3:45 & 9:45

CC&R Town Hall

Daily
4:30 & 10:30

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15



Club Events & Notices



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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 14** 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: The December 21 meeting is **canceled**. Meetings will resume **Thursday, January 18** at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room.

VMA new website domain: VMAvillages.vgcc.club

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)

CLUBS & EVENTS

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 RNScrubs 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 RNScrubs Foot Care Services

Leonard states that he and Aiza began RNScrubs 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.

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 and gaining insight about new ways to care for your cat. 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.



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.

What should you do with that old golf cart?



Did you know that your donation of a golf cart or car to the VMA will not only support the VMA's fundraising objectives, but will provide you, the donor, a 501C IRS charitable write-off! You will receive a receipt to use when completing your taxes.

VMA uses all funds to assist Villagers to continue to live independent, active and healthy lives from the comfort of their own homes.

Donated carts are available for Villagers to purchase. If interested in purchasing a cart available through the VMA, call the office at 408-238-4230 to put your name on the waiting list.

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.

VMA accepts old glasses, hearing aids, cell phones

Bring your old prescription eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones to the VMA office (**Monday -Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**) in Cribari Center.



VMA works with the local Lion's Club who refurbishes these items for distribution to people in need.

Join The Villages Study Groups Club

Are you a book lover? History aficionado? Current events enthusiast? Movie fan? Do you love to learn?

Boy, do we have a study group for you. Join one of the newest Villages clubs, **The Villages Study Groups Club**



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.

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.

With the holidays upon us and food being in the center of most of these gatherings, we would like to share tips from the Philadelphia Department of Food Supply. Please remember the following:

Food:

1. Buy it with thought
2. Cook it with care
3. Serve just enough
4. Save what will keep
5. Eat what would spoil
6. Home-grown is best

For more information, visit sustainablevillages.vgcc.club



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Walking/Chair Dancing exercise can help with healthy aging



During the 25-minute walking portion of Walking/Chair Dancing Class, members can walk up to 1.2 miles, which can help with looking, moving, and feeling younger.

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday in the Cribari Auditorium! **Tuesday Class** is from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **Thursday class** is from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** The first class is **free!** Sign up in class! LSAL Fitness Club's mission is to help each person

live stronger as they age, and thus, participants of all fitness levels are encouraged to come and work at their own pace. So, bring a friend and join the fun; you will look, feel, and function better and enjoy life more. **Visitors are always welcome.**

'Let's Dance' like it's 1959

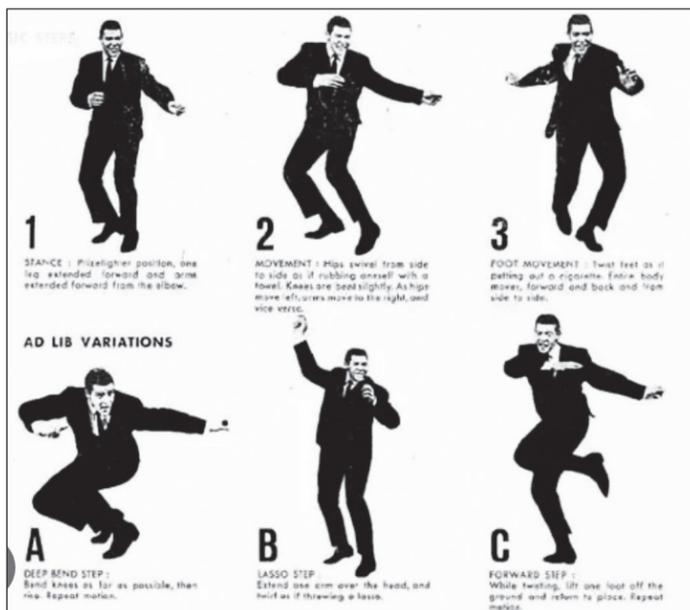
By B. Brown

Let's Dance. 1959. That was the year baby-faced, Chris Montez released his hit song "Let's Dance." Released on both 7" and 12" 45s (vinyl records) "Let's Dance" was number 1 on the U.S. charts for three weeks.

A Just-For-Fun dance group meets **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Rumor has it we are having a blast!

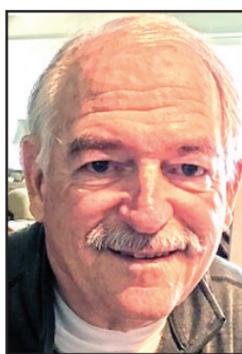
The style of dance for December is '50s/60s. No partner needed. Songs and genres change monthly. You are sure to find your favorite as well as challenge yourself with something new.

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



Take Watercolor Plus Mixed-Media Painting class

Doug Canepa is offering another painting class to Villagers who are interested in exploring different tools and media to enhance their basic painting skills. He will explore strategies beyond traditional watercolor painting by adding acrylics to make images pop. Textured paste, colored pencils and charcoal pencils will be used for texture. Burnishing and blending tools will be introduced as will pen and ink.



