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Sewer line repair accomplished; street reopens



Construction workers refill a trench after replacing a sewer line and prepare to restore the pavement on the project that had access blocked to Fairway Drive for a few days.

Welcome Christmas with 'The Winter Rose' by Villages Chapel

If you enjoy inspirational Christmas music, you will be delighted to hear a mixed choir of voices sing "The Winter Rose" on **Sunday, December 17 at 10 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.

This beautiful Christmas Cantata was composed by Joseph M. Martin with narration written by Pamela Martin. Our vocal soloists will be Chris Leisy, Gary Hill and Kathryn Nymoen and our narrators will be Bill Hayden, Diana Hallock and Nick Yannaccone. "The Winter Rose" will be the Villages Community Chapel's gift to our neighbors and friends here in The Villages. Come and learn the reason why Christians around the world celebrate Christmas. All are welcome.

Get ready for a snazzy 'Rudolph' performance!

By B. Brown

"Encore!" The audience shouts. "Encore!" Well, we are hoping for this response, as we make a guest appearance at The Villages Music Society's (VMS) Concert Band and the Handbells Ensemble's upcoming performance. This festive collaboration of sounds, colors and textures takes place in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m.** The VMS Dancers are excited to make a guest appearance, and under the tutelage of Choreographer Bernice Toy, will perform a snazzy Broadway-style dance to none other than "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer."



Left to right: Kristel Moffett, Bessie Arellano, Bernice Toy, Barbara Brown and Barbara Moore

Will you be there? We sure hope so.

For more information about the VMS Dancers; see the Music Society website at villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3

Villages Music Society to host Festive Collaboration!

Please come join the Villages' Concert Band and their guests, the Village Dancers, 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 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!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

1 Pulse letters received this week.

1 Pulse letter deferred.

0 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

Attention Pulse authors!

When you write your Pulse letters, don't forget to:

- Include your name, address and telephone number at the end of your letter. Your contact information is important in case the Communications Committee members have questions or need to verify your identity.

- Sign your letter if you are bringing a paper copy to the Pulse mailbox in Building B.
- Put the word count of the letter at the end of the letter—Remember, it's 200 words or fewer.
- Put "PULSE" in the subject line of your e-mail if you are sending it in electronically. (E-mail your Pulse letters to: shinrichs@the-villages.com)

Forgetting to follow the Pulse guidelines may result in your letter being delayed.

Note: The Communications Committee verifies the authorship of submitted Pulse letters. If a Pulse Letter is dropped off in Building B, we will call the author to make sure that person wrote and submitted the letter. If we cannot reach that person we will hold the letter until we can reach them. This means we may reject the letter for a week or more if we are unable to verify the authorship.

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.

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

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

Notice of Proposed Changes to Association Policy APr 103 Board and Member Meetings

At the October 31, 2023, board meeting, the Association Board approved proposed changes to Association Policy APr 103 Board and Member Meetings and to publish proposed changes for the required member comment prior to formal approval consideration at the January 30, 2024, board meeting.

The purpose of the proposed changes to procedure APr 103-1 are to simplify the formatting of the agenda. The first change is to include to ratify the monthly review of accounts with the Treasurer's report. Second, is to add Action Items—these are agenda items to be considered for action at the board meeting. Third is to add Discussion Items—these are items that are listed for the Board to discuss, receive information, or plan possible action at a future Board meeting.

Response to the proposed new rule may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed new rule at the Association Board of Directors December 12, 2023, and January 30, 2024, board meetings, 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at mehernandez@the-villages.com.

Deletions are noted in ~~strikethrough font~~; additions are in underline font.

TITLE: Board and Member Meetings PROCEDURE NUMBER: APr 103-01

BOARD MEETING PROCEDURE

Board Meetings

All villa owners (resident or non-resident), individuals renting villas, invited guests and management personnel may attend meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, except when the Board adjourns to Executive Session.

The following are not considered Board meetings:

- Individual contacts or conversations by a Board member with any other person.
- Attendance of a majority of the Board at a purely social or ceremonial event provided the majority of the Board does not discuss among themselves specific business within the Board's jurisdiction of business.
- Attendance of a majority of the Board members at an open and noticed meeting of a "standing committee" of that body provided that the Board members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

Attendance at Board meetings is subject to acceptable conduct. Anyone who intentionally interferes with or otherwise disrupts the Board's conduct of the meeting will be requested to vacate the meeting room. Refusal to vacate when requested may result in disciplinary action, as defined in the Association's Rules. When deemed necessary to maintain order, the Board may request intervention by Public Safety.

Meeting Notice

Except in the case of an emergency meeting or Executive Session meeting, notice of the time and place of a Board meeting including agenda items shall be posted at Cribari Center and via FastLane at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting and may also be posted on community television, and published in *The Villager*.

Regular monthly Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Exceptions to the meeting schedule are sometimes approved by the Board to avoid conflicts with holidays and scheduled events.

Combining the November and December monthly meetings to a single meeting in December is one exception.

Special Board meetings may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the Directors at least four (4) days prior to the meeting date, unless the notice requirement is waived by the Directors, which would constitute an emergency situation. Notice of the time and place of a Board meeting including agenda items shall be posted at Cribari Center and via Fast Lane at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting and may also be posted on community television, and published in *The Villager*.

An emergency meeting of the Board may be called by the President, or by any two members of the Board other than the President, if there are circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen which require immediate attention and possible action by the Board, and which of necessity make it impracticable to provide advance notice to the members.

Meeting Agenda

The Board meeting agenda identifies matters to be reported to, discussed by, and acted on by the Board at its meeting. A draft agenda is normally prepared by the President no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the meeting. Directors and the General Manager may submit items to be included on the agenda. A request supported by at least two other Directors may not be refused by the President.

Except for emergency situations as described above, the agenda is not subject to addition or change once the meeting is called to order. If a topic is important enough for Board consideration,

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Homeowners' Corporation Presidents' Message

It's the time of year to count our blessings and share hope and joy. As President of the Homeowners' Corporation I feel blessed to be working with dedicated Villagers who care about their community and making it the best it can be for all of us. I feel excited to share my hope and joy for the future as I look around at all the possibilities to enhance our life at The Villages.

We just completed a review of our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and our Bylaws. The board went through these documents word by word to make sure that we are keeping abreast of changing conditions and providing what our homeowners need. A legal review is the next step and then we'll come to you with our suggested edits for your approval. Every homeowner will receive the edits ahead of a town hall meeting where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and give us your comments. All our member homeowners will vote on the document changes via secret ballot mailed to you.

Though it puts a damper on our outdoor activities here at The Villages, we need another wet winter to turn our hills green and revive our landscaping. As mentioned in my September president's message, as single-family homeowners we share The Villages' goal to reduce outdoor water consumption. Even if the winter is a wet one, you'll see our homeowners continuing their changes to low-water use landscaping. It's the future in The Villages and we are a part of this transformation.

Lastly, we are ending 2023 with 16 new homeowners joining our Villages' family. Welcome. We look forward to seeing you out and about enjoying Villages' life. Bring on 2024, we're ready for another great year!

—Teddy Morse, Homeowners' Corporation Board President

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.



More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES,**
MANAGEMENT and **COMMUNITY**
NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 23 & 26

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.

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.



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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.

Villages Association CC&Rs Vote Deadline

The Villages Association Board's ballot deadline for the Third Amendment to the Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) is **Monday, December 11, 2023 at 8 a.m.** Please vote on this important amendment.

