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The Villager Online is available to you 24/7. In tandem with the printed version, The Villager Online is just a click away, while The Villager newspaper is available to you in its traditional format on the **first and third Fridays** of the month. If you haven't seen *The Villager Online*, please visit: news.thevillagesgcc.com



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Village Dancers tap into Village Voices' 'A Winter Spectacular'

By Barbara F. Zahner

You may shout "Duck!" when the Dancing Queens tap their way into Sleigh Ride at Cribari Auditorium on **December 7 at 7 p.m.** and **December 8 at 2 p.m.** during the Village Voices' "A Winter Spectacular." Snowballs fly and 16 tap-dancing feet dazzle with high-spirited joy. The Dancing Queens will also back the Voices with a waltz-like movement to "Let It Snow." Dressed in blue dresses, the dancers will provide a dreamy, soft backdrop to the romantic Frank Sinatra holiday song. Bernice Toy, President and Choreographer of The Village Dancers, said, "Our hope in collaborating with the Voices in 'A Winter Spectacular' is to come together as performing artists, to celebrate community" and to connect in hope.

As happens with family celebrations during this holiday season, The Village Dancers must clean the house before their cherished guests arrive. This year the dancers and the Villages maintenance

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EPC announces a new chapter

Your Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) and the Villages Golf and Country Club management are announcing a new chapter in the growth of EPC. Effective January 2025, EPC will be led by the General Manager's (GM) office and remain under the umbrella of the Club Board's purview.

After a thorough assessment of EPC's Charter by EPC Directors, the Club Board, and the GM's office, leadership concluded that the breadth of responsibility is better accomplished under the GM. The GM has the resources to maintain and grow a program uniquely suited for our Villages' needs.

EPC will continue with the same goal of establishing a resilient, effective response framework that prioritizes the well-being of The Villages community of over 4,000 in the event of an emergency.

An EPC transition team, Diane and Kyle Finley, Fran Schumaker, Ray Blinde and Daniel Grim, will work in coordination with the GM's office and Public Safety to give shape to the new Villages Emergency Response Program, which incorporates city, state and federal resources. Diane Finley will remain on the transition team through March 2025.

The current Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) volunteer Chairs—Mike Ramer, Ed Munoz and Diane Finley—will be stepping down from their EPC leadership positions but remain active volunteers. Please help us thank Mike Ramer, Diane Finley, Ed Munoz and Bob Dolci for their dedication, leadership and commitment to EPC.

EPC will continue to function exactly as it has until the new program is in place. We look forward to announcing our new EPC Village Coordinator in 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Public Safety via emailing the team at publicsafety@the-villages.com or drop by Building C.

Find holiday cheer at Crafters Club Boutique

Looking for some holiday cheer? We have just the place for you to find it—the Crafters Club Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 30** at Cribari Center from **10 a.m.** until **2 p.m.** Check out what our talented "Elves" having been working on to bring some seasonal beauty to your home! Need a wreath? Stop by Sheila Robinson's table for an array of delightful wreaths in a variety of colors and styles. Need something to hang by the fire? Don't miss Barbara Osborne's table for a cute collection of Christmas stockings. There will also be ornaments, Christmas bells, holiday placemats and table runners, seasonal succulent arrangements, jeweled Christmas tree pictures, holiday biscotti and much more! And of course we will have all of your favorite crafts available as well like ceramics, knitted and crocheted goods, woodworking, jewelry, apparel, paper goods, quilts and baby items. There is sure to be something for everyone on your "nice" (and "naughty"!) holiday list! We'll see you **Saturday, November 30** with coffee, cookies and over 25 talented crafters waiting to share their creations!



Barbara Osborne's festive holiday stockings!

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.

All Pulse letters are posted on The Villager Online. Pulse letters submitted for the print-on-paper Villager are published the first week and the third week of the month. If you have a preference for any specific edition, please submit letter prior to the deadline for that particular edition.

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.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Submission Form on The Villager Online: news.thevillagesgcc.com/article-submission-form/, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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

Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to The Villager office in Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

2 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
2 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.

I attended a Fireside chat a few months ago where Ryan Bell explained concern about the state of maintenance reserves in the Villages. In the 2024/25 approved CBOD Budget documentation, there is now a 14% increase in dues for this year and the next five years. It is my understanding that this covers the anticipated maintenance shortfall that Ryan mentioned, so our reserves are now in good shape. Thank you for alleviating that concern.

—Anahid Gregg

Publisher's Comment: This funding plan is evaluated every year based on the Club's needs for repairs, maintenance and enhancement.

Thank you to the SPAC and Club Board in keeping the Foothill pool open year-round. It's wonderful to have Vineyard and Foothill pools open during the winter. The swimming community appreciates the effort in getting this done.

—Nenette Gallaway

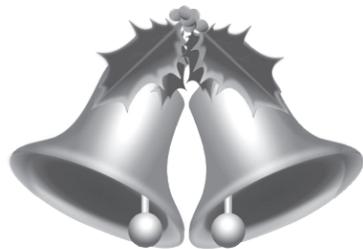
Remember the EVF During the Holiday Season

As Thanksgiving and the holiday season approach, we take a moment to appreciate our blessings and express our gratitude. We're fortunate to reside in a supportive and caring community that's also stunning in its beauty. The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) extends its heartfelt thanks for your ongoing contributions and support over the years. Your generosity has allowed us to continue to strengthen our General Fund and help finance new and popular amenities as they are approved by the Club Board.

This year, our focus for the EVF Annual Giving Campaign is to bolster our General Fund, enabling us to efficiently fund projects. We're committed to continually conveying the value of the EVF to the Villages community.

We kindly ask for your help in spreading the word to your friends and neighbors about how the EVF has significantly improved the quality of life here in The Villages such as the new Bocce area.

If you wish to make a donation to our efforts, whether it's on Giving Tuesday or any other time, you can easily do so by visiting our website at evfsj.org. Additionally, don't forget about the Planned Giving Program, which offers you an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in our wonderful community. Once again, we express our deep appreciation for your steadfast support of the EVF, and we look forward to a joyful and happy 2025.



IN MEMORIAM

Marian Gladys Ecklund
October 7, 1939—October 28, 2024
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Harvey George Wolfe
June 20, 1930—November 15, 2024
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Obituaries are now also available online at
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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.

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Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. Please use The Villager Online submission form at: <https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/static/submit-article/> or, email to: ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

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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 Barbara Clurman at 669-234-4180, 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

Notice of Upcoming Exterior Home Inspections for Fire Safety

Dear Condo and Single-Family Homeowners,

As part of The Villages Golf and Country Club's efforts to become a Firewise Community, exterior home inspections will be conducted in the coming weeks for all 2,309 condos to identify potential fire safety concerns. These inspections will be scheduled automatically. Single-family homeowners, however, must request an inspection for their property using the contact information below. Inspections for single-family homes will follow a separate schedule.

What to Expect:

- Weather permitting, a **volunteer** from the community will be inspecting the **exterior** of your home (condo or single-family) for **fire safety issues**, such as vegetation within five feet of structures, hazardous materials, and other related concerns. The volunteers will be wearing a red lanyard with their name for identification.

- The inspection will consist of a **walk-around** of your property and the taking of pictures.

You do not need to be present during the inspection.

- Inspections will take **up to 30-45 minutes**.

- While we do not have specific dates for when each home will be inspected, we will do our best to notify the DACs and leave a notice on your door handle once your property has been inspected.

- A Defensible Space & Home Hardening Evaluation report will be made available to **homeowners only** upon request, provided you have submitted your email address to the Firewise Team. This report will be issued after all condominium inspections have been completed, which we anticipate will be by the end of March 2025. Owners may choose to share their own report with anyone they wish.

This initiative is aimed at making our community safer and more resilient to **wildfires**. The inspections are for **evaluation purposes only** and will help identify areas that could improve your property's fire resilience. It is not for compliance or enforcement.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work toward becoming a Firewise Community.

If you have any questions, or if you are a single-family homeowner and would like to schedule an inspection, please contact us at:

- Email: Firewise@the-villages.com
- Phone: 408-754-1334

—The Villages Firewise Committee

Bylaws Update – Revised Schedule

The Club Board of Directors has decided to delay the vote on revising the Club Bylaws. The town hall meeting scheduled for November 14 and the vote scheduled to start with distribution of ballots on November 18 have been postponed.

In our efforts to ensure The Villages is in the strongest legal position, we continued to wade through our 50-year-old paper archives, which provided the Board and counsel with more information. Upon further investigation of underlying documentation, and the current California code, it has been determined that the initiation fee may not be allowed.

The Club Board Policy Committee had hoped to revise the bylaws before the FY26 budget to introduce an initiation fee as new source of revenue. This fee would have reduced the financial burden on current members for anticipated Club facility repair and replacement expenses.

The major issue requiring this postponement is the question of the legality of such a fee under current California law. While the Club, Association and Homeowners are separate legal entities the management agreements between them brings into question the legality of the Club imposing this fee. Although there may be grounds to justify it, the potential for challenges, and the lack of certainty that the Club would prevail, led the Board to decide against taking that risk on behalf of the community.

The Board plans to create an Ad Hoc Committee, in the new year, to draft a revision to the bylaws and work toward a membership vote no sooner than July 2025. One benefit of this delay is that the FY26 Budget, the new Strategic Plan and the five-year Capital Program will be completed.

Your support and suggestions are always welcome.

—Richard Zahner, Club Board President

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) appreciates the need of having your questions answered. If you have any questions, please email them to Julia Meadows at jmeadows@the-villages.com.



The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need of having your questions answered. If you have any questions, please email them to Liz Ramos at LRamos@the-villages.com

Or, for either Board, submit your questions to *The Villager Online* through the article submission page, or you can put a written question in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.

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

News about the new News Ad Hoc Committee – Resident Survey

Yes, a resident survey about the changes to The Villager newspaper is coming! It has been five months since The Villages changed the Villager newspaper to two print copies per month plus launching the Online Villager that is accessible to Villagers every week. The Club Board wants to give you an update and to share with you our next steps.

The Club Board has created an Ad Hoc News Committee comprised of residents, staff, and Board members with the purpose of improving the member communication experience through The Villager Online, The Villager in print and the FastNews.

We've received lots of feedback and many of your excellent ideas have already been implemented. The committee has made additional suggestions to staff that will be explored this month.

In January, you're invited to a Villager presentation that will introduce the Ad Hoc Committee members as well as walk you through the many Villager enhancements, including FastNews, that have taken place since July 1. This will be another opportunity for the Communications team to assist you in working with our new online communications. The presentation will be followed by a survey aimed to further improve these platforms.

Why are we waiting until January? January will mark six months since The Villager changes were initiated. The committee believes this length of time provides the current formats an adequate trial period. For those who are unable to attend the presentation, the survey will be published in The Villager and in hard copy in Building A so that all are welcomed to give feedback.