Doug Canepa

Join Doug for this interesting class, **Thursdays, January 11 through February 8, 10 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

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

Join the fun and explore the possibilities by registering at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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Astronomy Club to meet



All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Astronomy Club, at **7 p.m.** on **Tuesday, December 5** at Foothill Center. This month we will examine Super Nova and the collapsed core of a supergiant star known as Neutron stars. Masks are optional. Questions? E-mail Barry Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com

Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com

Light Up the Holidays at the Montgomery Holiday Party Saturday, December 16 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.

No refunds after December 10.

Verano Holiday Dinner Tuesday, December 19, 2023

The Villages Clubhouse

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Music and Surprises too!

Dinner Entrees

Yankee Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Pacific Salmon with Saffron Rice

Pasta Primavera

All entrees include assorted rolls and butter, Mixed Green Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea. No host bar.

\$45 per person charged to your home.

RSVP by **December 12** to: mpcolaizzi@gmail.com

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

No refunds after **December 12**.

Cribari's New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance SOLD OUT



Cribari's New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance 2023 scheduled for Sunday, December 31, 2023 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. is now **sold out!** **No cancellations after December 22.**

Email cribaridac@gmail.com or text 408-375-1760 or call 408-274-1882.

SATE: From the Space Station to your Home

Embark on a journey into the future with us! Join our Senior Academy Technology Explorers session on **Monday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m.**, where we'll explore the impact of the International Space Station (ISS) on your everyday life through groundbreaking new technologies.



The ISS, a colossal platform the size of a football field orbiting 250 miles above Earth, is not just a marvel of space exploration but a catalyst for innovations that will touch your life. Discover how more than 10 years and 30 missions of unprecedented scientific collaboration have brought new insights and technology down to earth.

Our panel of experts will discuss the ways in which the ISS is opening doors to new technologies with implications for your daily experiences. From commercial to academic realms, find out how these advancements will weave into the fabric of your life.

Register for this Zoom event on our website at VillagesSA.org/tech-registration

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?

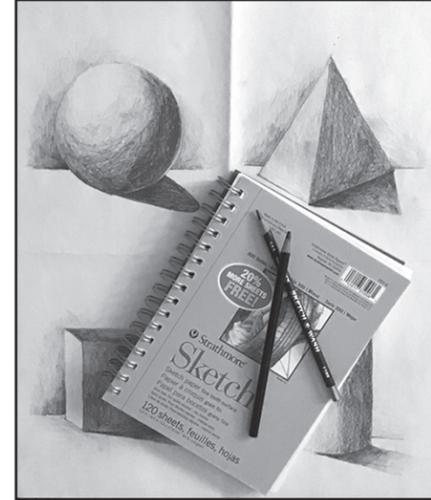
Call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation. Reservations need to be made by Monday, December 11 at noon. Please remember to let VMA know if you need a ride. If so, a volunteer will pick you up in front of your home and deliver you back there after lunch.

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



Take 'From the Beginning' drawing class

Have you always wanted to be able to draw? Are you thinking that The Villages is the perfect place to take up art as a hobby? Well, here's your opportunity to get in on the ground floor! Popular art teacher Ciel Duke is offering a Beginning Drawing class **starting Wednesday, January 10.**



"All art is based on the ability to draw. This four-week series of classes will cover all the basics, preparing you to continue in Art with a good foundation," Ciel said. "As you advance to watercolor painting, ceramics, oils or acrylics, a solid drawing foundation is a must."

Ciel refutes the claim that art ability is a talent. "It is a skill," she said, "that requires hours of

practice, like all other acquired skills. The trick is to start at the very beginning, honing your natural ability to see, along with experimenting with a variety of subject matter and mediums."

This Beginning Drawing class will cover Contour Drawing, Pencil Techniques, using Line and Negative Space, Creating Realism, and Basic Portraiture.

Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com for this four-week class on **Wednesdays, January 10 to 31** in the Art Room from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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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 Carols

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 The Villager newspaper and the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane the week of December 8.

Pro Shop Holiday Sale

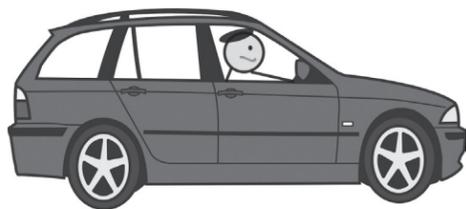
From December 6 to 15 all merchandise in the Pro Shop will be on sale from 10 percent to 70 percent off! No lines, no long waits, no shipping fees... everything you want for the golfer in your life, right here at the Villages Pro Shop! We also have items non-golfers will love!

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.



VMA volunteer drivers needed



VMA is looking for volunteers. Let's start with drivers. We need drivers to take residents to medical appointments, grocery or pharmacy shopping, deliver or pick up equipment from our shed in the RV Park or drive to the Clubhouse/Bistro for events. Simply fill out the form (visit VMAvillages.vgcc.club and look under "Volunteer"). A DMV clean driver's record is also required and easy to obtain. You choose which hours

and days of the week you wish to be contacted for these errands. Pay it forward!

Free Amateur Radio license class

Have you always wanted to communicate over long distances and speak with others in foreign lands, but haven't taken the time to get your license? Have you ever wanted to help your community with emergency communications, but weren't

sure where to begin? This may be the opportunity you have been waiting for.