Bocce Court update from General Manager's office

A *New Bocce Court News* message was recently sent to Bocce Club members. While there's excitement that surrounds this project—within the club and the entire Community—we pause to make clear project timelines, budgets and included amenity items to properly set expectations.

During the CBOD November 14 Working Session, AGM Public Works, Ryan Bell, presented the Bocce Court comprehensive plan phase details:

Phase 1: anticipated to be completed - March 2024 (weather permitting)

Phase 1 is the current phase approved to proceed by the Club Board as appropriated (Reserve & Capital fund expenses) for a total of \$292,050. This phase includes:

- Additional third court
- Concrete walkways
- Reconstruction of the existing two courts

Phase 2: This phase is currently being developed and will be presented to CBOD at the February 2024 regular Board meeting.

A ROM (rough order of magnitude) of \$100-\$125K allowance has been projected to add the Bocce ancillary amenities which include:

- Trellis
- Seating
- Storage shed(s)
- Scoreboard
- Etc.

Phase 3 is budgeted for FY25's Capital Budget. This final phase will be presented to CBOD at their regularly scheduled meeting in May 2024. The recommendations continue the comprehensive improvement projects for Gazebo Park, which includes:

- Cart parking
- Sitting area tables
- Seating
- Pavilion
- Improved walking paths

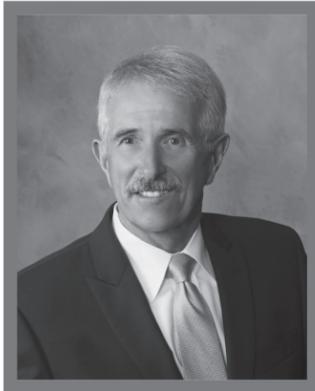
The GM office is working closely with our vendors, contractors, Club Board, and our own Public Works team. We trust this message further clarifies The Villages Bocce Court and Gazebo Park 2024/25 additions. We're excited!

Questions? For specific project questions, please reach out to Clay Curtin: cccurtin@the-villages.com or Ryan Bell: rbell@the-villages.com or email your general questions and feedback to Judy Owen, CBOD Liaison: Judymowen@gmail.com.

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.

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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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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 FastLane, 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.



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AG NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before December 20, 2023. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **December 20, 2023.**

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

Keeping your home out of probate

What happens upon your death if you own your Villages home in your name alone? Let's say you have a simple will, leaving your home to your two children. Upon your death, your condo will require court probate to transfer the ownership. Current probate fees begin at 4 percent for the first \$100,000 of value, 3 percent for the next \$100,000 and 2 percent for the next \$800,000, and then become 1 percent after \$1million. And this fee is usually charged twice—by the court and by the estate attorney.

Probate fees can be avoided by setting up a Living Trust and titling the condo in the name of the trust or alternately by adding one or more joint tenants to the condo deed.

Some Villagers believe their estate is not large enough to merit the legal cost of establishing a Living Trust. Joint tenancy with your children avoids probate, but it can cause problems of its own. Your joint tenants would legally own part of your condo. You would need their permission to sell or refinance. The creditors of your kids could place a lien on the condo. You will likely lose some of your Prop 13 tax base so your property taxes will increase.

And wait, there is more: Upon creation of the joint tenancy, you would need to file a gift tax return. Also, upon your death, your heirs will be stuck with part of your original condo cost in calculating the gain on sale and will likely owe income tax. And most importantly, you can't change your mind and take the others off the deed. A legal gift was made; it is permanent.

California law has another alternative to avoid probate: The Revocable Transfer on Death deed frequently called a TOD deed. This deed names the beneficiaries who will receive the property without the need for probate when the property owner dies.

Your heirs do not own any of the property during your life, avoiding the above joint tenancy problems. But when you die, the real estate is transferred to the designated beneficiaries just like your Payable on Death bank accounts.

You can revoke your TOD deed at any time by notarizing and recording a Revocation of Revocable Transfer on Death Deed.

SRS suggests you talk with an attorney before making this change. Your decision for a TOD deed may be confirmed or you may be persuaded that another solution such as a Living Trust is better for you.

Next week we will discuss more details about the form you need to file.

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

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!

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 23 & 26

BOARD MEETINGS

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 and on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• 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

SRS Reminder:

Property tax due December 11

Monday, December 11 is the last date for paying your first installment of your Santa Clara County real estate tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

You may pay online at <https://payments.sccgov.org/property-tax/Secured>. There is no fee for paying electronically. Just have your checkbook handy so you can enter the bank routing number and your account number.

If you pay with a credit or debit card, there is a 2.25 percent fee.

If you pay with a paper check, your payment envelope needs to be postmarked by December 11. Paying online eliminates the worry as to whether or not the post office processes your mail by the due date, or the county loses your envelope.

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.



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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.

Last chance for Doox of Yale concert tickets 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.

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 by **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 by 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' — trip is sold out

Our trip to see "The Wiz" on **Wednesday, January 31** at the Golden Gate Theater in San Francisco is now sold out! 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.

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.

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.

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.

Game Day schedule to change for holidays

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

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

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

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

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

Monday and Fridays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink and Taf Tafarrodi, beginning at 10 a.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Mondays and Tuesdays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Pat Andrade, beginning at 2 p.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

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

January 10 – January 31: Beginning Drawing with Ceil Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$120. Register at barb.gottesmans@gmail.com.

January 11 – February 8: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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

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



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler Hike December 13: Gary Lohr (408-912-5124) will lead a hike to new seasons. We'll start at the B of A parking lot, continue down to San Felipe, across the creek bridge to the park and on to New Seasons for coffee and return. Meet at Bank of America parking lot at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. departure.

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 ¾ 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 Hike December 27: No hike scheduled.

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.

Holiday Season at The Villages

Holiday Crafts

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

A Festive Environment

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

Victorian Carolers

Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

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

Holiday Card Contest

We are challenging residents to correctly guess the sentiment inside a holiday card, for a prize. See the card and complete details of the contest on page 14.

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.



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 12/11 to 12/17

Monday	December 11	Meatball, Vegetables and Orzo
Tuesday	December 12	Potato Leek with Bacon and Cheddar
Wednesday	December 13	Chicken Tortellini
Thursday	December 14	Cream of Broccoli
Friday	December 15	Clam Chowder
Saturday	December 16	Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 17	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, 4Edamame, 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

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.