In the meantime, members can continue to send suggestions to the Committee via Julia Meadows with our sincerest thanks.

—Diana Hallock, Chair, Club Board News Ad Hoc Committee

Missed your Villager?

The Villager newspaper is being printed on the first and third weeks of the month. If you missed delivery of your copy of *The Villager*, please call 408-223-4655 after 11:30 a.m. to report it.

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MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Gate Access updates notifications improves reliability for residents

In a recent update to its notification services, ABDi (The Villages entry gate system) has transitioned from text message notifications to push notifications for Gate Access alerts. The change comes in response to ongoing delays in text message delivery caused by cellular providers, which have impacted residents' timely receipt of notifications.

Why the Shift to Push Notifications?

ABDi explained that although they send notifications to cell providers immediately, carriers are frequently delaying their delivery. To ensure residents continue receiving real-time alerts, ABDi is encouraging the use of push notifications via the GateAccess app, available for both iOS and Android devices.

Getting Started with Push Notifications

Residents can switch to push notifications by following a few easy steps:

Download the **GateAccess app** from either the iOS App Store or Google Play.

After installing, allow notifications by going to **Settings** on the phone.

In **Settings**, navigate to **Notifications > GateAccess**, then **Allow Notifications**.

iPhone users, in particular, have the flexibility to choose how notifications appear on their device, selecting from options like **Lock Screen**, **Notification Center**, and **Banners**.



Why Push Notifications Work Better for gate access

Unlike text notifications, push notifications are sent directly through the GateAccess app, bypassing cellular provider delays and offering a more reliable communication method. With this streamlined approach, residents can be alerted as soon as guests arrive or security updates are available.

ABDi's recommendation aims to improve communication efficiency and ensure residents remain informed about important updates in real time.

In addition to more reliable notifications, switching to push notifications on the GateAccess app allows residents to manage their guest list directly from their phones. With just a few taps, residents can add or modify guest information, granting them control and convenience in overseeing access to The Villages front gate. This user-friendly feature ensures that residents can maintain up-to-date guest lists and stay informed of arrivals—all at the touch of their fingertips.

Comcast/Xfinity onsite and virtual appointments available

Deisy Gomez, The Villages Comcast/Xfinity account manager, will be available **Wednesday, December 4** from **noon to 2 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room for drop-in questions about your account, services and equipment.

She is available for virtual appointments every Friday by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please go to <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages> to make an appointment




Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

We have many family members, friends and clients who call The Villages their home.

We have assisted many Villagers establish their estate plans, and we look forward to the opportunity to assist many more.

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Recycle Right Tip—Medical Waste

Recently it has come to staff's attention that some medical waste was being intermingled with other recyclables in trash enclosures. Medical waste such as used syringes, lancets and prescription drugs is not recyclable. It poses a safety hazard and should never go into a recycling or garbage bin.



Used sharps (syringe needles, lancets) and medications may be dropped off at participating medical waste locations. Locations near The Villages include CVS Pharmacy at 4850 San Felipe Road and Evergreen Pharmacy at 2690 S. White Road.



Medical wastes and sharps must be properly disposed of.

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

As many of you are aware, the annual Financial Statement is required to be distributed within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year, per Civil Code 5305. Unfortunately, a server crash in July 2024 impacted our business operations financial software delaying access to essential information. While we have been able to recover the data gradually as the server was restored, this interruption has resulted in a multi-week delay in our audit process.

We anticipate that the Financial Statement will be ready for distribution by or before December 31, 2024. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay and appreciate your patience as we work to complete the process thoroughly and accurately.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Theresa M. Ostrander, Villages General Manager

This Friday's battery recycling event canceled due to weather

Household battery collection scheduled for this Friday, November 22 has been cancelled due to expected rain.



The next scheduled collection date is **Friday, December 13** pending weather conditions.

Please contact Mary Tatum at 408 754-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com with any questions.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Fairways DAC to meet December 3

The Village Fairways DAC will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, December 3** at 5 p.m. in the Cribari Patio Room.

Glen Arden DAC to meet November 28

The Glen Arden DAC will meet **Tuesday, November 26** at 4 p.m. in Foothill Center.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Remember to review your will and estate plan

Recently a Villager was overheard telling his golfing buddies, "I had my family trust done in 2008, so I'm done with worrying about it!" Whoa! A lot of things can happen over the years.

Experts recommend that you review your will and estate plan every five years, even if you haven't had any major life changes, to make sure that your goals are accomplished. Here are some of the factors to consider:

1. Has your marital or familial status changed? Have you gained or lost a spouse? Added a grandchild? It's important to revisit your estate planning to make sure that a loved one isn't inadvertently left out of your plan.

2. Has your beneficiary experienced a major life change? Are they still able to handle this responsibility? Don't forget to update your will, along with your beneficiary forms, insurance policies and retirement accounts, when your chosen beneficiary has a major life change of their own that could impact their ability to manage your affairs.

3. Have you moved? Estate laws can vary widely from state to state. Even if you moved within the U.S. a will you created in your previous state may not lead to an optimal outcome based on your new state's estate laws.

4. Have your assets increased? Are your beneficiaries mature enough to handle a windfall? You may want to add beneficiaries or reallocate the distribution of assets.

5. Have you changed your mind about something important? Circumstances can change and your initial decision may need to be changed accordingly. Is your named executor still the right person? Should someone different have your power of attorney? An amendment to your will itself (called a codicil) can be straightforward, but it requires the same formality of execution when it comes to witnesses/notarization as the original.

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 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.

**ROOTS of EVERGREEN on page 23
and LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE
on page 22**

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, December 10** at 9:30 a.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, December 10** at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors FY 24/25 Quarterly Business Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 19 at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center.
Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.
Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Social Security announces COLA for 2025

The Social Security Administration has announced an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2025 of 2.5 percent. According to the SSA, the 2.5 percent increase will translate to an additional \$49 for the average retiree, increasing the average monthly check from \$1,927 to \$1,976. Married couples will see an average increase of \$75, raising their monthly benefit to \$3,089 up from \$3,014.

Although the 2.5 percent COLA is lower than the 3.2 percent in 2024, it isn't far from the historical average. The COLA has averaged about 2.6 percent over the past 20 years. It went as low as 0 percent in 2010 and 2011 after the housing crisis and as high as 8.7 percent in 2023 when inflation spiked after COVID disruptions.

While notices will be sent out towards the end of the year, starting in early December, you can view and save your Social Security COLA notice online via the Message Center inside my Social Security website.

SRS Reminder:

SRS Alert: 2025 estate and gift exemption

The IRS has announced the inflation-indexed exemptions for gifts and estates for 2025. The annual exclusion for gifts will increase to \$19,000 for calendar year 2025, up from \$18,000 in 2024. This means a married couple can each give \$19,000 to an individual for a total of \$38,000 in 2025 and not have to file a gift tax return.

Estates of decedents who die during 2025 have an exclusion amount of \$13,990,000, up from \$13,600,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2024.

Unless Congress makes the current law permanent, after 2025 the estate exemption will revert back to the 2017 exemption of \$5.49 million (which will be adjusted for inflation from 2017).

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RECREATION

The following events are sponsored by The Villages. Please call 408-223-4643 for additional information.

Building B business hours

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

Journey to the stars at the Chabot Space & Science Center

On **Thursday, February 13**, we are calling all space enthusiasts, science fans and adventurers! Don't miss this exciting trip to the Chabot Space & Science Center, where you can explore the wonders of space, experience hands-on exhibits and enjoy a unique day with fellow travelers. From its modern planetarium to interactive exhibits and historic telescopes, the Chabot Space & Science Center is a true Bay Area gem. Dive into the mysteries of the cosmos with exhibits that explore planets, stars, and galaxies, and learn about humanity's journey to understand the universe.



After our out-of-this-world experience, we will dine at NIDO's Backyard for a flavorful Mexican-inspired lunch buffet. Known for its lively ambiance and delicious, locally sourced ingredients, NIDO's offers a true taste of Oakland's culinary scene. Enjoy dishes like chicken or carnitas tacos, arroz mexicano, frijoles pintos, house-made tortillas, and fresh guacamole while relaxing. It's the perfect way to unwind and recap the day's discoveries with fellow adventurers.

The trip cost per person is **\$145** and includes entrance to the museum, lunch, trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is already included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8 a.m. with an estimated return time of 4:30 p.m. Activity level is moderate.

Registration for this trip opens **Monday, November 25**, in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Thursday, January 2**, or sooner if seats sell out.

Winter Pool and Spa hours

The Vineyard pool and spa and the Foothill pool and spa will remain open this winter with the same hours (5 a.m. to 10 p.m.) for your enjoyment. **Children's hours at Vineyard pool** continue to operate unchanged (children under 18 years of age allowed with a hosting resident; children's hours are 2 to 4 p.m.). Remember, only toilet-trained children are allowed; no diapers, swim diapers, etc.

The Foothill pool and spa will remain open at all times for adults only.

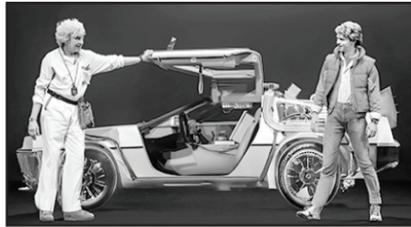
The Montgomery pool and spa and the Cribari pool and spa are closed for the season.

During the winter off-season, we will complete several projects to improve our pools: updating pool signage, updating pool deck furniture, deep cleaning, and more.

So, grab your friends, hop in and let's make waves!

Hop on a time travel adventure with 'Back to the Future: The Musical'

On **Thursday, February 13**, get ready for a thrilling journey through time! Don't miss this exciting day trip to see "Back to the Future: The Musical" live onstage in San Francisco. Join fellow fans for great food and exhilarating entertainment as this experience will be a crowd-pleaser.



Settle into your seats for an electrifying afternoon as the beloved classic "Back to the Future" comes to life in musical form. This stage adaptation brings together catchy songs, high-energy performances and incredible special effects, recreating Marty McFly and Doc Brown's time-traveling adventure in a fresh, exhilarating way. Whether you're a longtime fan of the movie or new to the story, the musical promises something for everyone with its mix of nostalgia and dazzling new twists.

Before the show, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at Max's Opera Café with entrée choices including a BBQ beef brisket plate, grilled salmon salad, roasted beet salad, Grandma's honey roasted chicken or jambalaya fettuccini. You will also get to choose your dessert between cheesecake, ultimate chocolate cake, Niagara Falls cake or ice cream.

The trip cost per person is **\$237** and includes musical tickets, lunch, trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is already included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 9 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5 p.m. The activity level is moderate.

Registration for this trip opens **Monday, November 25** in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Thursday, January 2** or sooner if seats sell out.