The Villages Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a free licensing class. Sign up now by emailing your name to: Larry at AD6PR@ARRL.net. Details to follow.



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FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

"The Shanahan's: Mikes' Last Chance" by Dr. Jac Fitzenz, a Resident Author at The Villages. In the midst of the Mortgage Crisis of 1957-58, Mike Fitzpatrick, 32-year-old Boston magazine editor loses his job, home, wife and baby boy in only three months. He's thrown a lifeline from an entrepreneur friend Padraig Shanahan asking Mike to come to Waterford to rescue his floundering sports magazine. On arrival he meets blunt opposition from the magazine's alcoholic editor, One-Pint Sullivan, and Padraig's 28-year-old twins, Maureen and Kathleen. Only Donal Shanahan, Padraig's genius but wayward son accepts him. As Mike is coping with the editor's antagonism and building relationships with the daughters he's pulled deeper into Padraig's other businesses and family affairs finding unexpected problems. Mike accepts the challenge with the goal of building a new life. Then, new outside characters arrive to threaten the business and drive a wedge into this complex group. Fiction, 2022.

"Rogue Justice" (Avery Keene, #2) by Stacey Abrams. Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene is trying to get her feet on solid ground after unraveling an international conspiracy in "While Justice Sleeps." But as the sparks of Congressional hearings and political skirmishes swirl, Avery is approached at a legal conference by Preston Davies, an unassuming young man and fellow law clerk to a federal judge in Idaho. Davies believes his boss, Judge Francesca Whitner, was being blackmailed in the days before she died. Desperate to understand what happened, he gives Avery a file, a burner phone, and a fearful warning that there are dangerous people involved. Another shocking murder leads Avery to a list of names—all federal judges—and, alarmingly, all judges on the FISA Court (the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court), also known as America's "secret court." This body grants permission to the government to wiretap Americans or spy on corporations suspected of terrorism. Avery begins to see a frightening pattern and worries that something more sinister may be unfolding. With lives at stake, Avery must race the clock and an unexpected enemy to find the answer. Mystery, 2023.

"The Midnight News" by Jo Baker. It is 1940 and 20-year-old Charlotte Richmond watches from her attic window as enemy planes fly over London. Still grieving her beloved brother, who never returned from France, she is trying to stay out of trouble: holding down a typist job at the Ministry of Information, sharing gin and confidences with her best friend, Elena, and dodging her overbearing father. On her way to work she often sees the boy who feeds the birds—a source of unexpected joy amid the rubble of the Blitz. But every day brings new devastation, and after yet another heartbreaking loss Charlotte has an uncanny sense of foreboding. Someone is stalking the darkness, targeting her friends. And now he's following her. As grief and suspicion consume her, Charlotte's nerves become increasingly frayed. She no longer knows whom to trust. She can't even trust herself. Fiction, 2023.

"Simply Lies" by David Baldacci. Mickey Gibson, single mother and former detective, leads a hectic life like many moms: juggling the demands of two small children with her job working remotely for ProEye, a global investigation company that hunts down wealthy tax and credit cheats. When Mickey gets a call from a colleague named Arlene Robinson, she thinks nothing of Arlene's unusual request for her to go inventory the vacant home of an arms dealer who cheated ProEye's clients and fled. That is, until she arrives at the mansion to discover a dead body in a secret room. Not only does the arms dealer not exist but the murder victim turns out to be Harry Lancaster, a man with mob ties who used to be in Witness Protection. What's more, no one named Arlene Robinson works at ProEye. Suddenly, Gibson is a prime suspect in a murder investigation—and now her job is also on the line until she proves that she was set up. Before long, she's locked in a battle of wits with a brilliant woman with no name, a hidden past, and unknown motives—whose end game is as mysterious as it is deadly. Mystery, 2023.

RELIGION

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Confident Living'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Individuals have said, in times past, that the older you get the wiser you become or wisdom comes with age. I am not so sure that is a true statement but there may be an element of truth in it. While situations that occur in life give the opportunity to gain wisdom, not all experiences lead you to develop wisdom.

If a person or something isn't good for us, why put yourself in harm's way? But people still do, repeatedly. We easily create habits that over time become strongholds that prevent us from future joys.



The fear of the future for most human beings is a constant battle between the will of flesh and spirit. We wrestle with "What will happen if I...?" "What will I do if I get what I want?" In all this, regardless, embedded in our hearts is the hope that our lives will somehow be better.

It is a good thing to have a plan if it is possible. As a matter of fact, you should plan for the future, especially when you have been informed of that future. Each day you should live with that future in view. In every way we think, desire, do, and converse should be formed by what a promised future may hold. There is a great difference between worrying about things that you have no power over and resting in confidence about what God has promised.

If we trust God to forgive us when we confess our sins surely, we can trust Him with our future. 1 Peter 1:3-5 NLT 3 *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectations, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.*

If Heaven is in your future, focus on the plan... not the circumstances!

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.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., December 11 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.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Happy New Year!