Weekly Specials

For the week of
12/12 to 12/17

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 12/12 to Sunday 12/17

Villager Breakfast Slam: Eggs Any Style, Bacon and One Pancake \$15.50

Lunch Specials:

Monday 12/11 to Sunday 12/17

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

California Burger: Bacon, Avocado and Pepper Jack Cheese with Choice of Side \$16.95

Turkey Melt: Turkey Breast, Ortega Peppers and Pepper Jack Cheese on Sourdough Bread with Choice of Sides \$14.95

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 12/12 to Sunday 12/17

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Veal Piccata: Sautéed Provimi Veal in a Lemon Caper Butter Sauce with Choice of Sides \$32.50

New Zealand Orange Roughy: Red Pepper and Pommery Mustard Beurre Blanc with Choice of Sides \$29.95

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 Peppercornini, 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

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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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Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

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service charge and tax

New Year's Eve 2024

Midnight Countdown New Years Eve Dinner Dance

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

Salad

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

Entrée Selections

Petite 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

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Midnight Champagne Countdown
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, December 9

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	A
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
10 a.m.	Concert Ticket Sale	L
5:30 p.m.	Italian Club Dinner Dance	CH

Sunday, December 10

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
9:30 a.m.	Jewish Community Board Retreat	VC
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
2:30 p.m.	Concert Band Concert	A
4 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC
5 p.m.	Community Chapel Dinner	CH
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	SEQ

Monday, December 11

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.	Assoc CCR Ballot Count	FC
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER

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)

10 a.m.	Search the Scripture	VC
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	MC
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
5 p.m.	Glen Arden Social	CH
5:30 p.m.	Older Wine Lovers Social	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, December 12

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Assoc Board Meeting	FC
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Intermediate Line Dance	A
9:30 a.m.	Poetry in Art & Pastel	AR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Intermediate	PR
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance Class	A
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	Par 3 Women Golf Lunch	CH
1:30 p.m.	Club Board Meeting	FC
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	SEQ

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
11 a.m.	Israeli Folk Dance	CR
2:30 p.m.	History of Israel	MC
4 p.m.	Jewish Community Event	FC
6 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Victorian Carolers	CR

Thursday, December 14

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Club	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Classes	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
10 a.m.	VMA Caregivers Support	PR
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	MC
3 p.m.	Korean Book Club	FC
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	CR
4 p.m.	Pickleball Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Hiking Club Party	A
7 p.m.	Folksters	FC

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Classes	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11:30 a.m.	Jazzercise Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	A
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6 p.m.	Live Stronger Longer	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

1:00 & 7:00

Mon - Sat

15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15

Mon Wed Fri & Sun

Chair Fitness

Tue Thu Sat

Cardio Fitness

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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The Villages Medical Auxiliary

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: Note date change—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.

The VMA wishes you a happy holiday season filled with joy and peace!

CLUBS & EVENTS

Dine with Lunch Buddies this Wednesday!



Reminder: The Holiday Lunch Buddies is **Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Clubhouse.

If you're looking for company, a friend, or just getting out of the house than this is the place to be. Call VMA at 408 238-4230 to make your reservation. Your holiday lunch will be charged to your house account. Come enjoy the holiday season! See you on December 13 at 11:30!

Celebrate the holidays with Villages Riding Club

The Riding Club's Holiday Open House will be at the Stables on **Saturday, December 16 from 9 to 11 a.m.** You are invited to come share some holiday cheer and light refreshments with Riding Club members and their horses. You will also get to meet the newest addition to our barn—a very handsome and very sweet 7-year-old Quarter Horse gelding named Stetson. We hope to see you there, rain or shine!



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 water-color 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.**

New year on the horizon! Preview Senior Academy's upcoming programs

By Arlene Versaw



As the 2023 holiday season fades and the door to 2024 swings open to a new year, we tend to start to look forward to new beginnings. New experiences. New perspectives. New activities. Anticipating this annual phenomenon, Senior Academy has been working behind the scenes to produce a calendar of enjoyable presentations for you to explore and savor. The first quarter of the year will bring:

Senior Academy's Annual Meeting on **January 17** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in The Clubhouse.

A course on Folk Rock Revival on **January 23 and 30**, delayed from earlier this year. If you relate to Bob Dylan or Joan Baez, their music and their era, this one is for you (by Richie Unterberger)

February will bring our annual Harrington lecture (February 12) and two course sessions on The Quiet Man movie – Ford, Wayne and O'Hara, a discussion about this enduring movie and its impacts (on February 22 and 29 by Susan McGough).

Then **March** showcases two unusual topics: "Sugar and Slavery – How the Lust for Sugar Impacts History and Health" (on March 6 by Adam Tanner), and "Trash Punx"—about a local non-profit organization dedicated to cleaning up the world one piece of trash at a time (on March 12 by Vanessa Vogier). An example of its work: The group traveled to Africa to help the Masai tribe secure clean water.

And of course, each month Technology Explorers will present an intriguing topic from scientific and technological fields (January 8, February 5 and March 4). So, watch this space, and plan to join us as we unfold our new season of education and enjoyment. Happy New Year from Senior Academy!

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.**

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.



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Arts & Crafts Association announces new officers

At its November meeting, The Villages Arts & Crafts Association held their election for officers to serve for the next two-year terms. After the Nominating Committee Chair named a slate of volunteers, she called for nominations from the floor. By enthusiastic acclamation, the members voted to elect the officers unanimously with rounds of applause for each volunteer.



Mandy Book

Mandy Book, the greeting card specialist, was elected President. Claudia Welch, writer and ceramicist, became Vice President for Membership. Stephanie Torres, wreath maker, continued her service as Secretary. Kathy Warren,



Claudia Welch

noted ceramicist, volunteered for another two-year term as Treasurer.

Other volunteers joined the Advisory Board: Marion Rose took over as Art Films Chair and Parthenia Hicks became Historian. They join volunteers Diane Finley, Barbara Gottesman, Colleen Mirassou and Michael Sunzeri as Ceramics



Stephanie Torres

Chair, Art Class Scheduler, New Member Greeter and Programs Chair.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2024, with new President Mandy Book presiding and a fascinating Guest Artist, basket maker Margot Paoli, demonstrating.



Kathy Warren

Audition for VAT's 'Man of La Mancha'

The Villages Amateur Theatre is excited to announce that the Spring musical will be "Man of La Mancha."



"Man of La Mancha" was originally produced on Broadway in 1965 where it ran for 2,400 performances, winning five Tony awards. This play has been produced and performed across the country numerous times by both professional and amateur theatre groups. Beloved for its incredible music and intriguing story, it is a show that will touch your heart. Based loosely on the novel "Don Quixote" by Cervantes, it is a play within a play telling how Cervantes was held and persecuted during the Spanish Inquisition.

Auditions for this show will be **Friday, January 19** at 7 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium, **Saturday, January 20** at 7 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium, and **Monday, January 22** at 2 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

Performances are Friday, April 26 at 7:30, Saturday, April 27 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. All performances will be in the Cribari Auditorium.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, April 20. Come and be a part of this wonderful show.

Be part of the Villages Cat Club history



Make history by attending the first meeting of the Villages Cat Club. Join us on **Monday, January 22, 2024 at 2 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center. We'll have a group picture that will be published in the Villager newspaper. You'll also hear from a veterinarian, Dr. Barbara Lee followed by a Q&A. Dr. Lee is already familiar with the Villages, as she's often here doing house calls.

Come and meet other cat lovers in this new club.

Mark your calendar now and save the date January 22 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. And just so we're all on

the same page—**no cats allowed, cat-friendly Villagers only.**

Continue to sign up by emailing or calling Bette Loomis at dbloomis@sbcglobal.net



Community Activities Holiday Card Contest

We are challenging all Villagers to use their years of experience sending and receiving holiday cards to guess the sentiment inside this card based solely on this image of the cover. Is it a joke or a heart-warming turn of phrase? Is it a poem or just plain blank? The closest guess will win a \$10 Villages gift card redeemable at the Clubhouse, Bistro, or Pro Shop.

Entries can be submitted via email to rdreitlein@the-villages.com with the subject line "Holiday Card Contest" or in writing to Building B. The deadline is Friday, January 5 at 4 p.m. The winner(s) will have their names and winning entries published in Villages media. For more information about entry requirements, the prize, and other contest information the Official Rules are available at this link: resident.thevillagescc.com/card or in Building B. After this week, the card front will also be viewable on the Resident Portal at the same link.



