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Festive lights shine on Montgomery Lake



Montgomery residents and staff gathered for the lighting of the Montgomery Lake holiday lights on Sunday, December 3. Now Montgomery residents and others will get a holiday boost when they pass by the lovely display reflecting off the lake. Photo by Jack McCarthy

Welcome Christmas with 'The Winter Rose' concert

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 Ny-moen 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.

Results of the Vote of The Villages Association Members/Owners to Approve Third Amendment to Amend and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and Power of Attorney of The Villages Association

Number of Ballots issued for voting	2,309
Number of Ballots returned	1,409
Number of invalid Ballots	0

Votes FOR	1,227
Votes AGAINST	182

The Amendment Passes

Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of October 2023

Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of October 2023

Total Cash					
Operating Cash	\$ 3,028,062				
Capital Replacement	\$11,923,580				
Operations Total Revenue				Operating Surplus/(Club Operations)	
	MTD	YTD		MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,305,662	\$5,323,719	Net Surplus	\$ -99,398	\$ -138,053
Total Assessments	\$ 778,298	\$3,113,194	Budgeted Surplus	\$ -61,079	\$ -205,329
Total Other Revenue	\$ 527,364	\$2,210,525	Variance to Budget	\$ -38,319	\$ 67,276
Operating Total Expense					
	MTD	YTD			
Total Operating Expense	\$1,405,060	\$5,461,772			
Total Payroll & Benefits	\$ 803,500	\$3,262,065			
Total Operating Expense	\$ 601,560	\$2,199,707			

- **Revenue (Less Assessments):** Had a \$15,000 favorable to the budget of \$512,000.
 - Golf Operations: Pro Shop Merchandise sales \$1,000 favorable, Golf Cart Rentals \$600 favorable, Golf Lessons, \$ -1,000 unfavorable, Greens Fees \$ -2,800 unfavorable.
 - Community Activities: Activities Income unfavorable \$ -10,500. Lessons & Classes unfavorable \$1,300.
 - Guest Rooms \$2,400 favorable.
 - Restaurant: Food \$17,700 favorable. Bar \$8,800 favorable.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

4 Pulse letters received for this week.

0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.

4 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.

At the Club Board of Directors (CBOD) November Study Session Meeting the future of *The Villager* was discussed. In the process of preparing and approving FY25's budget the Board will decide on possible changes to publication of our community newspaper. I believe the Club Board should hear from members/residents on what changes should be made. Should *The Villager* be published every other week and online, online only, or make no changes?

At the November meeting staff informed the CBOD that *The Villager's* printing vendor was going out of business and presented information that in FY23 *The Villager's* total revenue less assessments equaled \$250K. The same year, expenses totaled \$532K, resulting in a loss of \$293K. Member assessments of ~\$10/month would be needed to pay for the loss.

Staff's recommendation was to print *The Villager* the first and third week of every month.

Please let the Board know what you think should be approved by writing Pulse letters/transmitting emails to the Club Board Directors and our General Manager.

—Howie Blumstein

I heard, with dismay, that *The Villager* newspaper may be on the chopping block. I know publishing the newspaper involves cost, however, the benefits of having a shared newspaper should be considered seriously before any changes are considered.

The newspaper is an amenity that the community needs. It tells us what's happening, it gives us special information about events and what others are doing. It is a shared experience that bonds the people living in The Villages. I personally look forward to it every Friday.

—Judy Rogers

The Grinch has arrived early in Village Cribari! On November 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. the wonderful Cribari Decorations Team installed our Thanksgiving decorations. That same day at 8:30 p.m. I took the nighttime photos as usual. Mr. Grinch's heart must have been the size of a pea! Four sets of orange lights (value \$56.84) and two 8-ft. extension cords (value \$14.50) were stolen. These lights were attached to the trees located behind the monument sign. In a span of 5.5 hours, he was quick and I doubt that Max, the dog, assisted. A disappointment for Village Cribari for the volunteer time and resident donations that paid for the stolen items. If you see something going on in the area that seems a bit off, please call Public Safety.

—Janelle Marines

The Cribari Decoration Committee does a beautiful job of decorating and have received many compliments, donations and thank-yous from residents. But they have also had some unexpected challenges that need to stop.

Someone has stolen four strings of lights and two extension cords off of a decorated tree by the Cribari monument. (Value \$70!) And they've had some items damaged. It's shameful.

This team works so hard to make our village festive and enjoyable, this has to be very disheartening for them.

If anyone sees something questionable happening, please call security.

And to the team of volunteers, thank you and please continue decorating!

—Deb Gordon

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Berdin Andersen

November 3, 1953—October 27, 2023

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

William S. Santos

July 22, 1941—December 7, 2023

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.

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 Yannacone 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.

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President's Message— December 12, 2023

First, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. At a time where so much of the world is in turmoil and strife, we are all so fortunate to live in safety, comfort and peace. I really appreciated what the *Time* magazine editor said about their choice for 2023 Person of the World, Taylor Swift. He said that while everyone acknowledges the difficulties many in the world are facing, they chose this young music icon because she represents JOY. May all of you experience joy, in both large and small ways, during this magical time of the year.



Great news on many issues. First, the three Boards and senior staff spent all day last Tuesday discussing the process for creating a new Villages Master Plan for the next five years and beyond. That process will include seeking resident input, creating a draft plan, additional rounds of resident input, and of course, budget reviews. Why the need for a Master Plan? To preserve our home values and to provide the active, energizing Villages lifestyle we have all come to enjoy. My thanks to Theresa and all who participated. It was an excellent example of the collaborative nature of the three Boards and senior staff, working together for the benefit of all Villages residents, programs and facilities.

Another bit of good news comes from Valle Vista. You may have heard that the Carol Rice reports encouraged us to replace the plugs in our attic vents with a finer mesh to prevent flying embers from entering our attics. First estimates were over \$150,000 for Valle Vista alone. A Valle Vista resident found a source for the plugs at a greatly reduced price and our facilities department will include replacing the vent plugs as part of our routine maintenance work, saving all of us thousands of dollars. Well done, Valle Vista, Ryan Bell and our maintenance team.

The FLAME (Fire, Landscaping, Materials & Environment) committee met for the first time last Friday. Representatives from all three Boards met with staff and residents to review the 12 village-specific Carol Rice fire safety reports and to begin a list of recommendations to be submitted to the ABOD, CBOD and HBOD.

More news from the top of the hill—pigs! Yes, wild pigs have breached our fences and caused extensive damage to lawns and landscaping. The good news? Rather than just automatically repairing the damage, the ABOD will take this opportunity to do the turf conversion in the damaged areas as well as address fire

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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
MANAGEMENT and
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages
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Club President's Message—December 12, 2023

Hello, Villagers! The leaves are falling, the weather is cool, it's a beautiful fall season. I hope you have taken the opportunity to spend some restorative and invigorating time outside, enjoying the natural beauty of The Villages property. There's nothing better than a magnificently cool and crisp fall day to fuel the anticipation of the upcoming holiday season. I know that each of you look forward to spending meaningful time with friends and family during this time of year. I wish you a time of peace and reflection as we near the end of 2023!

Over the past few weeks, the Club Board has received questions about what's going on in the General Manager's office, specifically related to the recent hiring of additional Assistant General Manager roles. True, our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander, has hired new team members, she has reorganized the existing staff, and has promoted folks in the organization. Theresa, herself, has spoken about the hiring and changes she's made to the organization during recent General Manager reports at Club Board monthly meetings. So, what's the story on this, why hire new staff and make organizational changes?

This all started with preparations by the Club Board before Theresa was hired. In anticipation of a new General Manager coming on board, the Club Board documented several pages of suggestions and direction for the incoming General Manager. Near the top of that multi-page list was a request to evaluate the existing organization and make any changes or additions needed to take The Villages management team to the next level, to be able to meet the people, process, and technology needs of The Villages for the 21st Century. Theresa embraced this directive and employed a small HR consulting firm who performed evaluations of the existing management team, and then consulted with Theresa on a new organizational structure that would be better positioned to meet 21st Century needs. This process occurred over several months, and in June 2023, Theresa presented her organizational recommendations to the Club Board. The Club Board approved the new organization design and hiring plan. On July 1, the General Manager began the process to hire and reorganize as reviewed and approved by the Club Board in June 2023.

Since July 1, Theresa Ostrander has been successful in bringing onboard three new employees—an Assistant General Manager and Interim Head of Finance—Blake Kennedy; an Assistant General Manager for Communications & Public Safety—Elizabeth Park; and an Assistant General Manager for Golf & Recreation—Clay Curtin. These three new AGM roles join the existing Senior Assistant General Manager and Chief of Staff—a promotion for Julia Meadows, and newly named Assistant General Manager for Public Works—a promotion for Ryan Bell. With this new constellation of executive leadership reporting to Theresa, all other employees and Directors have been reorganized to report into one of these five AGM positions. This new organization structure provides several benefits to all Villages employees. For the first time in decades, there now exists the ability to do succession planning, as each AGM suborganization has a structure for employees to move up and around in, to cross-train, and learn new job skills.