Dive into Art and Flavor: Learn Theatrical Design and enjoy a New England Lobster Boil

On **Wednesday, January 29**, art lovers, theater buffs, and anyone with a taste for adventure won't want to miss this exciting day trip to San Francisco's Legion of Honor Museum, featuring The Art of Theatrical Design exhibit! This trip combines a cultural feast for the senses with a classic New England dining experience at The New England Lobster Market & Eatery.

The Legion of Honor's latest exhibit, The Art of Theatrical Design, celebrates the magic behind the scenes, showcasing the artistry and ingenuity that brings stories to life onstage. Visitors will journey through costumes, stage sets, and design sketches from some of theater's most iconic productions. It's a must-see for anyone interested in the creative process, offering a rare glimpse into the world of theatrical design and the artistic mastery that drives it.

Following the museum tour, the group will head to the New England Lobster Market & Eatery for a traditional lobster boil. Each participant will receive 1.25 lb. of fresh, savory lobster, shrimp, sausage, artichokes, corn on the cob, potatoes, onions, garlic and sourdough baguettes, perfect for this authentic New England-style meal. This feast is the perfect way to end the day, giving participants a chance to unwind, savor delicious seafood, and enjoy the company of fellow art and food lovers.

The trip cost per person is **\$239** and includes entrance to the museum, lunch, trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is already included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8 a.m. with an estimated return time of 4 p.m. The activity level is moderate.

Registration for this trip opens **Monday, November 25** in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Thursday, January 2**, or sooner if seats sell out.



RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Recreation Services 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 responsible 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.

Experience History and Luxury: Travel with us to the Blackhawk Museum!

On **Friday, January 17**, get ready for a day filled with history and culture! The Blackhawk Museum is home to an incredible array of exhibits, from its iconic collection of rare classic cars



to the Spirit of the Old West, an exhibit dedicated to the history of America's Native peoples and the pioneers of the American West. Visitors will also enjoy "Into China," a collection that showcases the culture and treasures of ancient China. The museum's exhibits captivate visitors of all ages, bringing history and

artistry to life in a unique and engaging way. We will receive a docent-led tour through their extensive world-class collection of rare vehicles, then get to explore the rest of the breathtaking exhibits on our own!

After our time at the museum we will head over to the Blackhawk Grille where we will enjoy a delicious lunch in the beautiful Blackhawk Plaza. Your lunch choices are an old-fashioned cheeseburger, South-west beyond burger, grilled chicken or fish sandwich.



The trip cost per person is **\$136** and includes entrance to the museum, lunch, trip escort and round-trip transportation. Gratuity for the driver is already included in the price. Additional tipping is at your discretion.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5 p.m. The activity level is moderate.

Registration for this trip opens **Monday, November 25**, in Building B. The deadline for signing up is **Thursday, January 2**, or sooner if seats sell out.

See Doox of Yale perform

On **Saturday, January 4**, see the Doox of Yale perform at Cribari Auditorium from **2 to 3 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 per person. The Doox of Yale has a long history of entertaining audience members with their timeless classics, dynamic performance energy and heartfelt singing. This group of talented tenor and bass a capella singers was formed in 1952 with the name, The Duke's Men, but in 2017 the group became mixed-gender and changed their name. The Villages has joined the diverse venues who have hosted them, including the White House, the Smithsonian and Drew Barrymore's birthday party. Their repertoire includes nostalgic rock ballads, soulful jazz standards, classic folk tunes and even some catchy pop songs. Pre-registration is required in Building B.

Register during office hours beginning **Monday, November 4** and ending **Friday, December 6** or sooner if spots fill up.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

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

Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and every weekday afternoon, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

December 6: Friday, Cookie Exchange Party with Stephanie Torres, 5 - 7 p.m. in the Art Room.

Art Classes—Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

December 12: "Holiday Paint Night" with Nicole Alexander. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. \$45. All materials furnished. Registration deadline: December 5.

January 7 - 28: "Ink and Alcohol Based Markers for Drawing" with Zoe Caron. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. \$40. All materials included. Registration deadline: December 31.

February 4: Tuesday free Make 'n Take class in Diamond Art with Michael Sunzeri, 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art Room. All materials furnished but must register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com to reserve your space.

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 - 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. 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. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday -** Walk around the golf course with Terri Vivoli and/or Cheryl Allmen, meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at **8:20 a.m.**, leave at 8:30.

Rambler Lite Hike Wednesday, November 27: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, December 4: John Zhang (952-200-4113) will lead a hike along the Sawyer Camp Trail. The hike will start from the gate of the camp. We will walk 3 miles on a flat, paved path by Lower Crystal Springs reservoir and back on the same path. Parking will be on both sides of Skyline Blvd. There should be enough parking spaces, but carpooling is encouraged. Round trip to the Sawyer camp is about 90 miles. Only portable toilets are available. Optional lunch place is suggested at the Bucks restaurant in Woodside, 10 miles south of the Sawyer Camp. We will meet at Cribari bell at 8:30 and leave at 8:45.

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, December 4: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at 9 a.m.

Rambler-Hike, Wednesday, December 11: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike beginning at the parking lot behind Subway/Village Grill by Evergreen Square (across Michelangelo Dr from the Walmart Store). The hike then goes to Lake Murillo and by Evergreen Valley High School, on by Carolyn Clark Elementary School and continues toward the Sikh Temple (but we'll not visit it). Next, we will head to Fowler Creek Park via an off-street paved trail. This then takes us back to the Farmers Market at Evergreen Square. There, folks can buy some fruits and veggies and conveniently bring them home in their cars. This hike is about 4 miles and has a max elevation climb of about 111 feet. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. departure.

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on villagesrvclub.org
2024

December 11 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse
2025

January 25, 26, 27, 28 - Fountain of Youth Spa & RV Park, Niland

January 29, 30, 31, February 1 - Indian Waters RV Resort, Indio

March 24, 25, 26, 27 - Black Oak Casino Resort, Tuolumne

April 21, 22, 23, 24 - River Point Landing Marina Resort, Stockton

May 6 - Quarterly Meeting - Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30 PM

May 9, 10, 11, 12 - Costanoa KOA, Pescadero

June 14 - Open House at the RV Storage Lot

June 22, 23, 24, 25 - Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort, Felton

July 21, 22, 23, 24 - Zephyr Cove Resort, Lake Tahoe

August 3 - Annual Barbecue

August 11, 12, 13, 14 - Dumbarton Quarry Campground (full hookups), Fremont

September 26, 27, 28, 29 - Yosemite Lakes, Groveland

October 30, 31, November 1, 2 - Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach

November 3, 4, 5, 6 - Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles



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

**To order
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408-370-8553**

Soup of the Day



For the week of 11/25 to 12/1

Monday, November 25
Split Pea and Ham

Tuesday, November 26
Bay Shrimp and Corn Chowder

Wednesday, November 27
Chicken Tortilla

Thursday, November 28
Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29
Clam Chowder

Saturday, November 30
Chef's Choice

Sunday, December 1
Chef's Choice

CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT, THE BISTRO & BAR GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

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.

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 dinnertime, 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 dinnertime hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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.

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.

The Villages Golf & Country Club

Dear Customer—As of March 2024, a 3% service charge will be applied to all credit card purchases.* This surcharge helps The Villages manage costs associated with credit card transactions more responsibly and fairly.

You may avoid this extra fee by paying with check or using your house account.

* Only debit cards with the Visa or Mastercard symbol can be accepted.

See all menus on The Villager Online:
news.thevillagesgcc.com/menus

Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

To access all Clubhouse menus, hours of operation, reservation information, specials and special offers, please scan this QR code with your phone



Take your cell phone, press the camera icon and frame the QR code to access the Clubhouse web pages.

Curbside, Bistro & Restaurant will be Closed on Thanksgiving Day—Nov. 28.

We will only be open for our Reservation-only Thanksgiving Buffets and Thanksgiving Curbside Meals.

Weekly Specials

For the week of 11/25 to 12/1

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 11/26 to Sunday 12/1

English Breakfast: Two Fried Eggs, Baked Beans, Two Pieces of Bacon, Two Pieces of Sausage, Roasted Mushrooms, Blistered Tomato and Toast **\$18**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 11/25 to Sunday 12/1—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Duck Breast with Chicory Salad: Endives, Frisee, Figs, Walnuts, Ciliegine Fresh Mozzarella, Grape Tomatoes with Mango Marmalade Dressing **\$25**

Pork Carnitas Flautas: Four Pieces on a Corn Tortilla with Tomatoes, Shredded Lettuce, Salsa Verde topped with Sour Cream and Cotija **\$19**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 11/26 to Sunday 12/1—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Baby Back Ribs: With Baked Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Green Beans **\$29 Half Rack; \$34 Full Rack**

Beef Bibimbap: Sliced Anugus Beef, Wilted Spinach, Kimchi, Shiitaki Mushrooms, Zucchini over Steamed Jasmine Rice topped with a Fried Egg **\$32**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

Lunch:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bistro Menu
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

Tuesday to Friday

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. *
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

Saturday and Sunday

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. *
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

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

Please remember to bring your Villages ID Card with you whenever ordering services at the Clubhouse or Curbside Services. This will help us serve you faster and eliminate inaccurate charges. Thank you.




Whole Rotisserie Chicken

Order between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **New Price \$9.95** plus Service Charge & Tax

For pickup between 5 and 7:30 p.m. **408.223.4687 opt 2** or online at clubhouserreservation.com

Clubhouse Special Offers

No corkage will be charged Wednesdays & Thursdays—Dinner service only.



Bring your favorite bottle of wine* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse and enjoy our no-corkage fee offer.

* No corkage will be charged with purchase from the Dinner Menu, Lighter Side, and Entrée items. One-bottle limit per two guests. Standard sized bottles only. This special offer is every Wednesday and Thursday.

Single Diners' Night

Let's dine together every Wednesday at 6 p.m.



Shared table. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. when you come as a single with your favorite bottle of wine and share your table with another single dining member, the corkage fee is on the house!* Please see restrictions below.

Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu. Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

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

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All Day on Monday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

A fast and convenient way to order meals from the Clubhouse—Phone/Tablet/Desktop



To help streamline the process of ordering, the Clubhouse now has, in addition to phone orders, an online meal ordering system. The system will be a fast and easy way for guests to choose meals and pickup times for their orders. This will also be a great way for golfers to order a meal from their phones while still on the course.

See THANKSGIVING MENUS on page 24



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Office closures and holiday deadlines for *The Villager*

Villages business offices are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday—both **Thursday, November 28** and **Friday, November 29**. In addition, Villages business offices will close for the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day—**Wednesday, December 25**, **Thursday, December 26** and **Friday, December 27**.

Offices will close for New Year's Day **Wednesday, January 1**.