**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.



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Treats sell out quickly at Dog Club Bake Sale



By Barbara Sunseri

Tails were wagging at the Villages Dog Club Bake Sale. The sale was very successful and all the “people food” was sold by noon. Twenty percent of the profits will go to the Silicon Valley Pet Project.

Donations of blankets, towels and toys were overwhelming and are being distributed to the local shelters just in time for Christmas to keep our shelter kids warm.

A big “slobber kiss” goes out to all the helpers who baked, sent out flyers, donated and worked this event.

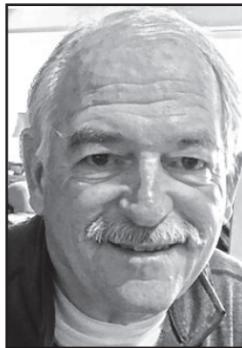
Take Watercolor Plus Mixed-Media Painting class

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.

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



Doug Canepa

More facts about food waste

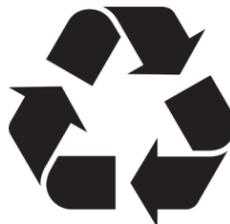


As a follow-up to last week’s article on food waste from the Sustainable Villages Club, it is vital that one realizes food waste accounts for 18 percent to the country’s methane pollution, a greenhouse gas that’s 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period.

If food waste were a country, it would be the third top emitter of greenhouse gas emissions after China and the United States, accounting for 3 billion tons of carbon emissions. In the United States, uneaten food is the single largest source of trash in landfills.

And the problem keeps growing. Over the past 50 years, greenhouse gas emissions from food waste have increased more than 300 percent, and are projected to increase another 400 percent by mid-century if current dietary and waste trends continue.

With that said, be very mindful when going to the grocery store to buy only food that you can use. If you have leftovers, think of freezing it if possible or giving it to a neighbor. Please realize that you have complete control over the food use in your household. Do this for the future of our children, grandchildren and our planet. For more information, visit the Sustainable Villages Club’s website at sustainablevillages.vgcc.club



VMA offers free medical equipment

Did you know that The VMA lends all types of medical equipment for **free** to any Villager who may need it?



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The VMA has all types of equipment, including two-, three- and four-wheel walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and knee scooters. Some equipment that you may not realize we have are over-the-bed tables, ice therapy machines, bed rails and hand/foot exercisers.

If you or someone close to you has a need, simply call The VMA office at 408-238-4230 and one of our 50 trained drivers will deliver it to you. (Yes, delivered to your house!) You may keep the equipment as long as you need and when you are done with it, we will pick it up—it’s easy and there is no paperwork involved.

If you would like to pick out your own equipment, we can also easily arrange for one of our outstanding volunteers to meet you at our storage shed in the RV lot.

Please check with the VMA desk for what is available and we will gladly deliver what you need. If there are excessive amounts of any one item, you may ask for an additional supply to provide to family and friends.

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.

“Hang the Moon” by Jeannette Walls. Most folk thought Sallie Kincaid was a nobody who’d amount to nothing. Sallie had other plans. Sallie Kincaid is the daughter of the biggest man in a small town, the charismatic Duke Kincaid. Born at the turn of the 20th century into a life of comfort and privilege, Sallie remembers little about her mother who died in a violent argument with the Duke. By the time she is just 8 years old, the Duke has remarried and had a son, Eddie. While Sallie is her father’s daughter, sharp-witted and resourceful, Eddie is his mother’s son, timid and cerebral. When Sallie tries to teach young Eddie to be more like their father, her daredevil coaching leads to an accident, and Sallie is cast out. Nine years later, she returns, determined to reclaim her place in the family, but she enters a world of conflict and lawlessness. Sallie confronts the secrets and scandals that hide in the shadows of the Big House, navigates the factions in the family and town, and finally comes into her own. Fiction, 2023.

“The White Lady” by Jacqueline Winspear. 1947. Elinor White, known locally as “the White lady,” is living a solitary, quiet life in a cottage in the Kent countryside. Unbeknownst to her neighbors, she is the veteran of two world wars, a trained killer and former intelligence agent. Yet Elinor’s private and seemingly tranquil existence conceals a past trauma that comes to the fore when she is drawn into the predicament of a local man entangled with one of the most dangerous crime families in London. A treacherous path lies ahead, but it may be one that ultimately leads Elinor to a future unshackled from her own painful history. Mystery, 2023.

“Near Miss” (Stone Barrington #64) by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles. Following a string of adventures, Stone Barrington is enjoying some downtime in New York City when a chance encounter introduces him to a charming new companion. Too bad she also comes with the baggage of a persistent ex-boyfriend intent on retribution. As Stone skillfully dodges each disturbance, it soon becomes clear that there is potentially an even more treacherous game being played behind the scenes. And when long-standing grudges resurface, Stone is brought back into the orbit of some familiar enemies. He must use all of his tricks—as well as those of a few old friends—to evade trouble before it’s too late. But this time, danger just might catch him. Large Print, Mystery, 2023.

“Beware the Woman” by Megan Abbott. “Honey, I just want you to have everything you ever wanted.” That’s what Jacy’s mom always told her. Finally, she did. Newly married and with a baby on the way, Jacy and her new husband embark on their first road trip together to visit his father, Doctor Ash, in Michigan’s far-flung Upper Peninsula. The moment they arrive in the cozy cottage in the lush woods, Jacy feels bathed in love by the warm and hospitable Doctor Ash. But their Edenic first days take a turn when Jacy has a health scare. Swiftly, all eyes are on Jacy’s condition. But whispers about Jed’s long-dead mother and complicated family history seem to be impeding upon the present. Jacy begins to feel trapped in the cottage, her every move surveilled. But are her fears founded or is it paranoia, or cabin fever, or—as is suggested to her—a stubborn refusal to take necessary precautions? The dense woods surrounding the cottage are full of dangers, but are the greater ones inside? Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“The Whispers” by Ashley Audrain. The Loverlys sit by the hospital bed of their young son who is in a coma after falling from his bedroom window in the middle of the night; his mother, Whitney, will not speak to anyone. Back home, their friends and neighbors are left in shock, each confronting their own role in the events that led up to what happened that terrible night: the warm, altruistic Parks who are the Loverlys’ best friends; the young, ambitious Goldsmiths who are struggling to start a family of their own; and the quiet, elderly Portuguese couple who care for their adult son with a developmental disability, and who pass the long days on the front porch, watching their neighbors go about their busy lives. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

RELIGION

EPISCOPAL

'Peace be with You'

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

There's a tradition in the Episcopal church of "passing the peace," a moment in our worship when, well... all heaven breaks loose! Some liturgical churches do this very quietly, but not at Trinity Cathedral nor at our Villages Chapel. We have lots of peace and goodwill to share! In fact, our peace is unlimited, because it finds its source in God. On this second weekend in Advent—when we light one of the four traditional candles for peace—we remember that peace does not depend on us. Peace is God's gift, but... we have to be willing to receive it.

We can practice peace, even—especially—when it is not easy. Passing peace in church, we have a chance to warmly greet the people we may find irritating. Of course, we don't have to wait for church to offer peace. We can seek out those with whom we have disagreements anytime, and offer a word of kindness (which doesn't require us to agree). We can be the first to stop a disagreement from escalating into a standoff, or worse yet, a fight or a war. We can be the first to let go of our own resentments and seek the peace of Christ, who—knowing it's hard—still reminded his disciples "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

Please join us on Sunday at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center as we light the second Advent candle!