Along with the questions about the recent hiring and reorganization activities, the Club Board also tasked Theresa with decreasing operating expenses as she performed this hiring and organizational work. Theresa has successfully held to this commitment by taking additional actions to affect several significant back-office cost reduction activities, which benefit all Villagers both this fiscal year and going forward into the FY25 budget planning process.

Theresa and her new team are planning a communications roll-out across The Villages to expand on these organizational changes, starting this month. One of the more personal aspects of this roll-out will be in-person "fireside chats" between Theresa and her new Assistant General Managers. You'll have the opportunity to listen to and meet each of the new executive leadership team, to learn firsthand how the organization and delivery of services to The Villages will begin to evolve, and to ask your questions of Theresa and her team members. Stay tuned for the announcements for the "fireside chats" and other information in *The Villager* newspaper, the FastLane email messages, at Board meetings, at Town Hall meetings, at DAC meetings, and much more.

The Club Board wishes Theresa and her new executive team the best of fortune as they tackle the second half of FY24 and drive us through the budgeting process for FY25. And, finally, I wish each of you a very Happy Holidays!

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **December 20**. 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

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

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

MANAGEMENT

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Dear Villagers,

As we approach the end of the year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have undertaken together in 2023. It has been a year of change, growth, and adaptation.

In the past 12 months, The Villages has faced challenges head-on and celebrated numerous successes. The dedication of The Villages staff to rise above and the commitment of our Boards of Directors to our overall mission have been nothing short of inspiring. We've achieved significant milestones, implemented innovative strategies, and overcome obstacles as a united and resilient community.

To better align with our evolving goals and aspirations, we initiated a strategic organizational restructuring. This strategy allows us to streamline our operations, enhance efficiency, and position ourselves for gradual improved experiences with Villagers. We've just begun to embrace additional technology, investing in a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will provide real-time financials, and we have begun to think strategically in 1-, 3-, 5- and 7-year increments. We learned who we are not through the audit process and areas we will focus on improving to bring about financial transparency. Change is never easy, but we are decidedly driving projects in landscape, fire safety, innovative technology, and most importantly, are tackling ways to communicate often, openly, and with grace.

In the spirit of progress, we have welcomed new faces and bid farewell to familiar ones. Each transition represents an opportunity for fresh perspectives and renewed energy. I'm confident that these changes will contribute to our collective growth and success in the coming years. We will continue to create opportunities for all three Boards to work together, tackling the most complex issues we face here in The Villages—whether it be the rising cost of insurance or safeguarding The Villages as a safe place to work, live and play.

As we turn the page to a new calendar year, I am filled with hope and optimism for what lies ahead. The challenges we face are opportunities for growth, and I am confident that, together, we can overcome anything that comes our way. The coming year holds the promise of exciting endeavors, collaborative projects, and continued success for The Villages team, the Boards, and Villagers we serve.

When I was 4 or 5 years old, I would tag along with my grandmother when she would head out to take care of the morning chores. Feeding the animals on the ranch, she would often direct me to pick this up, haul that over, move this there, dump that there. I would push, pull, shove my way to exhaustion when I would finally wave the white flag and say, "I can't." She always turned to me swiftly and sternly, grabbed me up by my shoulders, and face-to-face and eye-to-eye say, "You can do anything. You just need to decide how to do it and then get it done." These words remind us that our potential is limitless when we approach challenges with determination, collaboration, and a positive mindset.

As we close this chapter and embark on a new year, let's carry these words with us and continue to inspire one another. I am immensely grateful for the privilege of leading such an exceptional community of people here in The Villages, and I look forward to the many achievements that await us in the year ahead.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

With gratitude,
Theresa

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.

BOUQUET

A great big Bouquet of Thanks to The Villages Inspectors of Election, Kathy Weatherford, Janelle Marines and Anahid Gregg, for their work and service with The Villages elections, especially most recently with The Villages Association CC&Rs amendment vote, a six-month vote, and with 1,409 members sending in ballots (one of the largest returns to date). Special thanks to the ballot tellers, Delma Juarez, Sabrina Malcolmson, Nancy Donnelly, and Mary Stradner, who assisted in this vote count. Also, special thanks to the Association DACs and Villagers who helped with encouraging members to vote.

—Julia Meadows, Senior Assistant General Manager/Chief of Staff

ABOD President's Message...

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safety issues in the plant choices, locations and density. The pigs have accelerated our timeline a bit but that is the benefit of advance planning—we were ready with a better option because we had already identified the best direction to take for the future.

All DACs have received preliminary budgets for 2024/25 as well as an outline of what items are already provided through routine maintenance. This is an opportunity for residents to request changes, deletions or additions to those items that are of particular interest to their specific villages. Meetings with individual DACs will begin in January.

All ABOD members hear residents' requests for "more transparency, more information, more communication." By realigning some of the senior staff positions, Theresa was able to hire an amazing new communications director, Elizabeth Park. I knew Elizabeth personally about 15 years ago when I was the school principal of her children in the Loma Prieta School District in the Santa Cruz mountains. Imagine my surprise when Theresa introduced her to me! What does this mean to you? We have already seen more frequent and more relevant information in *The Villager*, in FastLane and in Board communications but even the best information falls on deaf ears if Villagers don't take the time to receive and read it! Please make sure your DAC has your email address, that you have signed up for FastLane notifications, and that you take a few minutes to read *The Villager* each week. Welcome, Elizabeth!

Our next ABOD meeting will be **Tuesday, January 30**. In the meantime, have the happiest of holidays and a wonderful New Year!

—Diana Hallock, Villages Association President

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**,
and **COMMUNITY NOTICES**
on pages 5, 6, 26, 27 & 28

Questions for the Club Board?

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



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

'Ask the ABOD'

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



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Operating Financial Commentary...

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- **Expenses:** \$ -63,700 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,405,000
 - Employee Expenses \$ -641 unfavorable.
 - Utilities \$9,000 favorable. Electricity \$ -6,000 unfavorable, Water \$15,400 favorable, Telephone \$ -2,000 unfavorable.
 - Landscaping Expenses \$36,000 favorable. Planting, Sand and Miscellaneous Supplies \$30,000 favorable. Tree Trimming \$7,000 favorable.
 - Operating Expenses: Service Expenses \$ -38,000 unfavorable. Printing Expenses \$ -16,600 unfavorable. Data Processing and Server Expenses \$ -16,600 unfavorable, Credit Card Processing Fees \$ -4,400 unfavorable, Legal Fees \$ -10,000 unfavorable, Professional Fees \$ -22,000 unfavorable.

No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance for October 2023 was \$67,000. (See table below.)

Departmental Statement of Activities

MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ (52,960)	\$ (3,618)	\$ (49,342)	Administrative and General	\$ (88,994)	\$ 20,106	\$ (109,100)
\$ 1,061	\$ 1,725	\$ (664)	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 5,227	\$ 4,753	\$ 474
\$ 4,465	\$ (4,031)	\$ 8,496	Public Safety	\$ 17,347	\$ (13,901)	\$ 31,248
\$ (58,984)	\$ (73,178)	\$ 14,194	Golf Course	\$ (108,722)	\$ (164,429)	\$ 55,707
\$ (1,030)	\$ (1,778)	\$ 748	Pro Shop Operations & Building	\$ 27,826	\$ 9,471	\$ 18,355
\$ 1,497	\$ 730	\$ 767	Clubhouse & Restaurants	\$ 31,048	\$ 7,709	\$ 23,339
\$ 10,047	\$ 30,924	\$ (20,877)	Comm. Activities, Club Maint, Guest Room	\$ 20,806	\$ 7,783	\$ 13,023
\$ (897)	\$ (6,951)	\$ 6,054	Community Centers & Other Properties	\$ (25,121)	\$ (50,227)	\$ 25,106
\$ 1,623	\$ 33	\$ 1,590	Cable TV	\$ 6,451	\$ 180	\$ 6,271
\$ (4,220)	\$ (4,935)	\$ 715	Solar Array	\$ (23,920)	\$ (26,774)	\$ 2,854
\$ (99,398)	\$ (61,079)	\$ (38,319)	Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations	\$ (138,052)	\$ (205,329)	\$ 67,277

Association Operating Statement Review

For the month of October 2023

Total Cash

Association Operating Cash	\$ 886,173
Association Reserves	\$15,164,124

Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$1,131,168	\$4,523,645
Total Assessments	\$1,125,309	\$4,501,237
Total Other Revenue	\$ 5,859	\$ 22,408

Operating Surplus/Assoc. Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus	\$ -19,939	\$ -254,660
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -30,436	\$ -374,986
Variance to Budget	\$ 10,497	\$ 120,326

Operating Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$1,151,107	\$4,778,305
Total Operating Expense	\$1,006,304	\$4,187,307
Total Inter-Co. Transfers	\$ 144,803	\$ 590,998

- **Revenue:** Was \$ -257 unfavorable to the budget of \$1,131,000.

No major concerns to report at this time YTD we are unfavorable \$ -1.

- **Expenses:** For the month were \$10,000 favorable to the budget of \$1,161,000.