Because of these office closures, *The Villager's* editorial deadlines will change:

The December 5 paper edition of *The Villager* editorial deadline is Tuesday, November 26.

For the January 2 paper edition of *The Villager* the deadline is Monday, December 23. Classified ad deadlines are still on Mondays.

Materials needing to be published before Christmas will be published in the December 19 paper edition. The editorial deadline for that edition is Thursday, December 12.

The Communications Team wishes our contributors and readers the happiest and best of holidays!

Friday, November 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	Assoc. Ad Hoc Rules Review	F
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, November 23

9 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Vill. Voices Ticket Sale	L
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
2 p.m.	Korean Club event	VC
6:30 p.m.	VMA Performance	CR

Sunday, November 24

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Choir Rhrl	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church	MC
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:30 a.m.	Cuc Lam Birthday	RED
5 p.m.	Comm. Chapel Hymn Sings	CR

Monday, November 25

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Nirvana Fitness	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:30 a.m.	Association Rules Cmte.	PR
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	VGC Six Clubs	VR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club	FC

Tuesday, November 26

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
11 a.m.	High-Twelve Board Lunch	FC
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
4 p.m.	Glen Arden DAC	FC
7 p.m.	Plant-Based Diet	MC

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR

11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
4 p.m.	Jewish History	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2 A	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC

Thursday, November 28

10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Comm. Chapel Choir Rhrl	CR
3 p.m.	Family Reunion	VC

Friday, November 29

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

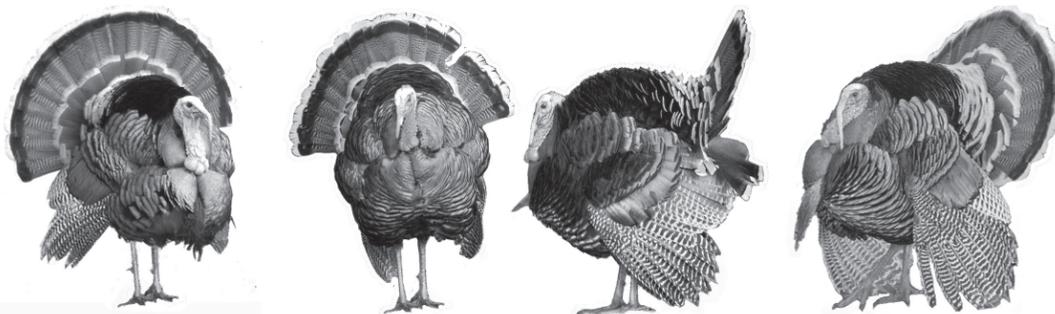
Saturday, November 30

10 a.m.	Crafters Club Boutique	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	MC
4:45 p.m.	Movie Group	SEQ



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Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



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EVENT LOCATIONS

A	Auditorium	(Cribari)
AR	Art Room	(Cribari)
BC	Bocce Courts	
CER	Ceramics	(Cribari)
CH	Clubhouse	
CR	Conference Room	(Cribari)
F	Forum Room	(Cribari)
FC	Foothill Center	
FHP	Foothill Pool	
GP	Gazebo	
L	Lobby	(Cribari)
MC	Montgomery Center	
P	Patio	(Cribari)
PC	Pickleball Courts	
PR	Patio Room	(Cribari)
RED	Redwood Room	(Cribari)
SEQ	Sequoia Room	(Cribari)
TR	Terrace Room	(Cribari)
TS	Tennis Stand	
TTC	Table Tennis Center	(Montgomery)
VC	Vineyard Center	
VR	Voyage Room	(Montgomery)

Upcoming Programs

Joint Pain and Advances in Joint Replacements – Dr. Daljeet Sagoo with Silicon Valley Joint Replacement Center will talk about joint pain and cover advanced treatment options on **December 4 at 1 p.m.** in Vineyard Center. Register at 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 meets with those facing loss in their lives. The group will not meet November 25. The group will resume meeting on **Mondays, December 2, 9 and 16 from 10:30 a.m. - noon** in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. **Thursday, December 19 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 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place on the third Thursday—**December 19 at 10 a.m.** in the **Forum Room (note room change)**. No need to register, all are welcome!

CLUBS & EVENTS

Conference Room Coffee House coming to you November 23

Come to The Conference Room Coffee House and hear Trillium, a trio composed of Kellen Perry, Connie Hendrickson, and Dan Kato, known for their amazing harmony. They'll perform in the Cribari Conference Room across from the Auditorium, Saturday night, **November 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.** Trillium's Coffee House Concert will benefit the **Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA)**.

Space is limited so come early. **A \$10 per person minimum donation is requested**, and the money collected will go directly to VMA, and, in essence then, all Villagers will actually benefit from your donations.

Many a familiar tune will ring throughout the Conference Room... so join us for two sets of 45 minutes each, jammed full of fabulous songs, the kind we grew up with, the songs that brought us joy. Songs of the '50s, '60s and '70s will reverberate throughout, and the harmony will be a salve for the soul!

So grab a cuppa coffee or some apple cider, sit back, and listen to some wonderful music: Peter, Paul and Mary, The Eagles and even Simon and Garfunkel will tickle your fancy. Join Trillium as they celebrate music and the VMA! Gather with friends from 7 to 9 p.m. on November 23 in the Conference Room. Hot coffee (decaf) and apple cider, along with cookies will be served. Come relive the music of old and have a delightful evening with Trillium!



Join Villages Community Chapel Hymn Sing

By Carol Strong

If you enjoy singing old time hymns, be sure to come to the Villages Community Chapel Hymn Sing which will be held on **Sunday, November 24 at 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. Hymnals will be provided and you are encouraged to suggest your favorite hymns for everyone to sing and enjoy. All are welcome. Bring a friend and plan to stay for coffee and fellowship at the conclusion of the singing.



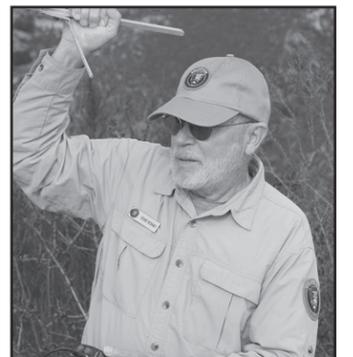
Learn about California condors in Pinnacles National Park

Come to the Hiking Club's presentation on California condors in Pinnacles National Park on **Monday, November 25 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.



Pinnacles National Park is located 75 miles south of The Villages. Since 2003, Pinnacles National Park has been a release site for endangered California condors. The program now co-manages over 100 birds of the more than 250 flying free in the wild. The Pinnacles National Park Foundation assists biologists in their efforts to preserve and protect California condors at Pinnacles National Park. Richard Neidhardt, Director and Condor Fund Chair will be the Hiking Club's featured speaker at its November 25th meeting.

Richard is a long-time volunteer with the condor program at Pinnacles National Park and heads up the Pinnacles Condor Fund committee of Pinnacles National Park Foundation. Having grown up on a lake in South Carolina, Richard has been involved with the outdoors his whole life and enjoys birding, hiking, and generally enjoys the natural world.



Joint Pain—Learn about causes, treatments and robotic surgery

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education Coordinator

You use ice, heat, rest, and ibuprofen. Yet your joints still ache. With temperatures dropping, you grimace and suffer more pain. What to do? Board-certified orthopedic surgeon Dalgeet Sagoo, DO will answer your questions and more on **Wednesday, December 4 at Vineyard Center from 1-2 p.m.** In his one-hour presentation "**Joint Pain and Understanding Advances in Joint Replacement**," Dr. Sagoo will cover: the definition of joint pain, causes and diagnosis, conservative treatment vs. surgical advancements, and understanding robotic assisted surgery.



Dr. Dalgeet Sagoo

Asked about his philosophy of care, Dr. Sagoo says, "I pride myself in my patient-centered approach believing that communication and respect are critical to successful treatment." Dr. Sagoo is recognized as having expertise in complex adult reconstructive cases, yet he also enjoys treating hip disorders involving labral tears, dysplasia, and impingement. Commenting on choosing his specialty, Dr. Sagoo comments, "I was drawn to the intricate functions of the complex systems in the human body in order to help people. I enjoy the basics of orthopedic surgery, which involves engaging with people in order to understand their problem and to help them find the best treatment." Dr. Sagoo has served as Medical Director of the Silicon Valley Joint Replacement. Free yourself of pain?

Maybe. Learn more about what to do about your joint pain. For sure!

Save your place now for "Joint Pain and Understanding Advances in Joint Replacement," on December 4, Vineyard Center. Visit vmavillages.vgcc.club and click on "Register for programs." Or call the office at 408-238-4029.



Republican Club at The Villages Inauguration Watch Party

January 20, 2025, 9 a.m. at Foothill Center

Save the date and time. This will be a watch party with a continental breakfast. There is no cost to attend. If you want, you may bring your own drinks, alcohol or non-alcohol.

To register, contact Mary Wagle at marylwagle@gmail.com or 408-829-4021 and text or talk.



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Verano volunteers needed

Verano Volunteers are needed to put up tree lights on **Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m.** The taking down of the lights will be Saturday, January 11, 25 at 9 a.m. Meet at the upper Verano Monument near the Bocce Courts. Call or text Kerry Besmehn at 408-499-1773



Senior Academy: Explore the 'Mystery of Infinity'

Infinity: It's easy to say, but what does it really mean? Find the answer to that question and many others at the Senior Academy's presentation, "The Mystery of Infinity," on **Wednesday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 10, both from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, presented by frequent Senior Academy speaker John Trudeau.

When the ancient Greeks first got a hint of Infinity, the concept was so overwhelming and contrary to every human intuition that it confounded the philosophers who discovered it. Yet the consequences of their discovery impact philosophy, math and science even to this day. We're going to go into some detail behind our current understanding of Infinity, but you won't need any mathematical expertise or training to follow the material in this course.



The path to Infinity starts with numbers, so in the first session on Wednesday, December 4 we'll explore the different kinds of numbers, the development of the Calculus, and how we got to some strange, early discoveries about Infinity. We'll also consider the "Continuum Hypothesis," a very important element in the modern understanding of Infinity.

In the second session on Tuesday, December 10, we'll look beyond Infinity (is that even possible?) and see how this leads to some serious contradictions within the logic of mathematics itself. Finally, we'll take a visual tour of the Mandelbrot Set to see how Infinity is embedded in those mathematical images and in nature itself, and how, if you're careful, you can hold Infinity in the palm of your hand...

John Trudeau is a popular presenter, past Senior Academy Board member and current Senior Academy Board contributor, who loves to travel—be it to foreign countries or to the enigmas of theory, such as infinity.

Join us by registering at VillagesSA.org or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-912-5594. If you leave a message, please provide your full name and phone number.