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.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'The Need for Affirmation'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There is not one person born of a woman that doesn't have a need for affirmation. Affirmation in the Holy Bible means establish, confirm or make firm. Biblical references are based on truth and there are plenty of examples in the bible.

Sometimes children will seek attention in all the wrong places if they are not being affirmed by their parents or siblings. In some cases, the acknowledgement from family and friends is not enough for their deep need to be valued. There is an old saying, "Children should be seen and not heard" that could be seen as a form of rejection by some.

When a person has dealt with rejection at a crucial time in their life it could have a long-term effect on their mental or social development. I recall a time in my life, during the formative years, having to deal with feelings of brokenness and rejection. You reach out to others, silently weeping on the inside, with no avail because they could not discern your need. If only I could have been embraced with a gentle hug to acknowledge that I was a part of their lives... it would have been enough!

As we encounter each other for the first time, our personal history may be unknown but the human experience is well known according to our basic needs and knowledge.

Let me be the first today to affirm your place in the world today if someone hasn't already shared that with you. First, you were created by a Divine entity with the purpose of living eternally. **Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV 26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

First, in a perfect world you would know that you were gifted with special abilities, highly valued and connected to bring balance to the purpose of your existence. In all that you do, it should reflect your Creator.

Second, the world is not a perfect place and men have rebelled against their Creator. Therefore, you must contend with what God has planned for your wellbeing and not be distracted by negative influences to corrupt your thinking.

Third, you are worth more to your Creator than any building made with human hands. If you were not of value, there would not be a reason for Him to sacrifice His Son to save you from an eternal separation of His presence.

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.

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!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Preparing the Way of the Lord'

By Bob Dolci, M.Div., M.A.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear John the Baptist's message of repentance and God's forgiveness. In his time, some of the people responded out of curiosity and some out of faith. However, the crux of his message, according to St. Mark (1:1-8) is that John was preparing the way for Jesus, who would come and baptize with the power of the Holy Spirit—giving his life to all who believe and who are willing to be his disciple.

The prophet Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11) proclaims that Yahweh is a comforting God and that we are invited to share in that comfort, the new and eternal covenant relationship with God. In doing so, we are to be heralds of God's presence in our world. As heralds (disciples) we are called to repent, proclaim the Good News and act on that message. True repentance is about living each day actively engaged in being Christ to others, bringing about simple or radical changes, which Isaiah symbolized by drastic changes in nature.

Our Advent journey as Christ's disciples may involve any of the following: showing a more positive, comforting spirit to others; encouraging someone who is depressed; visiting a sick or recovering person; volunteering at a shelter; or forgiving someone who has hurt us.

So, let us **Prepare the Way of the Lord** by living as a true disciple of Christ which involves changing what needs to be changed and strengthening our relationship with God and our community.

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SPORTS NEWS

BOCCE NEWS



By Barbara Orlando



New Bocce Club President Jana King

Welcome the new president of the Bocce Club, Jana King. Under her leadership, Jana has plans for taking the bocce club forward into 2024. Jana has served on the Bocce Board as IT Director and is the chairperson for the 3rd court project, as well as having served on the Bylaws committee. She's a hard worker and dedicated in her service to the club. Join the members in wishing her congratulations on her new appointment, as she takes on the responsibilities of her position.

Winter play is every Wednesday, from noon to 3 p.m. through the end of January. Courts are already reserved for you by Your Courts Director, Helen Paris. Come on by and drop in, for anyone wishing to play bocce.

Editor's note: Last week's Bocce News article mentioned the construction of an additional bocce court. The timeline, process and scope of this project may not have been accurately described in the article. *Please see the General Manager's message on page 4.*

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Nancy Keane

Another fun day for the 18 Hole ladies, thanks to our play day chairs. The weather was cooperative once again, as it became cooler after we finished playing. Our co-captain, Patti Bell congratulated all the ladies for their pace of play today. We finished our round in less than 4 1/2 hours.

Luncheon was delicious and very spirited today, and it looks like everyone is looking forward to next week's Christmas tournament and installation of officers. Remember that we must sign up for our luncheon at <https://forms.gle/QtTQWQfS2z9TQVEL8> for the December 7th holiday luncheon, and consider a donation to the Evergreen Nurses Fund as well on that day. There will be a box at the sign-up table for your checks. We are encouraged to make a \$25 donation, but if you wish to be more generous, please do so.

The winners of today's tournament were the team of Barber, Driskell, Giuliiodibari, and Salvatierra...congrats, ladies!

Chip ins: Won Cha #1, Joyce Mukuno #10, Suzanne Fazzio #5 and #6, Janelle Salvatierra \$17, Bev Poellot #13 and Donna Quartaro #3.

Birdies: Monica Saneholtz #11, Helen Varenkamp #7 and #11, Joyce Mukuno #10, Lyn Strong #12, Janelle Salvatierra #17 and Kathy Apgar #6.

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE



Cynie Jackson and Cookie Hales, two golfers ready to attack the course!

By Carol Begley

Now that the turkey and stuffing are only a memory, our thoughts turn to Christmas and Hanukkah, which brings me to my point: don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon on December 12 at 11 a.m. Swingers business will be discussed, the Captain's Trophy winner will be announced and there will be a guest performer you will not want to miss! You can sign up on our website at Womens9holegolf.vgcc.club

This week there were 55 players participating. There was one chip-in by Jane Smith on hole 18. Wow, that was quite a feat! We had two birdies: Suzy Kim on hole 1 and me, Carol Begley on hole 11.

Last of my "new" golf rules or golf "laws": #3—A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent.



IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, it was partly cloudy and cool. Rain threatened, but did not make an appearance. Twelve Ironmen played.

There was a three-way tie for **Third Place** between Dave Hathaway, Bob Pritchard, and Roger Pyle with net 32s; there was also a three-way tie for **Second Place** between Victor Hong, Mike Schwerin, and Bill Travis each with net 30s; and there was a two-way tie for **First Place** between Doug Herring and Jerry Juracich with net 29s.

There was one **Birdie** by Mike Schwerin on hole 3.

Lee Thompson won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 3 at 6 feet, 7 inches.

Mike Schwerin won **Low Gross** with a 31.

For a second consecutive week Mike Schwerin won **Golfer of the Day** honors with a second place finish, a birdie, and low gross. Way to go Mike!

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

Deep Thoughts:

"I expect to make at least seven mistakes a round. Therefore, when I make a bad shot, I don't worry about it. It's just one of those seven." - Walter Hagen, a pioneer in the development of professional golf, and winner of eleven Major Championships

"To play well, you must feel tranquil and at peace. I have never been troubled by nerves in golf because I felt I had nothing to lose and everything to gain." - Harry Vardon, winner of seven Major Championships, including a record six Open Championships (The British Open)





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TENNIS TALK

Art 'Mr. Tennis' turns 96!



The Tennis Club celebrates Art Lind's 96th birthday. Here he is standing just to the left of the net, wearing a black jacket and white baseball cap, surrounded by just a few of his many Tennis Club admirers. Long live Art Lind!

By Adrien Fournier

Pickleball! Hey, that ought to rile a few people up, reading a Tennis Talk article that starts with the "P" word. Of course, most don't feel that way because they're often seen on both courts... and I'm one of them. It can be painful! Here are my takeaways on playing both.