Favorable variances in utilities expense due to water expense \$53,000 offset by small unfavorable in electrical expenses \$ -9,000.

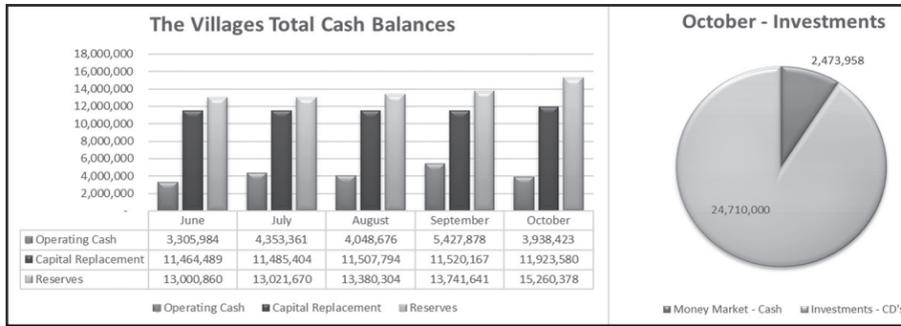
Insurance expenses continue to be unfavorable to the budget as reported last month at \$ -44,000.

Ongoing notable **unfavorable** to budget expense categories for the month were the following:

- Insurance Expenses, \$ -44,000 (13.36%) unfavorable to budget (actual \$373,000 vs. budget of \$329,000) due to impact of 2023 property insurance renewal effective May 30, 2023.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance for the month of October 2023 was \$120,000. This favorable variance is contributed to the favorable water expense of \$308,000. (Water Bills are received every two months, the first month is accrued to budget and tried up in the following month when the invoice is received.)

No other major variances to report at this time.



Association Board Voting Record for December 12, 2023

Association Voting Record for December 12, 2023											
		Board Members*								Comments	Costs
		DH	MS	PR	JW	DC	JE	SG			
1	Report from Inspectors of Elections on CC&Rs Third Amendment Vote Ballot Count	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board accepted the vote count of the CC&Rs Third Amendment Vote as read and presented by Inspectors of Elections. "FOR" votes= 1,227; "AGAINST" votes =182. The vote passed.	\$0
2	Report from Inspectors of Elections on Exclusionary Encroachment into Common Area Request from the Owner at 7310 Via Piedra Vote Ballot Count	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board accepted the vote count of the Exclusionary Encroachment Request submitted by the Owner of 7310 Via Piedra as read and presented by Inspectors of Elections. "FOR" votes= 35; "AGAINST" votes =2. The vote did not pass as it did not receive the 36 approvals, or "FOR", votes needed.	\$0
3	Member Comment on Proposed New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board provisionally approved the revised changes to proposed Association Architectural Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area to publish same in The Villager newspaper for the required 30-day member comment period. The purpose of the rule is to provide a process for the request of Area Projects that do not fall under existing Association Architectural rules which are to be constructed or installed on Association Common Areas and are not in conflict with Association Rules.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration of Turf Conversion Strategy Report	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved with modified changes the Turf Conversion Strategy Report to be presented to the water agencies for review and support of the turf transition timeline.	\$0
5	Review of FY2024/2025 Budget Development Schedule	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	General Manager Theresa Ostrander gave a verbal report explaining the new version of the FY2024-2025 budget timeline. Assistant General Manager - Public Works Ryan Bell gave a verbal report on the reserves part of the FY2024-2025 budget timeline.	\$0
6	District Advisory Committee (DAC) Appointments	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the appointments of Sandy Tate as a voting member to the Glen Arden DAC and Charles Williams as a voting member to the Sonata DAC.	\$0
7	Approve Resolution to Record Lien: 665-11-XXX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the recording of a lien on APN #665-11-XXX, for unpaid assessments totaling \$5,482.78.	\$0
8	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2023 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$333,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$2,335,000 used to help pay the 2023 property insurance premium renewal in June 2023 with balance of \$2,002,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2024.	\$333,000
9	Approval Consideration on Valle Vista Landscape Plan to Address Turf Reduction and Wild Boar Damage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved an adjustment to the Villages Turf Reduction timeline to allow staff to work with the Valle Vista DAC to address the damage done by wild board, identifying the damaged areas as the first to be address by the turf reduction team.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting											\$333,000

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

* DH = Diana Hallock | MS = Michael Schwerin | PR = Patricia Reardon | JW = Julie Wash | DC = David Cook | JE = John Epperheimer | SG = Stephen Gilbert

Homeowners' Operating Statement Review

For the month of October 2023

Non-Estates Operating

Total Cash

Non-Estates Operating Cash \$6,012

No major changes to report in the cash position of the HOA Non-Estates.

Non-Estates Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$4,686	\$18,745

Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Non-Estates Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 332	\$1,329
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -121	\$ -484
Variance to Budget	\$ 453	\$1,813

Non-Estates Operating Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$4,354	\$17,416

Favorable variance in expenses associated to Legal Expenses. No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of October 2023 was \$1,800.

Estates Operating

Total Cash

Estates Operating Cash	\$18,176
Estates Reserves	\$96,254

Estates Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD
Total Revenue	\$16,814	\$67,254

Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Estates Operating

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -4	\$ -4,818
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -1,703	\$ -15,960
Variance to Budget	\$ 1,699	\$ 11,142

Estates Operating Expense

	MTD	YTD
Total Operating Expense	\$16,818	\$72,072

No other major variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of October 2023 was \$11,000.

Club Board Voting Record for December 12, 2023

December 12, 2023 Monthly Meeting

	AGENDA ITEMS	Board Members*								COMMENTS	Costs
		LL	JO	BK	RZ	LK	LV	AA			
1	Discuss Fitness Center Committee's Recommendation - Guests	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		The Fitness Center Advisory Committee's recommendation on guests at the Fitness Center was discussed.	\$0
2	Discuss Villages Golf Committee's Recommendations - Watering System at Hole 8 and Golf Cart Path Repair Project Status Update	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		Secretary Bob Krattli and AGM/Public Works Ryan Bell provided updates on the watering for Hole #8 on the golf course and golf cart paths repair project status.	\$0
3	Review of Budget Timeline	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		General Manager Theresa Ostrander and Interim Head of Finance Blake Kennedy presented the budget timeline and calendar for the FY24/25 Budget.	\$0
4	Annual Committee Appointments - Golf	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the appointment of Debbie Moore, Dave Gonzales, and Dave Dimmick to term of one-year as voting members to the Villages Golf Committee and approved that Mike Poellot stay on as a non-voting member as he fulfills his contract with The Villages on the Bunker project.	\$0
5	Annual Committee Appointments - Communications Advisory Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the reappointment of Barbara Clurman as voting member and Morton Cordell and Ginny Spencer as associate members to the Communications Advisory Committee.	\$0
6	Annual Committee Appointments - Swimming Pools Advisory Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the appointment of Anne Davenport, Val Loebig and Helen Ware as voting members to the Swimming Pools Advisory Committee.	\$0
7	Appoint Executive Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the appointment of Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, and Richard Zahner to the Executive Committee.the Emergency Preparedness Committee.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting											\$0

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* LL = Leslie Lambert | JO = Judy Owen | BK = Bob Krattli | RZ = Richard Zahner | LK = Liz Kung | LV = Larry Versaw | AA = Andy Altman

Homeowners' Corporation Board Voting Record for December 7, 2023

Homeowners' Corporation December 7, 2023 Quarterly Meeting Voting Record

	Agenda Items	TM	RK	MC	BF	GS	Comments	Costs	
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2	Appoint Executive Committee	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	The Board approved the appointment of Teddy Morse, Rob Kirschbaum, and Brooks Fuller to the Executive Committee.	\$0	
3	Quarterly Review of Accounts per Villages Homeowners' Bylaws Section 9.2.5	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify acceptance of the quarterly review of accounts as presented.	\$0	
5	Annual Budget Cycle and Working Budget Timeline	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	N/A	General Manager Theresa Ostrander presented and reviewed the new version of the FY24/25 budget timeline.	\$0	
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting									\$0

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*TM = Teddy Morse | RK = Rob Kirschbaum | BF = Brooks Fuller | MC = Morton Cordell | GS = Glen Seidel

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.