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VMA recognizes Victor Clifford for outstanding service to the community

As you are probably aware, driving residents to doctor and dentist appointments is an essential service offered free of charge by the Villages Medical Auxiliary. Over the past two years it has become increasingly more difficult to meet the demand for these rides. One of our volunteers, Victor Clifford, has been averaging three rides a month, definitely above expectations. He has provided as many as five rides in one month! The VMA would like to recognize and thank Victor for his extraordinary commitment to his Volunteering.

On a happy note, VMA has been successful in adding 11 more drivers to the program to, hopefully, get Victor back on a more normal schedule of driving one time per month! Thank you, Victor and all of our new drivers!



VMA President Karen Kosmala presents medical appointment driver, Victor Clifford, a Certificate of Outstanding Volunteerism. Also pictured are VMA Equipment Delivery and Appointment Managers Gary Walden and Dennis Balanesi.

Join community connection and healing through 'A Winter Spectacular'

By Myra Johnson, Village Voices President

Music, a universal language crosses barriers and connects people. "A Winter Spectacular," to be held **December 7 and 8** in Cribari Auditorium, will be the Village Voices community celebration. The Village Voices is comprised of members whose communities of origin spread across the globe. Sara English, a 10-year member of the Alto section and Social Committee Chairperson,



Sara English in front of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

has Appalachian roots. In September, Sara's Appalachian hometown was devastated by Hurricane Helene. For Sara, one of this year's Voices songs, "I Wonder as I Wander," offers her a healing connection from The Villages of San Jose to her Appalachian home.

Sara remembers her mother playing "I Wonder As I Wander" on the piano every Christmastime. Sara loves the minor key of the Appalachian carol, with its almost haunting melody. According to Sara, "If you've ever 'wandered' outside on a winter night and looked up at the sky, perhaps you've felt the awesomeness and wonder of the universe." For Sara, singing this carol is a way to share her Appalachian culture with her Villages community. Its evocative melody helps heal Sara's broken heart, knowing that this carol connects us with the Appalachian people. They are not alone.

We invite you to connect and celebrate with The Village Voice's "A Winter Spectacular" Celebration in Cribari Auditorium on **Saturday, December 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m.** Purchase Tickets in Cribari Lobby on Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or through a Voices member. Tickets are \$20 each. You can charge on your house number or pay cash.

Nearly 100 coats collected so far for Warm Coat Drive

By Toni Thunen

As of November 10, almost 100 coats have been donated to the One Warm Coat Drive. Some Villagers have also included warm socks and gloves as well. The Coat Drive will end **December 13**, so look around your closets and drawers for warm apparel that could be put to good use by those in need. Many thanks for your good will!

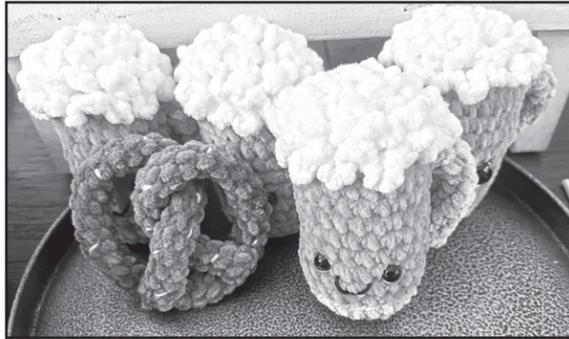
All of the coats that are donated will be distributed in our San Jose community to help those who need them stay safe and warm this winter. Donated coats and jackets are saved from landfills and given a second life to people in need. One Warm Coat's focus on fashion circularity and reducing textile waste is keeping millions of pounds of textiles out of landfills each year.

Please drop off coat donations at 8345 Riesling Way. If you have donations but are unable to drive to the drop off location, please call me at 408-809-4856 to arrange for a pickup.



Find unique creations at Crafters Club Holiday Boutique

Pretzels and beer at the Crafters Club Holiday boutique?! You betcha! Just visit Beth Keller's table for her latest creations of plushy pretzels and foamy steins of beer at the Crafters Club Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center. All of Beth's creations are hand crocheted from yarn and waiting to go home with you! Don't like pretzels and beer—no problem, she has an array of other whimsical crocheted items like gingerbread men, snowmen, adorable animals and even food item earrings! And if crocheted creations aren't what you are looking for, we have an assortment of crafters who will be on hand with ceramics, jewelry, quilts, children's items, holiday decor, diamond art, totes, succulents, knitted wear, lavender sachets, fabric creations and woodworking. We even have books and biscotti—something for everyone on your shopping list. Saturday, November 30 is Shop Small Business day so come out and support your fellow Villagers and snag some unique gifts! Come to Cribari Center early for the best selection and enjoy our complimentary coffee, cookies and holiday good cheer!



Beth Keller's unique crocheted pretzels and beer.

'Inside the Gates' Home Tour attracts record attendees

By Karen Kosmala, VMA President

The recent home tour was a resounding success! Several years ago, two new Villages residents, Melinda Dobbs and Penny Barcellos, brought a beloved tradition from their previous neighborhood to our community creating what now, after nearly a dozen years, has become an annual home tour event. Melinda and Penny worked tirelessly to make this year's tour exceptional, and their dedication truly shone.

The tour showcased an inspiring variety of beautifully remodeled homes, a delightful boutique and luncheon that earned glowing reviews. With over 400 attendees—a record high—the event not only brought a fun day to our community, but also raised an exceptional fund total. These proceeds have been generously donated to the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) to support our mission of helping residents live healthy, independent lives for as long as possible.

As a spokesperson for the VMA, I can't express enough gratitude for this support. It's a privilege to be the recipient of such generosity. Thank you, Melinda and Penny, and all the volunteers who make this event possible. Your hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated.



Local Tours Group visits Tortoise Ranch

By Judy Rogers

The Villages Local Tours Study Group went to the Tortoise Ranch in Campbell, CA on Friday October 18. On a regular street, behind a regular house there is a hidden treasure... greeting us was a plethora of tortoises and an amazing collection of lawn art. The group heard an informative talk about tortoises from the owner, Terry, who told us about the three different species of tortoises that live there. Did you know that you can tell the difference between a male and a female just by looking at the length of their tails and the shape of their undersides? (A male has a longer tail and a convex abdomen). We were told that the tortoises have distinct personalities, and one (Georgiana) was particularly fond of Terry and followed him around like a puppy. The collection of tortoises at the ranch grew from purchases, donations from zoos and as abandoned tortoise pets. Having a tortoise is quite a commitment because of their exceptionally long lives. We were able to feed these gentle giants lettuce, celery and carrots (with tongs) and even ride on their sturdy backs. The visit was an unmitigated delight for the group! For more information about The Villages Study Groups Club, visit studygroups.vgcc.club.

Red Hats Club gears up for holiday season

By Betty Olsen



The Villages Red Hat Club had a luncheon Tuesday, November 12 at the Bistro. Plans are in the works for our annual holiday party on Friday, December 6 at Montgomery Center at 11:30 a.m. We will have a Christmas lunch along with our usual white elephant gift exchange. And again this year, we have chosen the San Jose Public Library Foundation for our charity gift.



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Movie Study Group to discuss 'Catcher Was a Spy'

By Judy Rogers



The Villages Movie Group Study Group will be discussing the movie, "The Catcher Was a Spy" on **Saturday, November 23 at 5 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room (Cribari). Please come and join us.

"The Catcher Was a Spy" (available on Netflix) was released in 2018 and is based on the true story of how one of baseball's most intellectual players became a spy for the United States during the events of World War II. In a dramatic movie starring Paul Rudd, "The Catcher Was A Spy" focuses on profes-

sional baseball catcher Moe Berg, an individual who joined the war effort in 1942 on a daring mission to prevent Nazi Germany from building an atomic bomb. For more information on the study group, visit studygroups.vgcc.club.

Help support these VMA holiday fundraisers!



Enjoy a coffee house vibe with **Trillium**, a trio of Villagers at the Cribari Conference Room, **Saturday, November 23 from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.** Kellen Perry, Connie Hendrickson and Dan Kato will be harmonizing to the tunes of Peter Paul & Mary, The Eagles and Simon & Garfunkel accompanied by their guitars and a harp. Relax with a cuppa coffee or cider while they perform two 45 minute sessions. \$10 will get you through the door, but space is limited and it will be walk-in only. All proceeds go directly to the VMA supporting all Villagers!

Nothing Bundt Cakes – Evergreen is partnering with VMA by sharing 10 percent of their profits of all sales made on **Saturday, December 14** when you use the code VILLAGES! You may order by phone at 408-238-7500 or in the store (2721 Aborn Rd) for pick-up or **free** delivery on December 14. Just remember to use the code VILLAGES.

Get in the baking spirit with Holiday Cookie Exchange

Villagers are cordially invited to an Arts & Crafts Holiday Cookie Exchange on **Friday, December 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. You can expect good company, savory treats, a luscious glass of wine, and delicious cookies to choose from.



What you will need to bring: two dozen home-baked cookies to exchange, a container to take them home in, and a card describing the cookie—and if it contains nuts or is gluten free. (Please no grocery store packaged cookies.)

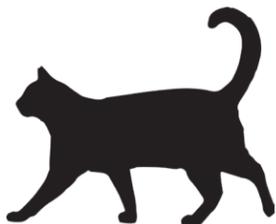
What you will get: you get to wear your festive holiday attire, two dozen cookies to take home to keep or share, and most of all get into the holiday spirit early.

Please let us know you are coming by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com by **December 1**. Stephanie Torres is our host.

Cat Club to hold December social

The next Cat Club meeting will be held on **Monday, December 16** in the Cribari Conference Room from **2 to 4 p.m.** This will be a social—a time to get to know other Cat Club members. You will also hear about the 2025 calendar monthly. Learn what's in store for 2025.

The December meeting will not have a formal agenda, but rather we will focus on visiting, getting to know other Cat Club members and enjoying tasty treats. **There will be no "leave one take one table" at this meeting.**



Please plan on attending and bring at least two dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. If you really don't bake, bring some of your favorite store cookies. Hopefully you will be taking home two dozen different cookies, as well as eating some tasty treats at the meeting.

To register, email villagescatclub5@gmail.com

Dog Club to host Bake Sale supporting dog rescue

The Villages Dog Club invites you to their Annual Bake Sale on **Sunday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Redwood Room. Please help with your donations of baked goods, or just come and purchase some Christmas treats. 20 percent of the proceeds will go to support Muttville Senior Dog Rescue. Your donation and support will make it possible to rescue wonderful senior dogs and find them loving homes. Because of you many more dogs and humans will have healthier and happier lives. You can email barbara-sunseri4u@gmail.com and let her know how you can support the dog club and animal rescue.