By Sally Brandt

It may seem a little early but take a breath and remember that today is the first Sunday of our liturgical year. We begin it in anticipation of the coming of Jesus into our world. As Catholics we walk a different path, set apart from what our current culture calls New Year. Of course, we will remember 2024 when it comes. But now we look for ways to honor and celebrate the Advent season. One wonderful way we can celebrate the season is by following daily Scripture readings with the whole Church.

Over the course of three years, in cycles A, B and C, the three synoptic gospels are read at daily Mass. This new liturgical year is Cycle B and is centered on the gospel of Mark. At daily Mass, the readings of the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures) are chosen to reflect the New Testament Gospel reading of the day. By the end of this liturgical year, we will have completed the book of Mark. (The gospel of John has its place, also, during selected seasons).

Many of us are not able to attend Mass daily. But we can take a bit of time to read these Bible selections and reflect on them each day. They are easily available online at USCCB.com where the Catholic bishops sponsor them. There are also devotional prayerbooks published monthly which contain the readings for each day. I've noticed the following titles: "Give Us This Day," "The Word Among Us" and "Magnificat," being used by many of our parishioners at daily Mass. There are Kindle versions, also. Why not treat yourself to a New Year gift that is a real blessing in your life?

May the joy of walking with Jesus be yours this New Year.

Sally Brandt has been a member of St Francis of Assisi parish for 25 years, and a former director of Religious Education. I hold an MA in pastoral ministry from Santa Clara University.

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

'Beginning with Hope'

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

In liturgical Christian traditions like the Episcopal Church (and also the Lutheran and Catholic), the new "year" begins this weekend with the first Sunday of Advent. Somehow it feels fitting that newness begins at the darkest time of year, when we are all awaiting more light. Of which there is no guarantee—because each day is a gift—but in which we have abundant reason for hope. We have seen light before. We have known peace before. We have rejoiced with friends and family. The fact that we long for these things in the dark days of December is God's own desire planted within us. It is the foundation of our hope.

Hope is also risky, I'll admit. What if we are disappointed by unmet hopes? But if we do not risk hoping for what we really want, will we even recognize it when it comes? Christmas offers a lesson—year after year—of the hope that is fulfilled in small things. A light shining in the darkness, a vulnerable baby born in an insignificant village. This is the real challenge of faith: to hope for what may not happen as soon or in the way we expect, while nevertheless trusting in God whose purpose is always to renew all creation (including all of us). God's prophets have been reminding us of this for millennia: "for surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Please join us on Sunday at 9 a.m. on **December 3** at Montgomery Center as we light the first candle in Advent.

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SPORTS NEWS

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Doug Moore douglas.moore865@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming events:

It's right around the corner and you have less than a week to get your team together and sign up. Find some guys you don't find too annoying and get your squad assembled. This one is always really big fun, so sign up today! **Holiday Tournament** – December 9, 2023. Shamble – Four-Man Teams, Flighted. Coffee/Donuts.

Golf Thoughts:

- I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play. (Thanks **Ron Burke**)

- Q: Are you a scratch golfer? A: Yes I sure am, after each shot I scratch my head and wonder where my ball went.

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.



Linda Curyea and Rita Karlsten out to play golf on a beautiful fall day.



James Rogers and Mia Ahlstrom at the Pro Shop.

By Carol Begley

Tuesday was the annual Swinger's Turkey Shoot. Fifty-one Swingers came out to participate. First Place Winners:

Front Nine: Betty Garcia, Joy Rem, Charlotte Waugh, Lolivic Shaw

Back Nine: Mitzi Macon, Terry Holmquist, Jane Ruona, Lynn Strong

Congratulations ladies!

No birdies this week and only one chip-in: Carol Begley

Don't forget to sign up for the General Meeting and Holiday Luncheon! You can find the information on our website at womens9holegolf.vgcc.club.

One more unknown golf rule: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater the desire.

Women's Long 9 group (Swingers) raises \$5,475 for Play for P.I.N.K.

By Betty Garcia, Swingers Event Chair

The Women's Long Nine Golf Club, aka Swingers, received a long-awaited letter and Certificate of Appreciation from the Play for P.I.N.K.* organization this past week. They are in formal acknowledgment of the \$5,475 contribution we made this fall to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). Many donors contributed to this very worthy cause. I appreciate each one's monetary donation, as well the gifts-in-kind to support our golf tournament and luncheon, the Charity of Choice event of the year 2023.

The committee was composed of Judy Gergurich, Kathy Kyne, Nancy Carson, Sheryl Driskell, Pam McCarthy, Sue Bacigalupi, Diane Chaisson, Linda Lamanno, Charlotte Waugh, Lynn Peters, and Gwen Bindon. Pi Silverstein provided the photography, Michael Sunzeri offered hand-made door prizes from Arts & Crafts, Mary Wollesen, Marty Blinde, and others lent their considerable skills to the effort, and gifts for tee and door prizes were donated by Judy Gergurich and Gisele Barber.