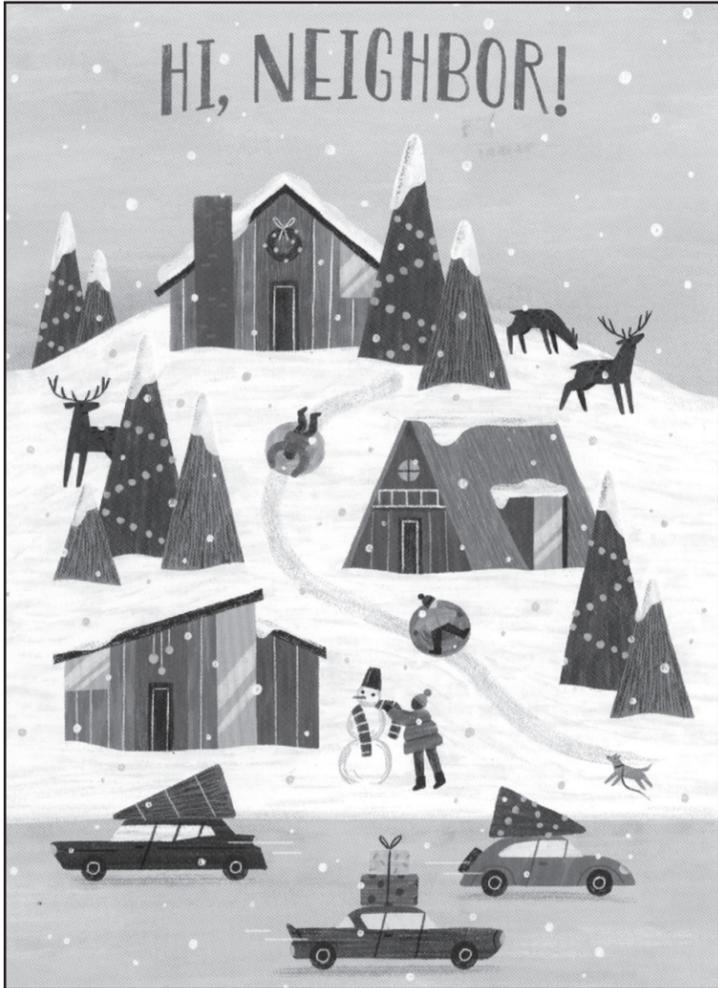
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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.**

Enter Holiday Card Message Guessing 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 an image of the cover, which can be viewed at the following link <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/card>. 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 during the contest period. 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 please review the Official Rules are available at the same link or in Building B.

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

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

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

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

Register in Building B during business hours beginning 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.



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 \$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.

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.

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.

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.

Just around the corner!



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 12/18 to 12/24

Monday	December 18	Split Pea with Ham
Tuesday	December 19	Chicken with Shiitake Mushroom
Wednesday	December 20	Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar
Thursday	December 21	Corned Beef and Cabbage
Friday	December 22	Manhattan Clam Chowder
Saturday	December 23	Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 24	Chef's Choice

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

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

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

Bistro Menu 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

Weekly Specials

For the week of
12/19 to 12/24

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 12/19 to Sunday 12/24

Ortega Omelet: Ortega Chili, Onions and Pepper Jack Cheese with choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 12/18 to Sunday 12/24
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Turkey Pot Pie \$13.50

Pastrami Sandwich: Grilled Pastrami, Caramelized Onions and Provolone Cheese on Sourdough with Choice of Sides **\$14.50**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 12/19 to Saturday 12/23
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Venison Medallions: Seared Venison Medallions with Caramelized Shallots in a Rosemary Cabernet Reduction with Choice of Sides **\$30.50**

Grilled Chicken Papaya Salad: Marinated Chicken, Portobello Mushroom, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Papaya over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing **\$26.95**

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm Last Order

Starters

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

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

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

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

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

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

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

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

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

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

V Butternut Squash Ravioli \$15.95
Creamy Garlic Sauce

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

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$39.95
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

Dinner Entrées

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

Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees

Crispy Muscovy Duck Breast \$29.95
Dark Cherry Brandy Sauce

Chicken Parmesan \$26.95
Panko Breaded with Mozzarella
Marinara Sauce

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

New York Steak \$32.50
Green Peppercorn Sauce

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

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

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

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

Blackened Creole Salmon \$27.95
With Corn Verde Salsa

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

Lunch Menu 11am to 2pm

Appetizers

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

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

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

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

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

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

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

Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

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

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

South of the Border

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

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

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

Villager Favorite

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

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

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

Sides \$5.50

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella

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

Combination Pizza \$14.95

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers,

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95

Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers and Arugula

BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95

Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar and Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

Soup or Salads

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

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

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

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

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

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
Mixed Greens, Black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes
and Green Onions Topped with Toasted Tortilla Strips
Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4 Cilantro Lime Dressing

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

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

Half Stuffed Avocado Salad \$14.95
Chicken or Tuna Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Hard
Boiled Egg

Over Rice

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

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

Chicken ala King \$16.95
Rotisserie Chicken Breast with Peas, Carrots, Onions,
Mushrooms in a Cream Sauce over Rice

The Clubhouse

BUY ONE APPETIZER
GET ONE HALF-OFF



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

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



We want your opinion!

Have you seen the comment cards in the Bistro and Clubhouse? They are available in the main entrance or in your bill folder. The Food and Beverage staff use them to recognize excellence in their employees, to make adjustments to the menu, and to help patrons when things aren't perfect. Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think! Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.



Dessert Menu

\$6.95

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

Chocolate Lava Cake (Warm)
Chocolate Cake with Creamy Fondant

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

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

New York Style Cheesecake
Raspberry Coulis and Berries

\$5.25

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes



Clubhouse Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

Clubhouse Restaurant Bistro and Curbside open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Christmas Eve Special Menu Curbside pickup noon.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 Closed

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31

Bistro Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Clubhouse Restaurant is open for *Early Bird Dinner*—two seatings
5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Banquet Rooms

New Year's Day Closed



Christmas Eve Curbside Pickup

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

Christmas Baked Ham
Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers

Or
Sliced Sirloin of Beef
Mushroom Sauce
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers

Both Choices Served with Rolls and Butter and Dessert

Dessert Christmas Yule Log Cake

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

Event Nearly Sold Out!
Call for Current Availability 408-754-1337

Let's Ring In

2024

New Year's Eve

Early Bird Dinner

Sunday December 31, 2023

Two Seatings 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Accompaniments
Baby French Beans and Red Peppers
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

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

Champagne Toast
\$67.95 Plus Service Charge & Tax
Reservations Now Being Taken
Please call 408-754-1337
or e-mail theclubhouse@the-villages.com
Please make sure to give your desired time & entrée selection

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Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

*Prices subject to
service charge and tax*

Let's Ring In 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

Dancing to the Sounds of the Jerry Saucedo Band
Balloon Drop at Midnight
Midnight Champagne Countdown
Decorations & Party Favors

\$87 Plus Service Charge & Tax
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Please make sure to give your entrée selection

More CLUBHOUSE on pages 27 & 28

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Call Adrienne**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, December 16

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
5 p.m.	Bocce Holiday Party	CR

Sunday, December 17

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Worship	F
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Chapel Fellowship	CR
1 p.m.	Italian Club Board Party	MC

Monday, December 18

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee	PR
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR

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.	Hermosa DAC	MC
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
12 p.m.	Flower Ladies Arranging Guild Social	VC
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, December 19

9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Poetry in Art & Pastel	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

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
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Chapel	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club Potluck	FC
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Board	F
7 p.m.	Catholic Choir	VC

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Friday Open Studio	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
6 p.m.	Hiking Club Social	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976
Office: 408-238-4230
Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Service Coordinator:
408-238-4029
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The Villages Medical Auxiliary

Upcoming 2024 Programs
Hearing Screening: Hearing Life will provide free screenings on **Tuesday, January 16 from 10 a.m. - Noon.** Call to schedule your appointment at 408-238-4230.
Enough is Enough – Reclaiming Control of Our Lives as we Age: As we age it seems as if we lose control over our day to day lives. Chaplain Dale Poland, M. Div, BCC of Hospice of the Valley – Sutter Health will explain some common misconceptions. **Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Noon** in the Sequoia Room. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.
Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well As They Age: Mwezo Kudumu, well known wellness and fitness instructor here at the Villages will offer a presentation/demonstration on how to prevent catastrophic events in your life, offer suggestions on how best to do telemedicine visits and do a personal fall risk assessment. Please come prepared wearing comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing. **Monday, January 29 from 1-2:30 p.m.** at the Foothill Center. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.
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, January 18** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.
Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month starting Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.
VMA new website domain: VMAvillages.vgcc.club



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

Villages Scam Awareness

Daily
4:30 & 10:30

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15



Club Events & Notices



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

CLUBS & EVENTS

Learn Beginning Ceramics with Diane Finley

Do you want to learn how to turn clay into a work of art? Now is your chance to learn the basics of hand-building and slab work. No experience necessary! This is a five-week class on **Wednesdays, January 3 to 31**, from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Ceramics Room in Cribari Center. All materials are supplied, just register and we'll make some clay projects for you to take home. Make sure you can attend all classes, as there are no make-up dates.

The total cost is \$120 and is limited to six students, so register early and reserve your place. For more information, visit villagesceramics.com or register with Diane at dianefinley1@gmail.com



Preview Senior Academy's 2024 presentations!

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.

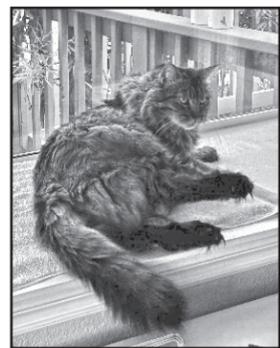
A course on Folk Rock Revival on **January 23 and 30**, delayed from earlier this year. If you relate to Bob Dylan or Joan Baez, their music and their era, this one is for you (by Richie Unterberger)

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!