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Montgomery Holiday Party Friday, December 20, 2024, 5 to 9 p.m. Clubhouse Fairway Room

Dance to the music of the Island Wave Band



Menu

Turkey & Stuffing with Gravy,
Whipped Potatoes, Cranberry
\$60 per person

Yankee Pot Roast & Whipped Potatoes
\$60 per person

Vegetarian Wellington & Au Gratin Potatoes
\$55 per person



All dinners include Assorted Rolls & Butter, Butter Lettuce Salad (Mandarin Oranges & Almond Slices, Creamy Italian & Italian Vinaigrette), Asparagus with Red Peppers, Dessert, Coffee, Tea
No Host Bar

RSVP with entree choice by December 16 to:
Celia Schiffner at Montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com.

Include names of attendees,
house number & phone number.
No refunds after December 13.

Holiday Lunch Buddies— Let's get together to celebrate

By Liz Adams

Here comes Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, and Makershantra, to celebrate the winter. There's a lot to rejoice in over the next several weeks. However, sometimes it's difficult to get out, or you're by yourself. Then Lunch Buddies



on **Wednesday, December 11** at the Clubhouse is absolutely for you! Together we'll share an abundance of joy as we head into 2025! Join us at the Clubhouse for an amazing Holiday Luncheon chosen for us by the new chef and put on by the Villages Medical Auxiliary just for you. Again, your holiday luncheon will be \$11, charged to your house account. Call the VMA Office no later than **December 9 at noon** at 408-238-4230 to reserve your spot. Make sure to let the office know if you need transportation to and from the Clubhouse. We'll have a wonderful time with each other, celebrating each other, and eating very well!

Remember, the Holiday Lunch Buddies will be December 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Dress up a bit as we gather together to celebrate life.

See Hoover School choir perform at VMFSC luncheon

On Tuesday, December 3, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will feature a luncheon performance by the San Jose Hoover Middle School Choir. Social Club members should make lunch reservations at least a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend the presentation and should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:15 p.m.

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

The choir has been under the direction of Victoria Arribere for 10 years. Mrs. Arribere earned her music education degree at San Jose State University. She believes that all students should have access to a musical education and the program is successfully growing at Hoover. The Hoover students work closely with Lincoln High School students and faculty in preparation for future vocal music at the San Jose Unified performing arts high school.

At this December luncheon, the Social Club will be collecting clothes for the Villages Medical Auxiliary who will deliver the clothes to San Jose people in need. This clothes drive has been successful in the past and we encourage you to bring your unused clothing to this collection.



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More CLUBS

Sign up for Paint Party with Nicole Alexander



Nicole Alexander taught a very successful Paint Party in February for all Villagers. On **Thursday, December 12**, she will be leading another Paint Party from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. This workshop is for people with no experience can complete an acrylic painting in the two hours.

We hope that Villagers who work might find this class timely. All materials—canvas, paint, brushes, easels and refreshments—will be furnished. You may want to wear an apron or an old shirt. The fee for the Paint Party is \$45, and all Villagers are welcome! Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com.

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.

Here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among the bestsellers. There's also a wall of mystery, fiction and non-fiction large print editions in the backroom. While you're there, take a look through the biography section.

Our devoted library volunteers are available to assist you. We're open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our latest recommendation:

"The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Fiction. Publisher's description: "Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own. Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth. Her diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling Martha to decide where her own loyalties lie."



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RSVP for Hiking Club's Annual Holiday Party

The Villages Hiking Club will host its annual holiday dinner party in Cribari Auditorium on **Saturday, December 14 from 5:30 – 9 p.m.** (Note: doors will open at 5:30 p.m.). All members of the club and their guests are invited to attend.

All guests are asked to bring substantial hors d'oeuvres (appetizers). No chips, dips, salsa, please. The club will be providing Holiday desserts, plates, napkins and utensils. Bring your own beverages and glasses.

Live entertainment and recorded music by DJ Ed Knott will be provided for listening enjoyment and dancing.

To sign up, contact Linda Arbaugh at 408-489-7657 or via email at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net. Members are urged to reserve their seats early as space is limited. The deadline to sign up is **Friday, December 6**.



Village Voices...

(Continued from front page)

team are wrestling up the puckered, sticky carpet from the auditorium stage. Instead, Marley Flooring, a portable vinyl dance floor will be laid on the tiled surface. With relief, Bernice said, "We are grateful for the advocacy of Pamela Pierson, President of The Villages Music Society that



Duck! Flap Ball Change—Dancing Queen member Elena Johal aims with gusto during "A Winter Spectacular" rehearsal. Lorelie Garcia ducks to avoid a high-spirited, cold blast.

our dance surface will be safe and secure." Bernice added, "We invite all Villagers to join our Just-For-Fun Dance Group"—it is separate from the Dancing Queens—"every Monday at 5:30 p.m. to learn a new dance routine. It's never too late to dance!"

And it's not too late to purchase tickets for "A Winter Spectacular." Tickets are on sale for \$20 each this **Saturday, November 23** in Cribari Lobby from 9 a.m.-12 noon and on **Monday, December 2** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are also available through VOICES members and at the door. You can charge the tickets to your house number. Need a ride? Contact the VMA at 408-238-4230. Want to enjoy a delicious, discounted meal before or after the shows? Show your Voices ticket to your server and receive a 10 percent discount at the Club Restaurant. For more information: visit villagesmusicsociety.org and click on Voices, then click on Concerts.

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Weekly:

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	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!

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‘Happy New Year’

By The Rev. Joel P. Miller

Happy New Year! That may seem a bit odd to extend a New Year’s greeting in the middle of November, but if you are familiar with the ecclesiastical calendar, you know that for the church the New Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. That’s a big shift for us at Trinity Chapel: the church colors change from green to purple, the readings from the Gospel change from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel of Luke, but most importantly the mood of the calendar changes from what we call “ordinary time” to Adventide. It is good to note that “ordinary time” should not be thought of disparagingly. “Ordinary time” is when we understand the regular and recurring wonder of life is a daily and repeated event. But our focus in Advent will be on preparing to receive Christ into our hearts for Christmas and celebrate Jesus’ first incarnation. I always relished the fact that the church is a month ahead of the rest of the world in starting its New Year. It is like hearing that popular bromide that was so popular a few decades ago: “Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” Advent, or what I am calling New Year, is a time of new beginnings, the first month of the rest of your life. A time to shed worries, fears, guilt and shame. A time to take the Risen Christ into our hearts so we can once again celebrate Christmas in all its splendor. So come join us at Trinity Chapel at 9 a.m. at the Montgomery Center.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., November 25 at Vineyard**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Gratitude’

By Louise Connors

As families gather in the United States celebrating Thanksgiving day, Gratitude is the theme. Our family was no exception as we were a large one and when our little girls were old enough, they joined in Blessing before our Meal. Around our large table, one by one even our littlest girls shared about what they were most thankful. Happily, this tradition continues today with their own families.

As I thought of other times that I found gratitude in my life, I was surprised to remember that as an SJSU student taking a journaling workshop, a professor posed a journaling question of gratitude in relation to our bodies. We were given 30 minutes to write. My response was my feet. I had usually taken my feet completely for granted, I only noticed them when they hurt or were cold. How my awareness was raised when I began to concentrate on what they have done for me in my life. From learning to walk, running, hopping, jumping, skipping. Then my development as a dancer. It is humbling to see how God used my gift of dance as discipleship.

During my traveling days, I was always cautioned to bring sturdy walking shoes to accommodate uneven pavements, cobblestone sidewalks, and various terrains. Attention: feet first! My pleasure walking in Rome, Paris, and Egypt was so enhanced by having the correct footwear to protect my feet. In the Holy land and in Jerusalem, following in the footsteps of Jesus, my awareness of the importance of feet increased. Can I ever imagine how Jesus’ feet felt with the amount of walking he did in his ministry? Just reflect only sandals, no socks, in the hot desert for miles and miles. At the end of His life he walked to Calvary, barefoot, carrying the cross that would hold His sacred body in Crucifixion. This was the ultimate example of acceptance of His Heavenly Father’s will.

I continue my appreciation of these feet today in the Villages, walking the Cribari Circle, Dance for Fun class on Monday, Israeli Dance on Wednesday, quarterly demonstrating ballroom with Jim for the Chinese Club. My dance shoes these days may not be as high or sparkly as they were, but they carry special cargo, my special gift of my Lord. May they continue to lead me in His rightful path for His greater glory.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘A Change Is Coming’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Singer and songwriter, Sam Cook, inspired many people with his powerful civil rights anthem, “A Change Is Gonna Come,” in 1964. He had been denied a hotel room in Shreveport, Louisiana because of his ethnicity, which deeply troubled him. His success and fame as a singer did not open some doors in the hearts of others.

To many, his song(s) spoke of the hope and positive change despite oppression and hardship. His lyrics conveyed a message of perseverance and belief in a better future for those who were ignored and rejected. It was a powerful song, and even today, when I hear that song, it brings me to tears because he had an early death.

In 2024, tensions among nations, governments, people groups, and individual rights still appear to infringe upon another person’s rights. With all our technological advancements and learning, the world is still complex, and there seems to be no return to the old ways of integrity and standards on the horizon. Those old ways and standards make some people feel comfortable and secure, while others feel devalued and unimportant.

Believing that one person, or group of people can change the direction of society is almost unthinkable but not impossible. Given the power of technology and its impact on our world, the biggest challenge would be to get people on the same page. When the rubber hits the road, people are more concerned about individuality rather than becoming unified in purpose.

If you are aware of the human spirit, it can never be satisfied. Some people think they would be happy with no change while others want change for the sake of change, like rearranging furniture in a room. We need change to maintain our planet’s survival and stop bad behavior. It is more costly in the long run to do nothing. It would be wise, as leaders, to determine the greatest needs and work together with God’s help.

Change is coming! Either pray and seek God’s wisdom or continue complaining about the world’s condition and do nothing. Let’s become agents of change by being like the people of prayer who have been instrumental in bringing down kings and kingdoms.

Proverbs 21:1-3 ESV *1 The King’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will. 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart. 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable than sacrifice.*

Please celebrate with us and experience the Good Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy 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 [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychapel)

SPORTS NEWS

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Mary Wagle



There were 47 Swingers who played golf on the back nine on November 12. Our tee times have moved to a 9 a.m. shotgun start until daylight savings time in the spring, which makes those cold mornings more bearable.

Some Swingers are still struggling with Cobalt. The management team at The Villages is aware of the problems and are working to resolve them. If there are issues with booking or deleting tee

times, Swingers should contact the Pro Shop on the phone.

If you Swingers have not already done so, please contact Mazie Rice, Membership Chair, if you want a change to your membership status or playing tees for next year. Our club is going to propose that we drop out of WNHGA in 2025. The reason for this is that we are not receiving much benefit from our annual contribution, as we do not participate in team play, and there is very limited participation in Corena Green, open days out of our area, or the Tournament of Champions. There will be further discussion and a vote about this at the General Meeting/Holiday Luncheon on December 17. Speaking about the Holiday Luncheon and Play Day, how fun is it that it will be a pajama party? This author and her playing partners have already purchased matching pajamas.