Early direction of our outgoing captain Jeannie Omel, and continued guidance and support of our new captain Gisele Barber, were greatly appreciated. Sheryl Driskell oversaw the golf tournament, and Scott Steele with Pro Shop staff helped on the day of the event. John Yu, Albert Salcido, and the Clubhouse servers were vital to the luncheon success while the McCarthys planned and set up luncheon decor with the aid of Susan Sunzeri. As they say, "many hands make light work. Thank you all for your contributions.

*P.I.N.K.: Prevention, Immediate diagnosis, New Technologies, Knowledge



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.

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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!



TENNIS TALK



Sunday morning tennis group.

By Betty Olsen

If it is Sunday, you will find most of the people in the below photo on the courts between 8:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday morning tennis evolved from a Sunday group called Trash Talk Sunday.

Jay Desai has volunteered to organize a group of 60 or so players every Sunday. He sends out an email invitation in the middle of the week and the first 24 who respond with several alternates get scheduled to play. He tries to find new members to invite to play as this is a great opportunity for new members to become active.

The format is for everyone to choose cards from Jay which tells you what court you will be playing on. Your partner will be a random choice of his picked card. Therefore, you never know each week who your partners will be or who you will be playing against. First match is a set. The winners move up a court and change partners. So, essentially this is a mixer every Sunday.

Speaking of mixers, I hope you have taken the opportunity to mix with fellow tennis players and signed up for the Tennis Club's Holiday Party on **Sunday, December 3** at 5:30 p.m. It is also our second club meeting of the year where we vote on 2024 club officers.

BOGGE NEWS

New bocce court updates

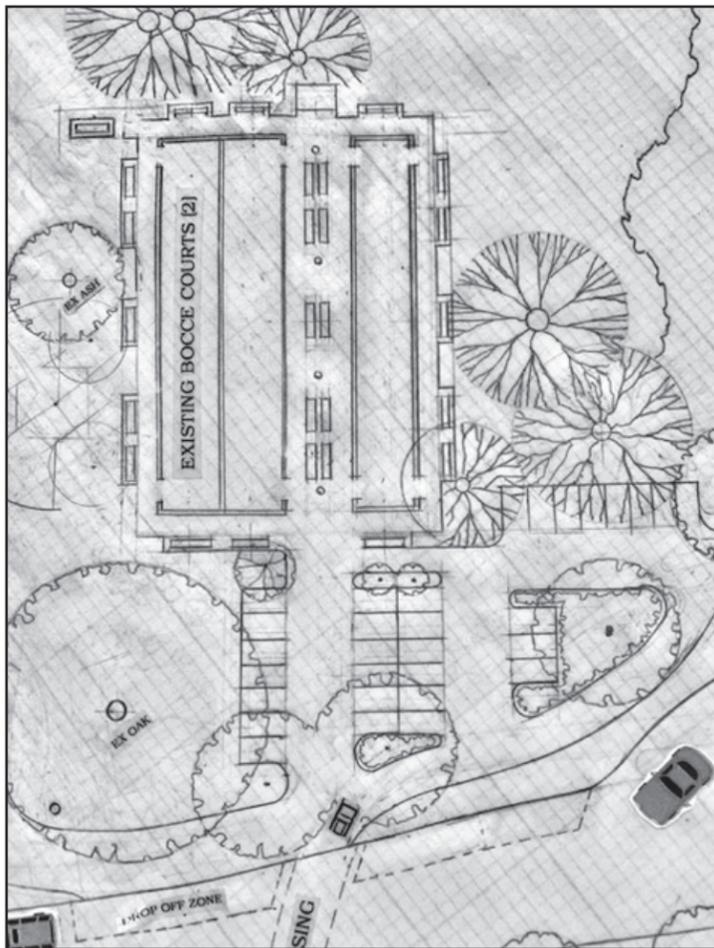
By Nancy Dawn

The plans for construction of a highly anticipated Bocce Court are underway and moving at a fast pace. The intent is to use the next few months to pour new concrete, add one more court, install new benches, refurbish the existing courts, add trellises for shade and rebuild the kiosk and storage area. Here is a sketch of the planned design and layout.

We are hoping to have new scoreboards, new practice and competition balls, new storage shed, new kiosk, new trellis over seating areas and umbrellas on player ends for shade, new and extended bench seating for players and spectators.

We are in the process of getting estimates for these items. We are also in the process of getting approval from CBOD to provide spaces where we can publicly recognize the generous contributions of our individual residents in the form of engraved pavers, plaques, or some other commemorative display.

We are very excited to move this project forward and will be even more excited when it is finished! Stand by for more details on how you can support this effort. For as they say, "It takes a Village!"



PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Club policies and perks

By Anahid Gregg

Did you know per The Villages rules, anyone who wants to use the courts must be registered? To register to play, fill in a club application, available on our website: villagespickleball.org or email pickleballvgcc@gmail.com.

When registering, make one of two selections: Member or no cost non-Member resident. Both types of accounts can make registrations, but there are differences in what they can do. Guests are registered on our website, and may only use the courts after 12 p.m.