Be part of 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

Villages Men's Fun Social Club holds clothing drive for VMA

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) scored big at the recent December luncheon. Many of the Fun Club members answered the VMA call to donate used men's clothing. Dozens of bags and boxes were delivered at the club's luncheon.

When asked about the club response, Rusty Weekes, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club president said, "I'm delighted and not surprised. Our club is full of good guys. Working together with the VMA team, especially Peter Conk, we made some people's lives better. That's what friends are for."



Barbara Lee to visit Villages

Save the Date! Congresswoman Barbara Lee, running for Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat, will be the guest of the Democratic Club on **Wednesday, January 24** at 7 p.m. at Foothill Center.

VAT to present free show

Mark your calendars! By popular demand the Villages Amateur Theatre will present Bluegrass Radio Days again on **January 20 at 4 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This is a matinee theatre production that was first presented in August to a standing room crowd, featuring the Scotch Creek Bluegrass Band, along with VAT actors reading "Stories I Ain't Never Told Yet" by Jo Carson. This is a free performance and is full of good music and lots of laughs! If you saw it in August, you are welcome to return and bring your friends who missed it. Everyone will enjoy this show!



Senior Academy: Barbara Creed to present 'Will The Court Come To Order?'

The ever-popular Barbara Creed returns to The Villages with



a program that goes beyond a discussion of recent Supreme Court cases. She'll be discussing some of those, too, but will also look forward by addressing a number of significant issues the Court will address in its current term that began the first Monday in October.

Just as exciting is her coverage of three key items related to the Third Branch: ethics on the Court, the Shadow Docket, and the Court's most recent member, Justice Jackson.

As always, there will be plenty of time for questions.

Barbara Creed has been leading discussions on the Supreme Court for more than 11 years. Through her lectures, she hopes to help participants gain an understanding of how the Court works and an appreciation of the complexities of its operations.

Discover the inner workings of the Supreme Court. Join us this **Monday, December 18**, at 2 p.m. in the Foothill Center. Registration is required by visiting VillagesSA.org or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-912-5594. If you leave a message, kindly leave your first and last name, email address, the name and date of the event and your house number.



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Red Hats hold holiday party

By Betty Olsen



The Red Hat club held their Holiday party on December 4 at the Montgomery Center for a potluck lunch and a white elephant gift exchange. The food was great and fun was had by all.

We welcome new members. Contact Shirley Harms at sierramts95@yahoo.com or Linda Hackel at whackel@comcast.net.

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.

You can choose 100% clean energy

By Beth DeVincenzi



It doesn't require that you install solar panels for you to switch your electricity to 100 percent clean energy sources. In 2019, our electricity source was changed from PG&E to San Jose Clean Energy (sanjosecleanenergy.org). With this change, our electricity is now sourced from 50 percent renewable energy sources (wind, solar, etc.) and from 50 percent conventional fossil fuels. PG&E continues to provide the delivery system (power grid, etc.).

You can request that 100 percent of your electricity be sourced from renewable energy sources. You can easily make the switch by visiting the website for San Jose Clean Energy and clicking on the YourChoices/TotalGreen option or by calling San Jose Clean Energy at 833-432-2454.



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Visit our website at sustainablevillages.vgcc.club

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Concert Maestro hands baton to Villager

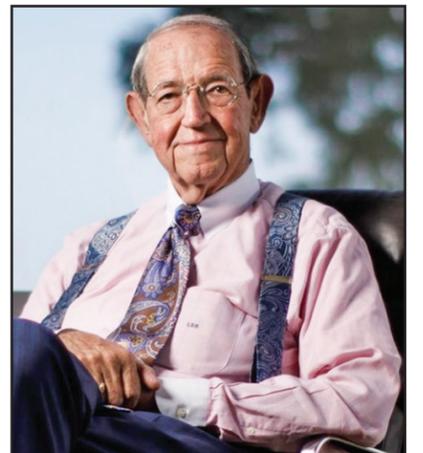


Melson Varsovia, Villages Concert Band Maestro, relinquishing his conducting for the Sunday Afternoon performance to opportunity drawing winner Louise Connors for one of her favorites, Strauss's Radetsky March, with an invite to join them again in March or May. Check your Villager for these months and mark your calendar for a most enjoyable music-filled Sunday afternoon concert.

County Assessor Larry Stone to speak at VMFSC meeting

On **Tuesday, January 2**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will have Larry Stone, Santa Clara County Assessor, as its speaker. Guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:30 p.m.**

Larry was elected Santa Clara Assessor in 1994 and has been re-elected eight times. He has been an active civic leader in many fields from the arts, to education, to the environment. Larry has had a large impact on local and national politics. San Jose Magazine named him one of Silicon Valley's most powerful leaders. A Washington Post reporter described him as an American rarity, a proven political success in a time of political failure.



He has gotten to know President Bill and Hillary Clinton very well. You will find Larry's stories about the Clintons fascinating including several visits—and one overnighter—at the White House.

A native of Seattle, Larry has an MBA from the University of Washington and has studied at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Carmen, have lived in Sunnyvale where they raised three sons.

Social Club members should make lunch reservations a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.



Arlene Holmboe invites everyone to enjoy cookies.



Santa Claus gives out candy canes.

Montgomery holds First Annual Lighting Ceremony

Montgomery Village launched the holiday season on December 3 with the First Annual Lighting Ceremony at Montgomery Lake. Many residents, friends and family attended to watch as Rob Howe switched on the lights for the spectacular display. Many thanks go to Marie Dillon and David Raskin for organizing the event. A big thanks also to Jack and Pam McCarthy who have contributed to creating festive displays over many years. A special guest, Santa Claus (aka Bob Dolci) arrived to greet everyone and give candy canes to all. Pam Watson, Decorations Chair, and her team of elves have once again outdone themselves creating holiday magic.



Rob Howe and Santa prepare to turn on the lights.



Left to right: Helen Ware, Ken Kupperberg, Sabrina Malcolmson, Jim Ware, Jonna Robinson and Santa.



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FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

“The First Ladies” by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists try to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and becomes a celebrity. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women’s rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other’s hands through tragedy and triumph. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR, a consequence of the devastating discovery of her husband’s secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women’s desire to fight together for justice and equality. Regular and Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“Never Give Up: A Prairie Family’s Story” by Tom Brokaw. Tom’s father, Red, left school in the second grade to work in the family hotel—the Brokaw House, established in Bristol, South Dakota, by R.P. Brokaw in 1883. Eventually, through work on construction jobs, Red developed an exceptional talent for machines. Tom’s mother, Jean, was the daughter of a farmer who lost everything during the Great Depression. They met after a high school play, when Jean played the lead and Red fell in love with her from the audience. Although they didn’t have much money early in their marriage, especially once they had three boys at home, Red’s philosophy of “Never give up” served them well. His big break came after World War II, when he went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers building great dams across the Missouri River, magnificent structures like the Fort Randall and the Gavins Point dams. Late in life, Red surprised his family by recording his memories of the hard times of his early life, reflections that inspired this book. Large Print, 920 Biography, 2023.

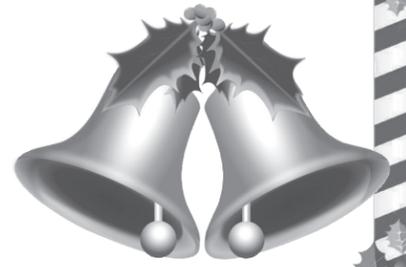
“Save What’s Left” by Elizabeth Castellano. When Kathleen Deane’s husband, Tom, tells her he’s no longer happy with their marriage, Kathleen is confused. They live in Kansas. They’ve been married 30 years. Who said anything about being happy? But with Tom off finding himself, Kathleen starts to think about what she wants. Her thoughts lead her to a small beach community on the east coast, a town called Whitbey that has always looked lovely in the Christmas letters her childhood friend Josie sends every year. It turns out, though, that life in Whitbey is nothing like Josie’s letters. Kathleen’s new neighbor, Rosemary, is cantankerous, and the town’s supervisor won’t return Kathleen’s emails, but worst of all is the Sugar Cube, the monstrosity masquerading as a holiday home that Kathleen’s absentee neighbors are building next door to her quaint (read: tiny) cottage. As Kathleen gets more and more involved in the fight against the Sugar Cube and town politics overall, she realizes that Whitbey may not be a fairytale, but it just might be exactly what she needed. Fiction, 2023.

“All the Sinners Bleed” by S.A. Cosby. Titus Crowne is the first Black sheriff in the history of Charon County. A former FBI agent and security expert, Titus came home to take care of his father and look out for his troubled younger brother. He ran for Sheriff to make a difference, especially in the Black community, which has so often been treated unfairly by the police. But a year to the day after his election, a school shooting rocks the town. A beloved teacher is killed by a former student, and as Titus attempts to deescalate and get the boy to surrender, his deputies fire a fatal shot. In the investigation, it becomes clear that the student they shot had been abused by the dead teacher, as well as by unidentified perpetrators. The trail leads to buried bodies—and secrets. While Titus tries to track down a killer hiding in plain sight, while balancing daily duties, he must face what it means to be a Black man wearing a police uniform in the American South. Mystery, 2023.