The Bunker Renovation Project is underway, with holes 1, 2 and 3 being closed. The project is estimated to take five months to complete. It was decided that one entire nine, front or back, will remain open throughout the project so that a consecutive nine holes of golf may be posted. If you play all 15 holes, please remember to post your own score using the hole-by-hole method. The USGA system automatically adjusts for the additional three holes when you post this way. We want to take this opportunity to thank local realtor and Villager, Lisa Gault, for donating \$300 toward the prize money at our Fall Foursomes Exchange on October 15. At the exchange, we had 37 guests and 42 Swingers for a very fun day of golf. Scott has recommended that the Swingers make the #2 tees mandatory for Tuesday Play Days. This is due to our higher handicaps. Many of the Swingers who have made the change find that they are enjoying the game more, as they are able to be on many of the greens in regulation.

At the December General Meeting, the 2025 Board of Directors will be voted into office. Proposed candidates are: Captain Sheryl Driskell, Co-Captain Valerie Dimmick, Secretary Sherry Benz, and Treasurer Delma Juarez. Please help your club by attending the meeting so that we have a quorum to vote on the new Board. You will also be asked to vote on a By-Law change, Section 4 of Article VII as per the email you have already received from Gisele. In conclusion, keep in mind that many golfers prefer a golf cart to a caddy because it can't count, criticize, or laugh.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

Local Rules Update—A new local rule for The Villages which went into effect last week will be a great relief to all of us, especially on holes with water hazards. If your ball comes to rest on or near a goose dropping, and/or that goose dropping has adhered on your ball, you are entitled to lift, clean and replace your ball within 6 inches of its original location, with no penalty. Additionally, you may move goose droppings to avoid interference. What a great solution to a messy problem!

Our officers were elected for 2025. These ladies give tirelessly of their time to give all of us a chance to play, socialize and have fun. When you see them, be sure to thank them and plan to attend the Installation Luncheon on December 5.

Captain	Helen Varenkamp
Co-Captain	Mazie Rice
Secretary	Mary Wagle
Treasurer	Gloria Landry
Tournaments	Millie Anne Schwerin and Susan Anderson
Play Day	Cindy Fuller and Michelle Chung
Handicap	Marky Olsen and Jan Mahoney
Rules	Vicki Krattli
Mediation	Barbara Nilsen



With threatening weather we had only 37 women playing but we had a great time. Camille had a great golf joke and Judy reminded us about the Turkey Shoot. Shooting well today included Millie Anne Schwerin (Hole 11) and Monica Saneholtz (Hole 7) who shot birdies plus Bev Poellot (Hole 4) and Gloria Landry (Hole 18) who had chip ins.

November/December Dates:

11/21	Turkey Shoot
11/28	Thanksgiving (No club play)
12/5	Installation/Holiday Luncheon
12/12	Last Play Day
12/19	Open Play/No Sweeps

PICKLEBALL

Each year the USAPA adds and revises their rules for the upcoming. For 2025, there are a number of rule changes, and we're highlighting what are the most impactful. Our website (<https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/>) has a link to the all the USAPA new and changed rules.

Spectator line calls (Rule 6.C.4.)

The importance of this rule change reminds players they should not be asking spectators for their opinion on line calls, but also that they are not allowed to accept any input from spectators.



According to USA Pickleball: "The [rule change] prevents both soliciting or accepting spectator input. (We all know that line calls get volunteered which is not helpful)."

Calling a fault (Rules 13.D.1.c and 7.O.)

13.D.1.c. Players may call non-volley zone and service foot faults on the opponent's end of the court. If there is any disagreement between teams about the called foot fault, a replay shall occur.

New addition: Add Rule 7.O. Any disagreement between partners on a fault call will be decided to the benefit of their opponents.

Calling a fault on your partner (Rule 13.D.1.a.)

The current rule says that you must call a fault on yourself when you realize you committed it. The new 2025 rule change adds that you must also call a fault on your partner if you see them commit one.

"The fault call must happen before the next serve occurs."

Serving changes (Rule 4.A.5.)

Currently, "the serve shall be made with only one hand releasing the ball." The new rule change will also allow you to release the ball with your paddle as well.

If you serve with the drop serve and want to drop the ball from your paddle (instead of your hand), you have to let the ball roll off the face of the paddle using gravity only (no force).

Despite this change, you are still not allowed to impart spin on the ball.

Play Stoppage (Rule 7.1)

A ball in play that is stopped by a player before it becomes dead (e.g., catching or stopping a ball in flight before it makes contact with the playing surface). The fault is on the player who stopped the ball. Exceptions: See Rules 4.B.9.a. and 4.K.

You may stop a ball before it is returned if an incorrect score is called.

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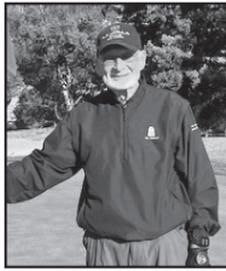
MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini, kmpagnini@gmail.com

Eagle Shooter for October!

George Southland (91) on 10/19/24 on Hole 8. Number 8 is a difficult hole to score well. From the #3 tees George hit a nice drive to get into position. Then, from 155 yards his second shot hit the front of the green and rolled back into the cup for the two! Great shooting, George! Well done.



George Southland



Larry Angel



Dave Dimmick

Age Shooters for October!

Larry Angel (82) 10/5 - 78; 10/16 - 81.

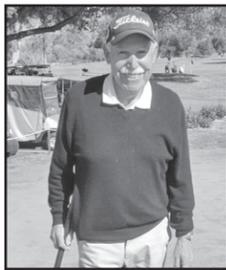
Dave Dimmick (77) 10/11 - 77; 10/14 - 75; 10/27 - 77.

Pres Miranda (85) 10/16 - 85.

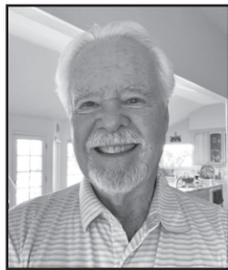
Bill Johnston (80) 10/19 - 78.

Bob Dolci (73) 10/2 - 71.

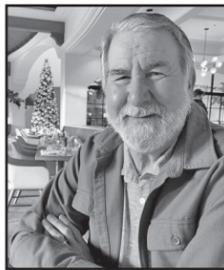
Ben Vitcov (89) 10/16 - 89.



Pres Miranda



Bill Johnston



Bob Dolci

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.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **December 3, 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.



Ben Vitcov

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Winter rules are now in effect...for us, it's not snow but the course certainly does get wet.

Winter rules mean you can now take a 6-inch relief: lift, clean and place no closer to the pin including in the rough.

Today was actually a very nice day for golf, albeit a little wet in spots. Sunny, no wind.

22 Shonis and two qualifiers (one more game each for Dee and Nahareen) made up our group today.

Four Putting for Pesos winners today. Did it help their scores? That's for them to decide.

Putting that extra dollar in the sweeps envelopes are Tahera Khalil, Schinae Ogihara, Meg Rogers and Karen Rooney. Nice putting, ladies.

Our birdie pot got emptied again today. Pauline Robertson dropped that little white ball in on hole #2. Congratulations Pauline.



PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Winter has finally decided to let us know that it is waiting on the doorstep to visit us. A very cool and windy day greeted 11 Pinseekers played on the back nine once again. It appears that we will continue to play the back nine until the renewal project on the sand traps moves to hole 10 and beyond. I dug out a thermal t-shirt and stayed somewhat comfortable.

Our scores were less than spectacular, except for Martin Hoek who took first place and the top sweeps with a Net 31. In the second spot with a Net 39 was Leighton Horio, while Frank Garcia grabbed the third spot with a Net 40. Closing out the top four was a tie with Jack Bindon and Jim White scoring Net 41.

We were reminded that we are now playing winter rules. Lift, clean, and replace your ball, as needed, within 6 inches of your original lie and no closer to the flag.

Finally, while the fairways were a bit on the sluggish side and the greens played quite fast, one member hung in and finished the day with 18 putts. Congratulations to John Mueller.

Bocce Dues Reminder

It's that time of the year where every club reminds you that dues will be billed soon. For Bocce Club members, it's still only \$15. That gets you so much: tournament participation, skill classes, Friday bashes and invitations to celebrations. Fun, socialization and great food and get togethers.



If you elect to *not renew* your club membership, our membership chair needs to hear from you ASAP. Just email jawhitacre@live.com before the end of November. She's waiting to hear from those of you wishing to drop your membership for any reason. **See you in 2025.**

Again, email jawhitacre@live.com to drop bocce.

TENNIS TALK



By Betty Olsen

Sunday, December 6 is the date of the Tennis Club's final 2024 activity. President Ruth Domingo-Lui is working hard to make it a special "Christmas in Hawaii" holiday party. Please be sure to sign up ASAP.

The menu consists of our Hawaiian Theme with teriyaki chicken, grilled salmon or vegetarian meal. You are encouraged to dress in Hawaiian style such as Hawaiian muumuus, floral shirts, white pants, straw hats, or maybe grass skirts!

The music will be provided by DJ Chris Campos, an open format DJ, who will play songs from our '50s to '80s. He is a professional DJ who had his own show on 94.5 and has been in the music industry for over 30 years.

Our Hula Dancers will be our very own Sunshine Dancers. They will be performing traditional hula and will engage our audience to join in.

We will start the evening with a very short business meeting to elect our new incoming officers, followed by dinner and dancing.

On Wednesday, November 13, ten girls from the Silver Creek high school tennis team came to play tennis with our Villages women. Wendy Ferguson arranges this activity every year to expose teenagers to the experience of tennis as a lifetime sport and to encourage the seniors to apply for our yearly scholarships. Unfortunately we only had four village women available to play, so Silver Creek had to switch teams after four or six games.

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BOCCE NEWS



First place winners, La Bocce Vita. Front row: Colleen McIntyre, Frank Garcia, Betty Garcia, Ros Bollinger, John Wachsmann and Bonnie Barrett. Back row: Captain Roger King and Jana King.



Second place finishers, Game of Throws. Front row: Tricia Hunt, Captain Todd Horvatich, Espie Martinez, Marie Burn. Back row: Tom Hunt, Tina Parsley, Daniel Martinez and Shel Schumaker.

By Betty Hall

They came to play: 34 teams of eight rollers, six weeks with a couple rain delays. Finally it came down to eight teams who got rained out Monday, November 11. On the second try, Tuesday, November 12, eight teams played and narrowed it down to four teams. And now on Wednesday, November 13 these four teams rolled off and the final game came down to two teams: Game of Throws versus LaBocce Vita.