As a member, for \$20 annually you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Unlimited participation in level specific group play
- Use of Pickleball Ball machine for \$10 per year, \$7 for key once our storage shed is approved and installed
- Participate in club tournaments
- Attend Club social events
- Discounted price on yellow Onix 2 Pure balls, the only balls allowed on our courts
- Free unlimited demos with the use of club owned paddles that you can try before you buy (contact Mike Walias at mjw0275@yahoo.com)

Non-member residents may participate in up to two demos or group play sessions, after which membership is required.

Per the San Jose Planning Commission:

- Anyone (residents or guests) using the courts **must** use paddles on the Villages Approved Paddle list (located on our website). Paddles marked USAPA Approved do not ensure a paddle is approved, please check the list before purchasing.
- Only yellow Onix 2 Pure balls are allowed on our courts. They can be purchased through the club at a discounted price; we buy in bulk and pass the savings onto our members.



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.

Thursday, November 23, 2023, was Thanksgiving, so no Ironmen play or results. But please enjoy the following:

"A hungry dog hunts best." - Lee Trevino, winner of six major championships

"No matter what happens, never give up a hole...In tossing in your cards after a bad beginning you also undermine your whole game, because to quit between tee and green is more habit-forming than drinking a highball before breakfast." - Sam Snead, 72 tour wins, including seven major championships

"But in the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point." - Payne Stewart, winner of three major championships




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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Winter Golf schedule through 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.

December Golf Schedule

Saturday, December 9 – Men’s Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m. – Open Play tee Times 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Modified Holiday Schedule - Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Last tee Time available is 1 p.m. - Pro Shop and Driving Range closes at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day – All Golf Facilities closed all day

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.

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— Tee it up differently for shot shaping...here is a short and simple tip.

To help turn the ball from right to left off the tee (draw) tee the ball up high; this allows for a shallower swing, a larger flat spot with more room underneath the ball, which encourages a draw. To help turn the ball from left to right (fade) tee the ball low; this allows for a shallower and steeper swing with a smaller flat spot which encourages a fade. Position your ball on the right side of the tee box for a fade. Position your ball on the left side of the tee box for a draw.

Let us know if these tips help you shape the ball. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**



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SHONIS

Hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that you didn’t go broke shopping on Black Friday. Hanukkah starts December 7 and we’d like to wish everyone a wonderful Festival of Lights.

Last week was a great week for Shoni birdies. Betty Hall had on Hole 9, while Leslie Ingham and Peggy White got theirs on Hole 5. Peggy’s was a putter head and a half short of being a Hole-in-One. That was exciting.

This week is the last golf round in November 2023. It’s also our Birthday game and Beat The Pro with Tim Flanagan. More next week.

We’re looking forward to our Holiday Luncheon on December 12. It’s the time of year to present the trophies and recognize Shoni achievements. Always a fun time.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Another typical day in November. Early morning chill and heavy dew, burning off before the afternoon and setting pleasant weather for the start for the Pinseekers’ weekly outing of nine holes on the Villages Championship Course

As the day after Thanksgiving has been designated as a “fun” day with no championship points or sweep, and many people being occupied with visits to or from family and friends, only seven members teed off shortly after noon.

A reminder to all Pinseekers, the next four weeks beginning in December first will wrap up the first half of our competition season. There will be reserved tee times for December 29. Every Friday the Pro shop reserves space for 20 Pinseekers beginning at 12:04, every nine minutes until 12:40. If we continue to have an insufficient number of players on the course we risk losing the number of slots reserved for our play. Sign up to play as often as you are able and join your fellow Pinseekers in the game we all love.

As an incentive to other Villagers who would like to play golf on a regular basis, but have neither the time or energy to commit over four hours on the course, join us. As a new member, you dues are waived for the month of December and, in January, become \$35 for the entire year of 2024. Membership applications are available at the Pro Shop.

Bobby Jones, one of the finest golfers ever said, “You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about.” A second quote, today is from Thomas Hertl of the San Jose Sharks: “Fun must be always!”

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



Wednesday, November 22

Sylvia Rozewicz	260
Earl Magoun	288
Kit Hultquist	302
Gjo Bennett	310

Friday, November 24

Kit Hultquist	225
Aloma Lazetera	231
Shirley Bellavance	235
Sylvia Rozewicz	259

BRIDGE

Monday, November 20:

1. Mary LeGrand - Jonna Robinson
2. Hank Koransky – Guest
3. Art Lind - Lorrie Scott

SHONIS

Tuesday, November 21

- All Nets
- Flight One:**
1. Gloria Lowry 23
 2. Joyce Baptiste 24
 3. Pauline Robertson 27
- Flight Two:**
1. Meg Rogers 24
 2. Peggy White 25
 3. Lesley Robinson 27
- Flight Three:**
1. Tied – Sabrina Malcolmson and Judy Rogers 24
 2. MaryAnn Haggerty 25

Accessing Fitness Center using your Villages ID

The Fitness Center is accessible to residents who have attended the required Equipment Demonstration and thus have had their Villages ID Card activated to use as a key. 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 attended the required demo. You can register for one online by logging on to the Resident Portal and using the "Reservations" menu option, or register via phone by calling the Community Resource Center (CRC) at 408-754-1336.

b) You have attended the required demo but not yet submitted the paperwork given to you after the session. If so please read and sign that paperwork and bring it to

Building B so we can process it. There should be two pages.

c) You have attended the required demo but moved out of The Villages and have since moved back in. You will need to re-establish your facility access by taking the Equipment Demonstration again.

d) 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 the Fitness Center or to register for a demo please call the CRC at 408-754-1336.