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 seven-year-old Quarter Horse gelding named Stetson. We hope to see you there, rain or shine!



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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CLUB CALENDARS

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 Tafarodi, 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

February 2: Greeting Card Making with Mandy Book. Friday, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$10. All materials furnished. 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 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 round-trip. 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 Drive. Park along the curb on Eagle View Drive but near Chinook Court. The Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake will be a very short walk from our cars near where Eagle

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RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

EPISCOPAL

'Joy Awaits'

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

It's been a long wait, and it'll yet be a wait. For good news for the oppressed, binding up hearts that are broken, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners, and the arrival of the year of the Lord's favor. That is, waiting for the reign of justice and peace, promised by the prophets. This year of all years—when there is so much conflict in the world—the Biblical promises can seem far off. But that's why we persist in lighting candles in the darkest season of the year. Because we know that hope and peace have a direction: they point us towards joy. All of which are the fruit of love, symbolized by the candle we light during the last week of Advent.

I am so grateful for these lights shining in darkness—and for the light of each one of our holy lives—as we strive to live faithfully in complicated times. The lighting of small lights remind us that our small actions matter. Even if we can't see the entire path, we can still hope for a way through. Even if we can't end wars, we can practice peace with family and friends. Even if it's mixed with sorrow, joy comes in the morning. Our forebears knew this: "you show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore" promised the Psalmist (Psalm 16:11) almost 3000 years ago.

Please join us this Sunday at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center as we light the third Advent candle.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Catholic Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve

December 24, 8:15 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent – Cribari Auditorium
December 24, 5 p.m. - Vigil of Christmas – Cribari Auditorium

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., January 8 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

'Our Loss Is Heaven's Gain'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

As we approach this Christmas Season, many things have changed in our lives besides getting older and being less active. There will be significant people missing from our gatherings and celebrations who were previously very present with us. Some of our friends have relocated out of the state to live closer to family for support and to manage their livelihood for their remaining days.

It is more challenging when community leaders leave us unexpectedly, especially pastors who have cared for many of us by modeling God's grace among us. Our church communities have been tested through the loss of pastors who served well. Our commitment to walk by faith trusting God's word above our grief is a constant challenge with the change.

During a loss, it's hard to face all the unexpected events on your journey heavenward. In grief, it's easy to lose your way because "your normal" has changed. It's tempting to wonder and question God about His will because He didn't give you a warning. It's hard to hold on to the promise that this loss is for your good. It's very difficult to stay committed, hearing the conversations and witnessing the behaviors of others who fear the future. It's hard not to give in to discouragement and trust the wisdom of God... as His will is being done on earth as it is in Heaven.

My brothers and sisters, there is a day coming when we will look back at our struggles with tearful eyes, a grateful heart and a spirit of humility to give thanks to God. We have experienced the trouble of a worldwide pandemic, mask wearing and the discipline of social distancing. Some of us have experienced wars, poverty, discrimination, segregation, protests and the loss of precious loved ones. It has been a time of learning to trust and rely upon God. If we never had troubles, how could we evaluate whether we trust God in whom we have not seen?

When our loved ones have a relationship with Jesus Christ and they leave us... they are truly in a better place. It's because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ... "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." {2 Corinthians 5:8}

Thank you, Pastor Peter Unruh and Pastor Tim Wood, for your fearless faith in eternal life in Jesus Christ.

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.

Reflection—Third Sunday of Advent

By Msgr. Stephen Perata

This Sunday marks the midway point of our journey to revisit an event that happened long ago and has touched the lives of a countless number of people. This season of Advent is meant to give us some time to meditate and give thanks for all that this long-awaited Baby would grow up to do and give so generously of Himself to all... This third Sunday of Advent is called, "Gaudete Sunday" or the Sunday to "Rejoice and be Glad."

Isaiah, in today's First Reading, "Rejoices" in having been called by God to bring "Glad tidings to the poor and healing to the broken hearted, and release to the prisoners." Isaiah thanks God for placing him in this time and place to lift-up the people from all their fears and failures...to let them know that God has not forgotten them.

In today's Gospel we read, "A man named John was sent by God," to give testimony to The Light that will soon be coming, a Light to dispel the darkness and illuminate the way to everlasting Joy.

May we like Isaiah and John be bearers of the Glad Tidings for those we meet along our journey and be grateful to God for our time and place.

SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS

By Betty Hall



Captain's Trophy winner Betty Hall

Well, "official" Shonis' golf is over for 2023. We had our December Captain's Trophy outing last Tuesday and it was a beautiful day for golf. The winners for December were a shared net of 22 between Meg Rogers and Betty Hall. The gross winner was Betty Hall with a 34. Pictured here are Betty with both trophies and Meg Rogers with the net trophy.

This week we enjoyed our end of the year Holiday Luncheon. Tim Flanagan was on hand to present Beat The Pro pins for our competition held November 28. We also gave out our year-end awards for most birdies, most improved, most Captain's Trophies and Club Champion. I'll share those names and photos with you next week. We won't be golfing as a group again until 2024. But we've already been planning for fun golf games and great group events. Looking forward to much more great golf.



Captain's Trophy winner Meg Rogers

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Nancy Carson

This is why you should always put your quarter in the chip-in jar on Tuesday mornings. Jane Smith is holding her winnings from last week—\$25.45! I think that's the largest pay off I remember.



Jane Smith

Speaking of chip-ins, today, Sherry Benz had one on hole #12, Cynie Jackson on hole #5 and Pat Smith on hole #14 who all won money. Carleen Corsello has been our faithful "Chip-In Lady" for as long as I've been a Swinger, so I wanted to give her a shout-out! Thank you, Carleen!

In a few weeks, we'll be starting a new year, so I wanted to acknowledge our Villager writers of 2023, Jeannie Omel, Bev Murphy, Pat Smith, Linda Schlageter, Linda Piersol, Mary Wagle, Valerie Dimmick, and Carol Begley. They kept us informed and entertained.

Marcia Hembree is especially appreciated for all the fun photos she took for us this year. Thank you all.

TENNIS TALK



2024 Tennis Club Board

By Betty Olsen

It was a magical evening at the Tennis Club Holiday party at the clubhouse Sunday, December 3. The Clubhouse was decked out in full holiday mode enhanced by Tony Loiacono's donated balloon creations and Tina Parsley's donated individual center pieces. A big shout out to Linda Dumont and her committee for providing us with such a fun kick-off for the holiday season.

Randy Shaw, outgoing president, called the Tennis Club meeting to order to vote on the incoming Tennis Club Board members for 2024. They are: President-Ruth Domingo, Vice-President-Gene Mariani, Treasurer-Tina Parsley, Secretary-Roy Pennington, Master Scheduler-Akiko, Communications-Don Clarke, Social/Hospitality-Nancy Domingo and Andrea Alvarez, Tournament Director-Karen Hillis, Membership-Cheryl Diltz, Court Manager-Marty Fucell, Members-at-Large-Jamie Dickson and Lolivic Shaw, and Past President-Randy Shaw.

Randy also acknowledged two of our senior, senior members and we all sang Happy Birthday to Art Lind (97) and Delores (95). This seems to document that tennis is good for your health.

Following the meal, the dance floor became crowded as the DJ provided the music. What a fun way to end 2023 and to look forward to lots of TC plans for 2024.

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, December 7, 2023, it was just about a perfect day for golf. It was warm and even though rain was in the forecast, it held off until the round was finished. Twelve Ironmen played.

There was a tie for **Third Place** between Dave Hathaway and Lee Thompson each with net 27s; **Second Place** went to Roger Pyle with a net 25; today's **First Place** winner, with a net 23, was Walter Lucas.

There were five **Birdies**: Al Bruno on Hole 3; David Cook on Hole 2; David Hathaway on Hole 4; Victor Hong on Hole 4; and Lee Thompson on Hole 9.

David Hathaway won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 4 at 13 feet, besting three others who had posted their distances before him.

Mike Schwerin and David Hathaway tied with a **Low Gross** of 29.

Today was also a **Turkey Shoot** with the five lowest net scores winning a \$5 Lucky Gift Card. Accordingly Walter Lucas, Roger Pyle, David Hathaway, Lee Thompson, and Mike Schwerin (based on a 1st Hole tie breaker with Doug Herring) were each awarded a gift card.

Golfer of the Day honors go to David Hathaway with a third place finish, a birdie, closest to the flag, a tie for low gross, and a Turkey shoot prize.

Way to go, Dave!
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 know I'm getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators." - Gerald Ford, 38th president of the United States

"I don't care to join any club that would have me as a member." - Groucho Marx, comedian, actor, writer, and singer



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MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore douglas.moore865@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com
Upcoming events:



Guy Jaurez

Frost Bite Open on Saturday, January 13, 2024. See flyer.
Hole In One's for November? We couldn't find any.
Guy Juarez almost had an HIO on December 6 at Poppy Hills on the 161-yard par 3, hole #11... but it stopped 8' away from the cup. (Yes, he made the putt.)