1 - The PB (Pickleball) court is too small. I get claustrophobic. Take a few steps and you're into the fence. I'm currently pursuing mental health therapy to fix this.

2 - The PB balls. Holy Cow, *yellow*?! Didn't the PB powers know the color of tennis balls, or did they just think, "Oh well, it works for them"? Switching from the spacious tennis surface to the cage-like PB court I see tennis balls with holes in them, closer than they actually are, yet further to get to. Think about that a minute!

3 - I took a beginners class a couple of years ago. Nice fella! He points to the area a few feet either side of the net and said, "That's the kitchen." Needless to say, my eyebrow (the left one) raised a fair bit. I asked, "Where's the stove and fridge, or is this some kind of a modern kitchen?" Turns out, on the smallest darn court in the world, they designate a further area of restrictive! I mean, come on! I'm hyperventilating. Multiple therapy sessions lie ahead.

4 - The people are nicer at the Pickleball courts. Oh, I kid. I only play PB with Tennis Players. Well, these were my thoughts when I first started playing PB. I did pursue therapy and after 31 sessions my demons were eradicated. Now, I'm at the envious position where I am working on both my Tennis and PB games and enjoying each muchly, and equally, with people in the know helping me out.

See ya on the...ya know...courts!

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

November has passed and we are quickly approaching the first day of winter. So far, our weather is ideal for golf and enjoying the outdoors here in the Villages. As of deadline, December 3, the weather forecast for our next two outings is outstanding. With noon tee time on the 8th were looking toward a 60-degree afternoon. On the following Friday, December 15, NOAA says we can look forward to 63 degrees. Sounds like a couple of perfect, excuse free days to join your Pinseeker friends on the fairways.

Now, for the last couple of months we have been struggling to fill our play times. The Pro Shop has blocked out 5 foursome slots from 12:06 to 12:42 p.m. That is space for 20 Pinseekers. Last spring we had several Fridays where we were taking waiting list requests for our nine hole mini-tournaments, now we are filling less than half of our allowance. When we have insufficient players to fill our slots, the Pro Shop will move the players who have reserved the later slots (12:33 and 12:44) to earlier slots so that other Villagers may play and the Pinseekers do not create unused tee times. Trust me, your friends miss you and enjoy spending a couple of hours walking and riding on the back or front nine.

To wrap up this chapter of Pinseekers at The Villages, why do we play golf? My opinions, and only my own, are: You meet a lot of different people and have an interesting time on the course with them. It's a sport you can pursue from a young age to your 80s, and beyond. We are constantly challenged and often make mistakes; this leads to a greater enjoyment of the good strikes and good putts. The worst day on the golf course is generally better than your best day at work. Many unique and memorable things can happen on the course, not always good but usually something that stays in your memory and, in time, will bring a smile or chuckle back into your life.

We play every Friday, year 'round except for the scheduled days of the Long Course Women's Championships, the Men's Club Championships, The Evergreen Invitational, and some national holidays that fall on a Friday. Join us. You can get a membership application at the Pro Shop or from President Lee Thompson, or from Jim White, Club Secretary.

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore

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Upcoming events:

It's finally here... The Holiday Tournament is tomorrow! Our holiday wishes from our team to yours... stay warm and dry and play just well enough to come second place.

Holiday Tournament – December 9, 2023. Shamle – Four-Man Teams, Flighted. Coffee/Donuts.

Golf Thoughts:

What is the difference between a bad golfer and a bad skydiver? A bad golfer goes *smack!* "(bleep)", however a bad skydiver goes "(bleep)" *smack!*

Wife: You spend far too much time concentrating on golf! Do you even remember the day we got engaged? **Husband:** Sure I do! It was the same day I shot even par.

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 in January 2024. MGC Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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



Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Holiday Tournament



- When:** Saturday, December 9, 2023
- What:** Shamle 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:** Shamle, 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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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Pro Shop Holiday Sale—From December 6 to 17 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.

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)

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

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Current Professional Tour players on the PGA Tour, LIV Tour and Champions Tour are now using Wilson equipment with great success. US Open champion Gary Woodland, multiple major winners Pdraig Harrington and Bernhard Langer, LIV Tour star Brandon Steele and PGA Tour stars Kevin Kisner and Kevin Streelman are all using Wilson golf clubs and balls with great success.

The Villages Pro Shop is now stocking Wilson Golf products for your enjoyment... come out and try the Wilson Dynapower woods - with AI variable face technology, Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression ball in the World, Wilson Triad golf balls – the #1 3-piece ball on the market, and the Wilson Staff Model four-piece golf ball -quickly gaining traction in the premium 4-piece golf ball marketplace.

Check out this YouTube video review of the Wilson Dynapower Driver: <https://youtu.be/z2xhJQB39jQ?si=YcJ24futzuzOZGaSs>

Tips from the Pro—Get a Grip!

The one fundamental of golf that is the most important is the grip. Your hands are your only connection to the golf club, so the grip therefore is paramount to performance. Although the grip is often overlooked by the golfer, we that teach the game never give a lesson without checking the golfer’s grip first. The key is to be comfortable but also position sound. Not every grip has to be perfect, but we do not want aggressive misconceptions of how the hands are placed.

Here are some grip tips (for a right hander)...

Make sure the club rests in your fingers, not your palms.
 Make sure the left thumb naturally rests to the right of the handle (not down the middle).

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From The Pro...

(Continued from previous column)

Make sure the right thumb rests to the left of the handle. The left thumb should not be visible as it tucks into the right palm.

When you fan your right hand out, your palm should face the target, not the sky.

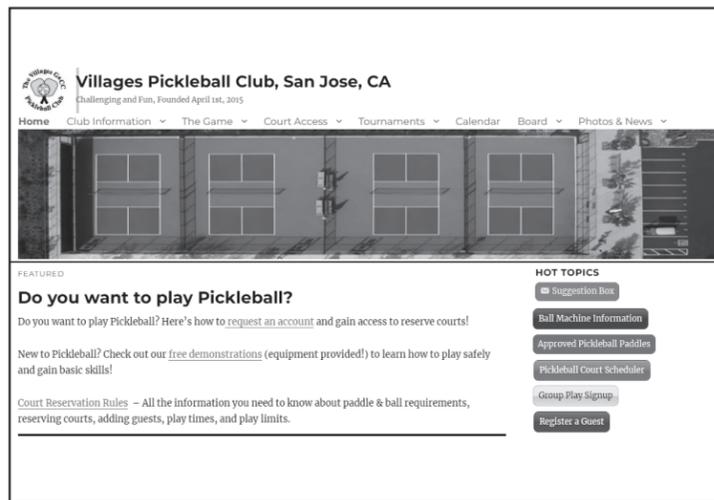
Make sure neither hand is aggressively rotated right or left but rather in a neutral position with your palms opposing. Grip pressure should be secure but not tight as that will inhibit hand and wrist action.

Two More Tips...

If your grip is biased to the right (right hand under, left hand on top)...that is called a “strong” grip and will promote the ball going left.

If your grip is biased to the left (left hand under, right hand on top)...that is called a “weak” grip and will promote the ball going right. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

PICKLEBALL



By Anahid Gregg

More frequently asked questions about Pickleball! The Pickleball club board tries very hard to balance playing time on the courts between different playing styles. We follow the rules the CBOD sets for managing the courts: VGCC Rule 1.23 – Pickleball Play.