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.

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 .

Please don't feed our critters

One of the many attractions of The Villages is the variety of wildlife that can be encountered. Many Villagers feel that being a good host necessitates feeding our four-legged or winged guests, which can be detrimental to our wild friends—for several reasons. One, wildlife that's naturally fearful of humans become accustomed to us and our people-provided easy pickings. This combination can create a situation that's harmful to us—and our wild friends. If the food isn't found, the animal can become agitated and aggressively approach the person standing nearby. If we get hurt, it's possible that the animal will be put down. Two, food that's not part of their natural diet can cause illnesses, even death. As much as we're tempted, it's best to let our fury and feathered friends fend for themselves.

For these reasons (to name two), our **Club Rule 1.51.4** states: "Feeding of waterfowl and other wild animals on a routine basis is prohibited for the protection of both residents and the animals." Thank you for helping keep our wonderful ecosystem healthy and thriving—naturally!

Hoover School Choir...

(Continued from front page)

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.

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Real Estate

Here comes the Holidays. There goes the new listings.

I just reviewed the sales verses new listings for November and December 2022. There were 1/3 more sales than active listings. This tells me that at the holidays (at least last year), there were more buyers than sellers at this time of year. That all changed after the holidays, in January 2023.

At this moment, at the end of November 2023, it does not look the same as last November. There are two to one active listings to pending sales. This however can still change. As of this writing, it has been a week since a new listing has come onto the Village market. I am putting one last listing on the market this week, but do not expect to put anymore onto the market this year. Hopefully there are some buyers still looking to get into their new Village home before the new year.

Cribari homes are selling again. There are 8 Cribari homes for sale and 5 are pending sale. The fact that they are selling is good news, but it has been at a cost. Last year the Cribari units were selling in the low to mid 500K range. They are now listed at mid to high 400K range. I attribute this to the higher cost of the HOA dues and the higher loan interest rates. Often the Cribari owners need to have a loan. The higher interest rates make it more expensive, hence the need to bring down the price of the home so that the higher monthly mortgage and HOA dues can be met. The higher cost of the HOA dues and loans could be why many owners are selling as well.

OK, I apologize to those who love the Boho style. I was shopping in Las Vegas over the Thanksgiving holiday. Shops are bringing in clothes with the bright Boho colors and style. My brother sent a picture of his home in Oklahoma painted a bright rust with an orange yellow trim. He explained that his wife is all about the Boho style. Ok, maybe I just need to "Brighten up."



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

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 12/4. Gutter cleaning in progress.

Del Lago

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

Estates

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.

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 12/4.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

Heights

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in planning.

Hermosa

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

Turf Aeration process in progress throughout the district.

Turf Fertilizer application in progress throughout the district.

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

8372—Deck repairs in planning.

Highland

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

Montgomery

6246-6336—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

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

6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Awaiting 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 in progress throughout the district.

Turf Fertilizer application in progress throughout the district.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

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

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.

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 12/4.

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 in progress.

Clubhouse, Tennis Courts and Driving Range—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/4-12/8.

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.

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

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.

Maintenance Services

Customer Service Line:

408-223-4670

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

Project Notices

All project week scheduling is subject to weather, delays and availability of contractor labor and materials. All contractors are to follow COVID-19 protection guidelines, per the recommendations from governing authorities. As needed, we update schedules accordingly via FastLane and in The Villager. Resident addresses near the work areas may receive notices.

For your safety, please be aware of and stay clear of project and staging areas. Construction personnel, equipment and vehicles may be present along roadways. Parking facilities and street frontage may be in use on a temporary basis. Debris, dust, noise and visual inconveniences may result from a project. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Major Road Closure

**The Villages Fairway Drive sewer line replacement
Thursday and Friday, November 30 and December 1
Monday and Tuesday, December 4 and 5**

This project entails the removal and replacement of a damaged sewer line that runs across a section of The Villages Fairway Drive at the intersection of The Villages Parkway. Work involves the cutting of the asphalt, and removal and replacement of the damaged line. While we are hopeful that the median will be left undisturbed, once work begins it may be determined otherwise.

Street access, between Club Drive and The Villages Parkway will be blocked during construction, with detour signs posted throughout. To access villages Sonata, Del Lago, Montgomery, The Heights and Hermosa, residents will need to take The Villages Parkway to Fairway Drive and make a right turn.

The contractor has posted notices with the Del Lago residents who will be affected by the construction noise.