Eagle Shooters for November!

Marlo Beltrano made super easy work of #2 on November 26. He striped his ball straight down the middle of the fairway. From there I'm not sure if he got on the green in two and 1 putted, or if he chipped it in for the Eagle 3. No matter what, if you ever Eagle #3, you are pretty freakin' awesome! Congratulations, Marlo, well done!



Larry Angel

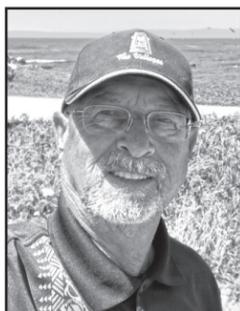
Age Shooters for November! "I got a new shirt and glove, and I'm ready to relieve you of your loose change! Wanna play?" **Larry Angel** is at it again. He shot a 79 on November 8, and backed it up again on the 22nd with an 81. And he did this all without chipping.



Jim Valenti

Yes, you have seen this handsome mug before! **Jim Valenti** shot a sizzling 83 on November 8. I believe this is about the 9000th time Jim has achieved this. Yes, he is that good!

Cooler than the other side of the pillow... you gotta be talking about "Double D". **Mr. Dave Dimmick** goes out and fires a 74 on the 22nd. Must have a flame-thrower in the bag. Yes, he too is that good.



Dave Dimmick

And for the **Pres Miranda** recurring portion of the "Monthly Age Shooters", yes he did it once again in the month of November. Pres went out about his business and blistered an 84 on the 22nd.

See you again next month, sir.

Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify Donald Chaisson at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager and on the Men's Club website. And please have a friend take a quick picture of you so we can get your handsome mug in the monthly recognition article.



Pres Miranda

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 January 2, 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.

18-HOLE WOMEN



2024 18 Hole Women Board.

By Vivian Brown

Seventy-two ladies braved the cold morning to participate in the final golf tournament of the year. Patti Bell partnered the 18 Hole Women's group with the LeyVa school and the Evergreen Nurses Fund with the goal of raising money to provide gifts this Christmas for the needy families in our area. Our generous ladies donated close to \$9,000, providing a Christmas for those who would otherwise not have gifts or food for the holidays.



Judy Owen receiving her award for Outstanding Service presented by Diana Hallock (right) and Kathy Appgar (left).

More than 80 Ladies attended our Holiday luncheon and Installation. The air was filled with joy and anticipation for the celebration and the annual awards. The room was beautifully decorated by Pam McCarthy with pops of red and lots of snowmen.

At the top of the list was the award for Outstanding Service. Judy Owen was our honoree this year. She was honored for her volunteerism in our group and for her service to our community through her role on the Villages Club Board. She does it all quietly, professionally, efficiently with a delightful sense of humor and a ready smile.



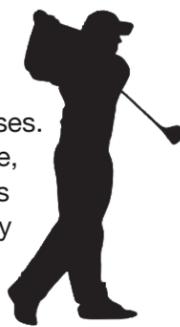
Mazie Rice (left), Most Improved for 2023, and Helen Varenkamp (right), most Birdies and Captain's Trophy winner.

Other Awards:
Most Birdies and Overall winner of Captain's Trophy - Helen Varenkamp
Overall Low Putt - Renee Woolard
Most Improved - Mazie Rice

Captain Gloria Landry thanked the 2023 Board for their service and Diana Hallock installed the 2024 Board.



Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Open



- When:** Saturday, January 13, 2024
- What:** Step Aside Scramble. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament. **MGC Members only.** No Guest or Spouses.
- Format:** Step Aside Foursome Scramble. After everyone's drive, and on each successive shot, the player whose shot is selected "steps aside" and the other three players play the next shot until the ball is holed.
- Signup:** December 30 through January 11. 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% of January 11 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!**

Three New USGA/NCGA World Handicap System Updates Effective January 2024

1. The first change is regarding short golf courses. Any 9-Hole course measuring 750 yards or more will be eligible for an official Course Rating & Slope Rating. So our Par-3 Course qualifies and will be assigned an official Course Rating and Slope Rating and will be part of the player handicap matrix going forward. This means that anyone who plays the Par-3 Course will have to officially post their score and that score will be included in their handicap allocation.

2. The second change is that 9-Hole Scores will now count as an official score and will immediately be used as part of your handicap calculation. There will be no more combining of 9-hole scores to form and 18-hole score for handicap purposes, the 9-hole score will stand alone as an official score.

3. The last change is for incomplete rounds - Anyone who plays 10-17 holes and does not finish a complete 18-hole round will be required to post their hole-by-hole scores for each hole played and the un-played holes will be assigned a Score Differential automatically to formulate an 18-hole score for posting and handicap purposes.

Please look at the below snapshot and for more detailed information use the below link to access the USGA's article regarding these changes: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2023/11/revisions-coming-to-world-handicap-system-in-2024.html>

Holiday Golf Schedule

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

Monday, January 1 – 12 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

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

Merchandise Spotlight—Wilson sporting goods has long been recognized as the #1 supplier of sporting equipment at the highest level for many major sports such as basketball, tennis, baseball, football, and volleyball. And historically Wilson used to be the golf club of choice for some of golf's all-time greats such as the King Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and Billy Casper.

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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 four-piece golf ball marketplace. Check out this YouTube video review of the Wilson Dynapower Driver: <https://youtu.be/z2xhJQB39jQ?si=YcJ24futzUOZGaSs>

Tips from the Pro—Bridge Over Troubled Water

How many times have you found yourself in good shape after two or three shots on hole #9 or #18 only to hit your pitch into the water hazard fronting the green? Here are 5 tips to make that shot easier...

1. Pre-shot apprehension will create tension and lead to poor performance. So relax, visu-

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From The Pro...

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alize the shot clearing the hazard and landing next to the hole. Keep your hands and arms loose.

2. Play the ball back in your stance. Both #9 and #18 are downhill lies just prior to the water hazards, so be sure to play your pitch shot back in your stance so you catch the ball first.

3. Stay still over the ball. Excessive lateral or vertical movement of the body will change your connection to the ball. So keep your head and legs still while playing this pitch.

4. If you have trouble hitting this shot fat...try to open the clubface at address to activate the bounce on the bottom of your wedge. This will allow the wedge to slide through impact and not dig. Take your wrists out of the shot and swing your arms more.

5. And the biggest tip of all...Do not lift the club through impact; trying to "help" the ball get in the air leads to disaster. The club must move down on the ball and must strike the turf after the ball in order to create the backspin necessary to get the ball up and over the water. In other words, you have to hit down on the ball. Let the club naturally bottom out at the ball as part of the arc of the swing... no need to lift the club through impact, so keep those arms extended. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email sssteel@the-villages.com**

PICKLEBALL

More Pickleball terms

By Joyce Kludt

We have many new players in our Pickleball Club. So, a few weeks ago, I gave you some definitions for certain PB terms. How would you like to see more? Most of these terms you've probably already heard on the courts, but perhaps you don't know all the meanings. Here we go:

Ladder - a play format designed to keep players of similar skill levels together. Based on your win percentage, you may move up or down the ladder.

Level - Your PB skill rating. Levels vary from 1.0 to 6.0 with 6.0 being for the top pro PB players.

Lob (the dreaded Lob) - a shot where you put height on the trajectory of the ball.

Non-Volley Zone (or Kitchen) - the 14-foot area in the middle of the court that extends 7 feet on either side of the net. You can't volley the ball while making contact with the Non-Volley zone, hence, the term.

Odd (Left) Side - the opposite side as where each game starts. The first serve of each side will always start on the even/right-hand side of the court.

Pickled - to lose a game 11-0. Most of us have been pickled. Yours truly does not like to be pickled!

Poach - a player crosses over the centerline of the court to hit a ball on his or her partner's side of the court. Be careful not to over-poach, as some partners might become offended.

Pop-up - we try to avoid doing this as it results in an easy offensive shot for opponents. Try to keep the ball low above the net to minimize your opponent's ability to hit offensive shots.

There are a few more terms to share with you to complete our Pickleball Dictionary which I will share in an upcoming article.

How about this fall weather? I certainly welcome the cooler weather, which allows us to play not only in the morning, but in the afternoon as well!!! This makes it so much easier to secure a court!! Yippee!

Have a fabulous week, Village Pickleballers!



PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

December 8 and the Pinseekers are back in the groove. Twelve members played this day, and we have the results. First place with a net 32 was Choo Kim; grabbing second spot was Frank Garcia at net 38; Richard Henderson and Lee Thompson both came in at net 39 for a third-place tie; rounding out the Sweeps Winners, Jim White in fourth place with a Net 40.

Two Fridays remain as we close out the first half of our playing season on December 22. The last Friday in December will be a scheduled "No Sweeps Day." We will still play on the 29th, but it will be a casual, social nine holes. I encourage all our members to get out and spend a couple of hours with your golf buddies.