There are different playing styles; most commonly people schedule their own doubles play, but some play singles. Additionally, we have “group” play sessions. We’re limited on how many of these group play times per week. Members are allowed unlimited group play sessions, as well as free demos with the incredible Mike Walias (mjw0275@yahoo.com). Non-Member residents may attend a combination of two demos or play sessions, then are required to join the club. Guests may not participate.

Group play sessions are broken into three levels—Novice/Advanced Novice, Intermediate and Intermediate Advanced. The Novice/Advanced Novice groups have a group leader to provide assistance, tips and help forming groups. Players should know the basics before participating; how to keep score and serve. If players take advantage of Mike’s tutelage, he will point them to the correct level. These sessions are a great way to meet people and form your own groups. Want to find out more about this type of play? Visit villagespickleball.vgcc.club/ and click on the “Group Play Signup” button.

From April to November, we have a monthly Dink & Drink, which is a potluck for Members only. Links to all these events are on our website: villagespickleball.org. Our website club calendar has all upcoming activities listed. The Calendar is updated for 2024, and has all the upcoming events listed! Check the “Hot Topics” buttons for all the info!

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Gosh. It's already December 8. Only two more weeks until Christmas and then we'll celebrate New Year's and welcome 2024. Unbelievable. Tuesday, November 28 was our last golf date in November and the Shonis only have two more official golf outings in 2023. Our last golf date is next Tuesday, December 12. It is also our Holiday Luncheon and awards for 2023. A fun, festive event for us all.

Since the 28th was the last Tuesday of November, it was also our monthly birthday game. We had three Shoni birthday golfers who got to drop their worse score and improve their net to get a birthday present in sweeps.

Last Tuesday was also our eagerly awaited Beat The Pro with Tim Flanagan. Tim golfs with each group when they arrive at Hole 9. If you tie or beat his score, well, you've Beat the Pro. We also award Beat The Pro pins if you golf net par or better. So the Shonis who Beat The Pro on Hole 9 were Joyce Baptiste, Sue Park, Jan Trusso, Peggy White and birthday girl, Mary Ann Haggerty. The six Shonis who golfed net Par were birthday girl Marty Blinde, Tahera Khalil, Schinae Ogihara, Jonna Robinson, Judy Rogers and Fran Schumaker. Congratulations to all the Shonis who beat the pro.

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.

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.

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!



SCOREBOARD

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, November 30
5-4-3 Tournament

Flight One:

- Giselle Barber; Sheryl Driskell; Camille Giuliobari; Janelle Salvatierra 130
- Nancy Keane; Janis LeCompte; Judy Owen; Donna Quartaro 137
- Annie Bassford; Monica Sanholtz; Diana Hallock; Helen Varenkamp 138

Flight Two:

- Nancy Miller; Debbie More; Priscilla Piper; Laura Swenson 140
- Margaret Davies-White; Diana Flanigan; Sylvia Rozewicz; Carol Zaccheo 143
- Patti Bell; Emily Li; Kitty Ohtaka; Miyo Shigemoto 144

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, November 29

- | | |
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| Maribeth Berlie | 213 |
| Sandy Gardiner | 236 |
| Shirley Bellavance | 252 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz | 304 |

Friday, December 1

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Beverly Wharton | 164 |
| Audrey Osuna | 235 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz | 246 |
| Eva Medeiros | 306 |

SHONIS

Tuesday, November 28

All Nets

Flight One:

- | | |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Marty Blinde | 20 |
| 2. Joyce Baptiste | 22 |

Flight Two:

- | | |
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| 1. Tied - Jonna Robinson and Tahera Khalil | 25 |
| 2. Peggy White | 26 |
| 3. Karen Rooney | 28 |

Flight Three:

- | | |
|---|----|
| 1. Fran Schumaker | 22 |
| 2. Tied - Schinae Ogihara and Judy Rogers | 25 |
| 2. MaryAnn Haggerty | 28 |

BRIDGE

Monday, November 27:

- Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho
- Joe Henry - Lorrie Scott
- Tied: Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami; Louann Partridge - Guest

Wednesday, November 29:

- Barbara Waldman - Mel Waldman
- Jonna Robinson - Lorrie Scott
- Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Friday, December 1:

- Tied: Lorrie Scott - George Welch; Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, **12/11-12/15**.

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**.

Turf aeration process in progress throughout the district.

Turf fertilizer application in progress throughout the district.

Fairways

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

Glen Arden

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7698-7752, 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, **1/22-1/26**.

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 **12/11**.

Heights

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, **1/15-1/19**.

8501—Sewer lateral repairs scheduled to start **12/11**.

Hermosa

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, **1/15-1/19**.

8372—Deck repairs in planning.

Highland

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

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 **12/11**.

Montgomery

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, **1/8-1/12**.

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

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

Olivas

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

Turf Aeration process 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**.

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 12/11. Gutter cleaning throughout the district, scheduled to start 12/11.

Verano

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

Association

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

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

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

Annual Turf Aeration process in progress throughout all the districts.

Turf fertilizer application in progress throughout the districts.

Club Centers

Clubhouse, Tennis Courts and Driving Range—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

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.

Clubhouse—Storage shed installation, 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.

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 to be cleaned April 6 to April 13.

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@thevillages.com

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

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES *Proposed Changes to APr 103...*

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it is important enough that the Board have full knowledge and understanding prior to formal discussion.

The agenda functions as a tool to move along discussion of the issues and actions. The meeting agenda will contain the following:

Time and Place

Time, date and location of the meeting.

Call to Order

The President or other presiding officer (Chair) will call the meeting to order. Once called to order, the meeting will be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure. Robert's Rules of Order will be used as a parliamentary guide.

Roll Call

Director's names are called to verify attendance and the presence of a quorum as defined in The Villages Association Amended Bylaws, Article 7.11.

President's Report

The President may provide a summary report of Board activities, including any special, Executive Session, or emergency meetings held since the last regular monthly meeting. The President may also use the report as an opportunity to inform the Directors and audience about matters of special interest to the community.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer will provide a summary report of the Corporation's general financial performance and status for the period since the last report and year-to-date. The report may be supplemented by management reports of specific financial and business activities. The Board may discuss the report and then will vote on accepting the report. The Board will also review the Treasurer's recommendation to ratify the monthly review of accounts and vote on ratification.

Accept Treasurer's Report

Ratify Monthly Review of Accounts

General Manager's Report

The General Manager will provide a summary report of management activities during the period since the last report and other matters of interest to the Board and membership.

Committee Reports

Committee Chairmen or their designees will provide summary reports of their activities as requested by the Chair.

Open Communication

An opportunity will be provided for audience members to address the Board on any Association-related matter. The time allotted to each speaker will be determined by the Chair. The Chair has sole discretion to permit response to questions and opinions.

Consent Agenda

Items such as prior meeting minutes and committee reports will be submitted for Board consent approval; for example, "Consent to approve minutes and committee reports as submitted." A consent agenda alleviates the need for a verbal report on routine administrative items. The Board may remove an item from the consent agenda for purposes of separate discussion or action. However, the Chair will not normally invite audience comment on the item.

Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business is the consideration of those items purposely deferred by the Board from one meeting to another. Reports to the Board will include prior agenda submittals and any pertinent information received since the Board's last consideration. At the Chair's discretion, time will be allotted for comment from the audience on each agenda item considered by the Board. The Chair has sole discretion to permit Director response to questions or opinions presented by the audience. However, the Chair will not normally invite audience comment on the item.