Your Weekly Words of Wisdom



Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Slice of Humor



Holiday Stress Diet

Breakfast

Half Grapefruit
One slice Whole Wheat Toast
8 oz. Milk

Lunch

4 oz. lean, broiled Chicken Breast
1 cup steamed Zucchini
One Oreo Cookie
Herb Tea

Mid-Afternoon Snack

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Dinner

Two loaves extra cheesy Garlic Bread
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Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

Cribari	November 20 through December 9
Valle Vista	December 11 through December 16
Sonata	December 18 through December 23
Hermosa	December 27 through January 13
Olivas	January 15 through January 27
Montgomery	January 29 through February 10
Del Lago	February 12 through February 24
Glen Arden	February 26 through March 2
Heights	March 4 through March 9
Fairways	March 11 through March 13
Verano	March 11 through March 23
Highland	March 25 through April 6



Gutters for Club facilities will be cleaned from April 6 through April 13.

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Planning an estate, moving or garage sale?

Residents, or those working on the behalf of residents, are advised to call the Public Safety Administration office at 239-5246 before planning or opening a sale at the Villages. All sales on Villages property are subject to Association Rule 2.02 Residence Use and Occupancy Restrictions.

Homeowner Rule 3.2.10, Estate and Garage Sales states:
3.2.10 Estate and garage sales are permitted subject to the following:

A. A permit for the sale shall be obtained from the Public Safety Office prior to holding the sale and placement of advertising.

Also, effective July 1, 2012, all estate and garage sales in the Association will require a permit. The owner of the property must request the permit from Public Safety Administration in Building C.

The Villages Association Rule 2.02. 5., Residence Use and Occupancy Restrictions applies:

5. Estate and garage sales are permitted subject to the following:

A. Public Safety will not allow entry to anyone who is not authorized by name in advance (Club Rule 1.01, Access to the Villages).

B. All sales activity and sale items must be contained within the residence or garage.

C. Sales maybe held only between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

D. Sales period may not exceed two days.

E. Only one sale per resident household per year will be permitted. In the event of the death of a resident of the unit, a subsequent estate sale will be permitted. A permit is required and can be obtained from Public Safety.

F. Residents may not use public media to invite members of the general public to attend estate or garage sales at The Villages.

In this context, "public media" includes the internet, social media such as Facebook and Twitter which will be seen by non-residents, and publications which circulate outside The Villages such as the Evergreen Times and Spotlight. Residents may post activities and notices on Next Door but must use the "Choose Neighbors: The Villages [only]" option.

Note: When placing classified ads for estate or garage sales in The Villager, you will need to attach proof of the permit to your Classified Advertising form.

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Early Bird Dinner

Sunday December 31, 2023
 Two Seatings 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Salad
 Winter Mixed Green Salad
 with Candied Walnuts, Pomegranate, Beets and Goat Cheese
 with Maple Walnut Dressing

Entrée Selections
 Petit Filet Mignon Crab Oscar with Béarnaise Sauce
 Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail with Garlic Butter Sauce

Accompaniments
 Baby French Beans and Red Peppers
 Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Dessert
 Triple Chocolate Cake
 with Three Layers of Milk, Dark, and Ivory Chocolate

Champagne Toast

\$67.95 Plus Service Charge & Tax
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 Please make sure to give your desired time & entrée selection

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Sunday December 31, 2023 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
 7 p.m. Reception 8 p.m. Dinner
 12 a.m. Champagne Toast

Reception
 Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Assorted Canapes

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Dessert
 Triple Chocolate Cake
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Christmas at The Villages

By Joyce Valdez

Some people want snow and mistletoe, I want green hills for Christmas

The deer are on the lawn, the ducks and geese are on the pond

Here comes the rain, I won't complain, I want green hills for Christmas

The golfers are on the course, the bocce balls are rolling, the tennis balls are bouncing, the pickleball court is full

Here comes the rain, I won't complain, I want green hills for Christmas

The turkeys are crossing the road, the bobcats are sneaking in the bushes, the coyotes are howling in the hills

No need to fear, the rain is here, we'll have green hills for Christmas

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE VILLAGER?



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

Valle Vista resident, Larry Martinson, guided a group of 14 Villagers on a Greek Island cruise on the Emerald Sakara Yacht from September 23 to 30. The group had a great time on the 100-passenger yacht as well as in the Greek and Turkish ports the ship visited.



At right: Pictured in front of Ephesus the recovered ancient city in Turkey. (Shown from left to right) Pam Leonard, Paul Lewis, Susan Lewis, Monica Holmes, Bob Holmes, Lee Leonard, Bev Poellot, Mike Poellot, Larry Martinson, Linda Curyea, Maxine Amundson, Dianne Doughty, Daunielle Doughty and Carol Begley.

At lower right: Pictured in front of the Emerald Sakara Yacht. (Shown from left to right) Dianne Doughty, Daunielle Doughty, Linda Begley, Linda Curyea, Pam Leonard, Lee Leonard, Maxine Amundson, Paul Lewis, Larry Martinson, Susan Lewis, Mike Poellot, Bev Poellot, Monica Holmes and Bob Holmes.



SYMPHONY SAN JOSE

American Portraits

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Charles IVES; Variations on "America"
William Grant STILL; *Darker America*
Jeff MIDKIFF; Mandolin Concerto
(From the Blue Ridge)
Caroline SHAW; *Valencia*
Aaron COPLAND; *Rodeo*

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