Reminder to all Pinseekers: When you intend to play on any Friday get your tee time reserved through Chelsea by the Wednesday before your play date. If we haven't filled all our slots, the Pro Shop may move your tee times to an earlier time to consolidate and leave our open slots for other Villagers. Be sure you check Chelsea on Thursday night or Friday morning to verify your scheduled tee time.

SCOREBOARD

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Tuesday, December 5

All Nets

Flight One:

- Betty Hall 22
- Tied – Joyce Baptiste and Marty Blinde 24

Flight Two:

- Meg Rogers 22
- Nancy Chesterton 25
- Lesley Robinson 26

Flight Three:

- Sabrina Malcolmson 24
- Schinae Ogihara 25
- Tied – Judy Rogers and Peggy White 26

BRIDGE



Monday, December 4:

- Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
- Hank Koransky – Lorrie Scott

Friday, December 8:

- Lorrie Scott – George Welch
- Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
- Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, December 6

- | | |
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| Shirley Bellavance | 211 |
| Kitty Heston | 220 |
| Maribeth Berlie | 230 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz | 245 |

Friday, December 8

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| Maribeth Berlie | 162 |
| Shirley Bellavance | 227 |
| Kitty Heston | 237 |

18-HOLE WOMEN

Holiday 2 Net Best Ball
Thursday, December 7

Flight One:

- Judy Owen, Marky Olsen, Janet Gonzales; Valerie Dimmick 130
- Cindy Fuller; Nancy Keane; Vickie Krattli; Pam Schramm 133
- Loanne Rube; Kerry Besmehn; Mazie Belle Rice; Susan Anderson 133

Flight Two:

- Jean Beattie; Barbara Nilsen; Marion Whittaker; Shirin Shirazi 129
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Club Calendars...

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View Drive 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. round trip). 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 Craft: Gingerbread

House Gift/Treat Bag

The first known gingerbread recipe came from Greece in 2400 B.C., but it was not until 16th century Germany that the gingerbread house came to be. Send us pictures of your completed crafts to rdreitlein@the-villages.com, we would love to see them. A sample of the gingerbread bag is available for viewing in Building B. This craft is sponsored by Community Activities.

What you will need to make your bags:

- Brown paper lunch bag - White paint marker, white paint with paintbrush, or white chalk
- Piece of cardstock or thin cardboard cut ½" wider than the bag X 7" - Ribbon - Glue
- Materials to decorate the "house" (stickers, actual candy, etc.) - Hole punch
- Treats to go inside bag

Instructions:

1) On the bag use white paint or chalk to draw a door and windows leaving at least 3-inches at the top of the bag for the roof. Add trees and bushes or architectural details if desired.

2) Decorate the bag below the "roof line" with whatever you like!

3) Fill your bag with the treats/gift, then roll the top of bag down.

4) Fold cardstock/carboard in half to form a peaked roof and place over top of bag. Use hole punch to punch two holes 1-2 inches apart through the roof, bag, and out the other side. (Tip: If the paper roll is too thick you can trim some excess from the top of the bag first.)

5) Thread ribbon through one hole and around through the other hole to tie the bag closed. (Alternative: If you are unable to punch holes in your bag, staple the bag into a peak and glue/tape the roof on.)



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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

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.

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 12/18.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Glen Arden

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

Heights

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

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

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 12/18.

Hermosa

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

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 12/18.

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

8372—Deck repairs in planning.

Highland

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

Montgomery

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 permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 12/18.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

Valle Vista

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, in progress.

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/18-12/22.

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.

Club Centers

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

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.

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@the-villages.com

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

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

How to fill out and record a TOD deed

Last week we discussed a Transfer on Death (TOD) deed allowing real estate to be transferred upon a death without having to spend the time and expense of court probate.

The form is available at the Sacramento Law Library at saclaw.org. Enter "TOD deed form" in the search box. It will take you to a couple of articles which both have a link to the actual form. Or stop by the Senior Resource Services office and we can print you a copy of the form.

It is crucial to fill out and record the TOD deed form correctly. The TOD deed requires very specific language to be effective. If any requirements are missing or incorrect, your deed may be invalid or have unpredicted results. The requirements include:

1. All owners must fill out their own TOD deeds. This means that a married couple owning property together must fill out and record **two separate TOD deeds for the same property.**
2. Each form must be notarized. (SRS has a list of notaries.)
3. Each form must also be signed by two witnesses.
4. The TOD form **must be recorded within 60 days** of being signed and notarized.
5. The property description and your name must match the title documents exactly. Copy the property description from your current deed.
6. You must list the beneficiaries by name. A beneficiary does not need to be a relative. A beneficiary may be a charity or a trust rather than a person.

Read the TOD deed carefully before signing.

Within 60 days you must have the TOD deed recorded by the County assessor. The new address for the Recorder's office is:

The Santa Clara County Clerk Recorder's office
110 West Tasman Drive, First Floor
San Jose, CA 95134

Take your checkbook. There is always a fee for recording.

The deed form includes important information about the effect of the deed, how to use it, and your right to revoke it if you change your mind. As always, be sure you understand the document you are signing. If you feel pressured to sign by anyone, don't do it! Contact another family member – or SALA (Senior Adult Legal Assistance) – or your own attorney. SRS has a handout about SALA's free service or read our article about SALA in the November 9 Villager.

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

SRS Alert:

Review your property tax bill

SRS has been informed that some taxpayers who have an Exemption for the Evergreen School District parcel tax of \$125, did not receive their exemption for the year ending June 30, 2024. This is a mistake by the School District or County.

Please compare your property tax bill for 2024 to the one for June 30, 2023. Look under the section labeled Parcel Tax / Special Assessments. If you did not pay the \$125 in 2023, it will not be listed in the parcel tax section. If it is now listed on your tax statement for 2024 it means this year you will pay the parcel tax. Please contact the school district: Patty Maciel, mmaciel@eesd.org, 408-270-6822.

The \$125 will be refunded to you—at the speed of government. We suspect this means by June 30, 2024.

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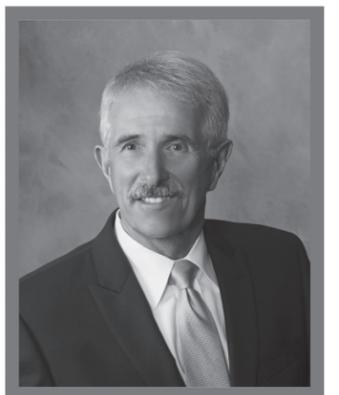
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OBITUARY

Paul Berdin Andersen

November 3, 1953 — October 27, 2023



Paul Berdin Andersen, 69, of San Jose, CA passed away on October 27, 2023. Born on November 3, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York, Paul was a personable soul who loved helping those around him.

Paul cherished his family dearly and is survived by his sons Arne and Erik, as well as his granddaughters, Samantha, Kaitlyn, and Aubrey.

In his free time, Paul had a passion for sports, particularly the Giants and 49ers. He was a loyal fan who always cheered on his favorite teams. One thing Paul could not stand was the Dodgers, and he made sure everyone knew it!

In addition to sports, Paul found friendship and camaraderie in The Villages, where he lived for more than a decade. It quickly became home for him, and led him to his love of bocce. Paul's enthusiasm for the sport led him to become the bocce court manager, dedicating his time and effort to ensure others could enjoy the game as much as he did.

Paul loved The Villages and the love came back to him tenfold. In his final days he said that there was no place that he would rather be than at the Villages and with his new friend Heidi. May his soul rest in peace.

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, 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.

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Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to EVF

Please remember the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) when you are considering a memorial gift in honor of a loved one. The EVF sends a lovely acknowledgement from you. www.evfsj.org

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

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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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The EPC is an organization of neighbors helping neighbors, and for us to provide this additional resource, **we need volunteers** who are willing to communicate with fellow Villagers and track data. Members of the Emergency Shelter Team also will reach out to external resources, such as the Red Cross, for guidance.

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The Village Sales activity update: 17 Active homes for sale in the Villages with 12 pending sales. The active inventory gap has closed on the sale of Cribari homes. 6 active and 5 in contract. Once the mortgage rates and prices came down, buyers started purchasing Cribari homes again. The \$450-500K price ranges, and rates in the low to mid 6% range has spurred buyers to purchase in Cribari Village. I also sold my beautiful Olivias home in 4 days. If priced right, homes sell.

Going into mid-December, there are typically less homes coming onto the market and homes going into contract. We will most likely see some homes that have not sold, come off the market during the holidays. Starting in mid-January these and more should start coming onto the market. I myself will put a couple homes on the market at the end of January. It should be a healthy new year for real estate. A Happy New Year for Buyers and sellers!

Lisa's 2024 prediction:2024 is an election year. The current administration will want to make sure the economy looks and sounds as good as possible through the November elections. I will stick my neck out and predict that interest rates will stay the same or possibly go lower. This will create an increase in buying and selling homes. I will bet on a very vibrant and exciting year of buying and selling real estate here and all over the nation. 2025, after the election, all my bets are off the table. If you or someone you know is ready to make a move in 2024, call me and I will ensure the move to be a smooth easy transition into or out of the Villages. I am looking forward to a very exciting 2024.

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