The names of makers of motions and seconders shall be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The motion shall be read immediately prior to the Board vote.

New Business

New Business is the consideration of those items presented for the first time. Each listed item will include a description to clarify the action or motion sought. The names of makers of motions and seconders shall be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The motion shall be read immediately prior to the Board vote.

Action Items

Agenda Items are to be considered for action at this board meeting.

Discussion Items (no action to be taken)

Discussion Items are listed for the Board to discuss, receive information, or plan possible action at a future board meeting.

~~It shall be the practice of the Board to delay decision on New Business items until at least the next regular monthly meeting to allow opportunity for Director study and member comment. Exception to the practice may be made at the discretion of the Board for contracts, committee appointments, and other matters where~~

~~timeliness is a factor.~~

~~The Chair may allow Director discussion and questioning of the presenter upon first presentation of a New Business item. However, the Chair will not normally invite audience comment on the item.~~

Announcements

Notice of scheduled Board meetings and other events of note.

Adjournment

Executive Session

If needed.

Study Sessions

Study sessions will be called as needed.

A study session may be called by the President of the Association Board (Board) to discuss items of interest to the Board, Management or Members. In addition, two Board Members or the General Manager may request that the President call a study session. Upon that request, the President must call a study session within 14 days.

Except in the case of an emergency meeting or Executive Session meeting, notice of the time and place of a Board meeting including agenda items shall be posted at Cribari Center and via Fast Lane at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting and may also be posted on community television, and published in *The Villager*.

The purpose of the study session is to allow a topic to be studied by the Board in open session, prior to a formal decision being made at the monthly board meeting. Formal Board decisions will not normally be made at the study session, unless timing is such that a decision must be made. Rather, agenda items the Board deems appropriate will be brought back to the formal board meeting for consideration.

The President of the Board at his/her discretion shall conduct the meeting, dispensing with the normal formalities of the board meeting following the order of the agenda, which was published four days in advance of the study session. The President at his/her discretion may limit resident participation during the discussion of agenda items.

An opportunity will be provided for audience members to address the Board on any Association-related matter. The time allotted to each speaker will be determined by the Chair. The Chair has sole discretion to permit response to questions and opinions.

Executive Sessions

The Board may only hold an Executive Session only to consider the following:

- Litigation
- Contracts Formation
- Member discipline (in which case the subject member may attend)
- Personnel Matters
- To meet with a member, at the member's request to discuss delinquent assessments
- To decide whether to foreclose an assessment lien

Except in the case of an emergency, an Executive Session meeting notice including agenda items shall be posted at Cribari Center, and via Fast Lane at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting and may also be posted on community television, and published in *The Villager*.

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For those who don't have computers, advanced phones or may be technologically challenged, PG&E customer service suggests calling the Customer Service number at 1-800-743-5000 to update your contact information so you can receive critical information when necessary. PG&E requests the following updates: Your primary home/landline number, your cell phone number, your email address and secondary contact information such as friends or family members who can receive alerts in the event contact cannot be made.

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Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse

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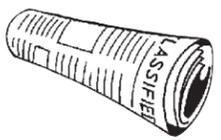
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For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com, or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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The Clubhouse



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Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



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Early Bird Dinner

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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
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NOVEMBER SALES REPORT FOR ALL HOMES IN THE VILLAGES 2023 — SUZANNE RODDA

Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	Sale \$	\$/Per. SqFt	Close Date
Active	8441 Sauvignon Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$990,000	24		\$630.17	
Active	7781 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$988,000	13		\$547.67	
Active	8804 Grape Wagon Circle	1,675	2	2 1	\$975,000	4		\$582.09	
Active	8099 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$938,000	62		\$520.24	
Active	7690 Galloway Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$879,900	59		\$583.10	
Active	7783 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$865,000	14		\$479.49	
Active	8519 Montgomery Lane	1,803	2	2 0	\$845,000	44		\$468.66	
Active	6301 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$765,000	CS		\$570.90	
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$765,000	7		\$486.95	
Active	7720 Kilmarnok Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$759,990	70		\$510.06	
Active	7712 GALLOWAY Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$710,000	85		\$476.51	
Active	8463 Traminer Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$700,000	144		\$425.27	
Active	8371 Riesling Way	1,370	2	2 0	\$698,888	66		\$510.14	
Active	8451 Traminer Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$599,900	213		\$381.86	
Active	5141 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$599,000	13		\$483.06	
Active	5364 Cribari Crst	1,223	2	2 0	\$515,000	24		\$421.10	
Active	5322 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$500,000	90		\$408.83	
Active	5556 Cribari Circle	947	1	1 0	\$499,000	57		\$526.93	
Active	5505 Cribari Bend	1,240	2	2 0	\$495,000	84		\$399.19	
Active	5151 Cribari Place	947	1	1 0	\$479,000	18		\$505.81	
Active	5337 Cribari Glen	947	1	1 0	\$459,950	65		\$485.69	
Contingent	8822 Wine Valley Circle	2,096	2	2 0	\$1,330,000	25		\$634.54	12/11/2023
Contingent	7351 Via Laguna	1,568	2	2 0	\$998,000	75		\$636.48	12/8/2023
Contingent	6058 Montgomery Bend	1,520	2	2 0	\$799,999	18		\$526.32	12/21/2023
Contingent	5230 Cribari Lane	1,223	2	2 0	\$589,000	21		\$481.60	12/12/2023
Contingent	5051 Cribari Vale	1,240	2	2 0	\$498,000	75		\$401.61	12/29/2023
Pending	6148 Montgomery Place	1,520	2	2 0	\$825,000	3		\$542.76	12/20/2023
Pending	8452 Traminer Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$650,000	91		\$413.75	1/5/2024
Pending	6338 Whaley Drive	1,102	2	2 0	\$649,950	44		\$589.79	12/1/2023
Pending	5085 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$493,000	73		\$403.11	12/22/2023
Pending	5494 Cribari Bend	1,223	2	2 0	\$490,000	61		\$400.65	12/14/2023
Pending	5060 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$465,000	121		\$380.21	12/12/2023
Sold	5258 Cribari Heights	947	2	1 0	\$499,000	27	\$495,000	\$522.70	11/7/2023
Sold	5406 Cribari Court	1,223	2	2 0	\$545,000	40	\$545,000	\$445.63	11/3/2023
Sold	5067 Cribari Bluffs	1,240	2	2 0	\$599,950	18	\$599,999	\$483.87	11/6/2023
Sold	6359 Whaley Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$660,000	33	\$650,000	\$543.02	11/6/2023
Sold	7542 Portree Drive	1,572	3	2 0	\$775,000	87	\$745,000	\$473.92	11/6/2023
Sold	6309 Blauer Lane	1,516	2	2 0	\$765,000	67	\$746,500	\$492.41	11/9/2023
Sold	8613 Vineyard Ridge Place	1,582	3	2 0	\$899,000	9	\$918,000	\$580.28	11/20/2023
Sold	3332 Lake Albano Circle	1,457	2	2 0	\$938,000	15	\$950,000	\$652.02	11/29/2023

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	21 ↓ from 26	1,439	\$715,554	58 ↑		495.42 ↓
Cont/Pend	11 ↓ from 13	1,410	\$707,995	55 ↑		\$491.89 ↓
Sold	8 ↓ from 11	1,342	\$710,119	37 ↓	\$706,187	\$524.23 ↓

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