And what a game it was. Back and forth swapping leads. For an hour these two teams fought for the win. And it came down to the final minutes in an extra frame roll off. As we all held our breath, Espie Martinez of Game of Throws was pitted against La Bocce Vitas' Frank Garcia. And the final result: red won. LaBocce Vita survived the roll off. What a great Championship game.

After congratulations to all were shared, players and spectators adjourned to Gazebo Park for a victory celebration. Coordinated by Wendy Ledamun and her volunteers, everyone enjoyed delicious chili and homemade cornbread muffins. The two winning teams received their ribbons and their accolades—the result of six weeks of winning games.

Now we wait until the Spring mixer in March 2025. Check us out at villagesbocce.vgcc.club.



Rose Marie Marcias, Kathleen Pennington and Deborah Strauss dishing up the goodies.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Bunker Renovation Project

The Golf Course Bunker Renovation Project started Monday, November 4. The preliminary timeline for the project is five months through March 2025. The construction team will be working each week (weather permitting) Monday-Saturday. There will be 3-holes alternately *closed* during the majority of the project. Currently Holes #1, #2 & #3 are closed. Golfers will be playing 15 holes during the majority of the project.

More detailed information regarding golfing logistics, posting scores, tournament play, and guest play is available in the Pro Shop.

Thanksgiving Holiday Golf Schedule

Thursday, November 28 is Thanksgiving Day – the golf schedule is as follows:

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tee Times on the 18-Hole Course and the Par-3 Course

The last tee time on both courses will be 1 p.m. - The Driving Range will close at 1 p.m. - The Pro Shop will close at 1 p.m.

Friday, November 29 is a standard Friday play day with tee times available from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Golf Winter Schedule now in effect

The Pro Shop and golf play hours of operation will be adjusted around the resultant constricted daylight hours.

The Monday shotgun will move to 12 p.m.

The Driving Range will close at 2 p.m. on Mondays.

The Swingers Tuesday 9-Hole Women's shotgun will move to 9 a.m.

The Shonis Par-3 women will move to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

The Ironmen Par-3 men will move to 1 p.m. on Thursdays (starting in December).

The Pinseekers Men's 9-hole Club Friday tee times start at noon.

Winter Rules—From now until further notice we will play Winter Rules defined as 6-inch relief, Pick-Clean-Place, no nearer the hole everywhere including the rough.

Local Rules Update—We have added a new Local Rule for The Villages effective immediately.

Goose Droppings: If your ball comes to rest on or near a Goose Dropping, and/or that Goose Dropping has adhered on your ball; you are entitled to lift, clean and replace your ball within 6 inches of its original location, with no penalty, and you may move the Goose Dropping to avoid interference.

Fall Maintenance Schedule

Fall Overseeding will continue through the end of November.

Fairway Sand Top-Dressing started November 4 and continue through late November.

December Golf Schedule

Saturday, December 14 - Men's Club Holiday Tournament 8:30 a.m. Shotgun - Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 19 – Open Play All Day

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – Open Play tee Times 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – All Golf Facilities Closed at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day - Golf Courses, Driving Range, Pro Shop closed all day

Thursday, December 26 – Open Play All Day

Let's All Get Together Now—Be a part of our **"Culture of Care"** and follow these simple Golf Course Etiquette Guidelines...We can all participate in keeping our golf course beautiful by observing these **nine simple acts of care:**

1. Follow the 90-degree rule (longer hitters) or the Entrance Gates (shorter hitters) when entering the fairway.
2. Drive the cart from shot to shot keeping the cart in the fairway as you play the hole...please avoid driving in the rough as much as possible to maintain the integrity of the rough.
3. Do not drive within 30-feet of the greens defined by the yellow painted ground lines in front of each green.
4. *Exit* every hole through the *exit gates* – please do not drive on the mounding around the greens and proceed from hole to hole using the cart paths.
5. Respect any roping, cart directional signs and Ground Under Repair.
6. Fill all divots with sand mix.
7. Repair pitch marks on the greens.
8. Smooth out the sand in the bunkers with the bunker rake and return the rake at a right angle to bunker edge placing the head of the rake in the sand and the handle of the rake on the bunker edge.
9. Knock the sand off your shoes before walking on the green.

Let's all make it a goal to leave our golf course in better shape than we found it, every time we play.

Tips from the Pro— A Baker's Half-Dozen Greenside Sand Bunker Tips

1. Always open the clubface a bit more than you think you need to.
2. Stand wide rather than narrow with your weight left.
3. Hold your hands and wrists low rather than high at address to expose the sole of the club.
4. Do not look at the ball but rather at a spot a 2-3 inches behind the ball.
5. Play the ball forward in your stance.
6. Swing into the sand with a bit more force than you think you need – imagine a full 7-iron swing.
7. Long shot = long finish; Short shot = short finish.

To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, November 14, 2024, was partly cloudy/sunny and cool. Eight Ironmen played. Because there were fewer than 10 players, there were no sweeps.

There were two **Birdies** today: one by Bill Travis on hole 2; and the other by Jim White on hole 5.

Larry Dorsey won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 4 at 27 feet, 3 inches.

Hiei Takazawa won **Low Gross** with a 36.

A reminder: If every Ironman at every game would take the time to fill in all divots and green damage noticed during each week's game, we would be making a big contribution toward maintaining our own course.

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. You can also visit our website at ironmen.vgcc.club

Deep Thoughts: "The number 18 (as in golf holes) is symbolically meaningful because it is the numerical equivalent of the Hebrew word chai, which means life." - Michael Bamberger, Author and sports writer

"Standing at the head of a course in the early light of a late-summer day, with the fog lifting and the sheep bleating, grass clippings sticking to the sides of your shoes and the air smelling of damp wool, the golf course is a sanctuary. You wonder: What's in store for me today? There's hope in your voice, of course. Without hope, there is no golf." - Michael Bamberger

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Real Estate

There is an uptick in the sales of Villages homes, but...winter is coming.

As expected at this time of the year, there are some homes that come off the market. Whether the owner is hoping for a better market next year, chooses to rent or decides to do more improvements, this always happens at this time of the year. In November, there are 4 listings that came off the market for various reasons. The good news is that 14 homes went into contract, so if priced right and they show well, houses sell in November. I see some have come on at ridiculous prices, usually from an outside agent, ending up sitting on the market for a long time-even years. The market will tell you if your home is priced right or if there is a buyer that loves your home over all the others for sale.

Lots of clients love gas stoves. Most agents who have been selling real estate for some time, know that there are many clients who prefer gas stoves. Some clients will search for that amenity exclusively. California has new energy rules/laws that do not allow gas appliances in the future. New energy rules include no new gas water heaters after 2026, and no new gas furnaces after 2029. You will no longer be able to replace that gas range after 2030. You can still replace or repair your current units until these future dates. It is time to look at the age of your appliances.

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SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, November 11:

1. Art Lind – T.R. Fu
2. Jan Kiernan
– Sumi Minami
3. Joe Henry - Lorrie Scott

Friday, November 15:

1. Guests
2. Hank Koransky
– George Welch
3. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, November 14

Flight One

Low Gross:
Helen Varenkamp 73

Low Net:

1. Millie-Anne Schwerin 62
2. Camille Giuliobarari 65

Flight Two

Low Gross:
Bock He Kim 79

Low Net:

1. Janice Mahoney 59
2. Betty Sharps 66
3. Jane Hong 67

Flight Three

Low Gross:
Donna Quartaro 83

Low Net:

1. Emily Li 62
2. Dianne Doughty 62
3. Beverly Poellot 63

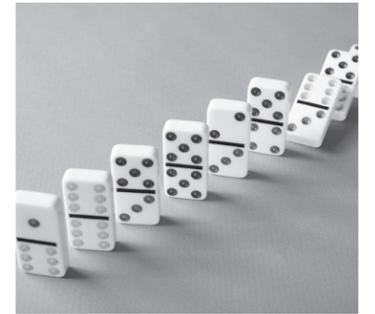
2 Tee Flight

Low Gross:
Gisele Barber 82

Low Net:

1. Judy Rodriguez 58
2. Marie LeBlanc 60
3. Sachiko Coleman 62

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



Wednesday, November 13

Eva Medeiros	186
Kit Hultquist	275
Gjo Bennett	290
Sylvia Rozewicz	326

Friday, November 15

Sylvia Rozewicz	182
Shirley Bellavance	225
Aloma Lazetera	225
Sandy Gardiner	226

SHONIS

Tuesday, November 12

All Nets

Flight One:

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|-----------------|----|
| 1. Judy Rogers | 24 |
| 2. Manoli Kelly | 25 |
| 3. Marty Blinde | 26 |

Flight Two:

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| 1. Donna Erickson | 24 |
| 2. Robin Fish | 25 |
| 3. Karen Rooney | 26 |

Flight Three:

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| 1. Schinae Ogihara | 21 |
| 2. Julianna Wahlgren | 24 |
| 3. Tahera Khalil | 26 |



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Landscape Maintenance

• General Maintenance Schedule (General weeding control, pruning, and cleaning)

BellaVista, the new landscape contractor, is now providing landscape services for The Villages. See high-level maps and outlines of the vendor's various activities for November on The Villager Online at news.thevillagesgcc.com. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

• Fertilizer

Custom blend fertilizers are arriving within the next two weeks and pre-emergent to be completed alongside it. Four applications are to be completed throughout the year. First turf fertilizer application and first pre-emergent applications to be completed on the week of 12/9 – 12/13 throughout the districts and Club properties as follows:

- Village Del Lago, Village Sonata, Village Fairways, Village Cribari, Village Glen Arden, Village Highland, and Village Valle Vista 12/9 – 12/10
- Village Montgomery, Village Verano 12/12 – 12/13
- The Heights, Village Hermosa 12/11 and 12/13
- Village Olivas, The Estates 12/11 – 12/12
- Club Properties 12/11

• Pest Control

o Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels—Village Montgomery, Village Del Lago, and Village Sonata—will occur on 11/25.

(Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%).

o For pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, 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.

• Watering Schedule

BellaVista and Management have adjusted/reduced the watering schedule based on the latest weather conditions.

• Beta Sites/Non-functional turf conversions—The Villages entry along Sonata/Del Lago in progress. Gachina will start work at the Montgomery Beta Site within the next two weeks.

Association Maintenance

If your village is not listed below, there is not a large-scale project occurring within your community. However, Public Works continues to address ongoing standard maintenance and landscape requests within each village.

• **Village Glen Arden**—The roof replacement project continues to remain on hold due to weather. Management is working with vendor to determine upcoming window which would allow for demo.

• **Village Valle Vista**—Fire Hardening Project Delayed

o Update: Notices have been posted to all residents about the project which will restart next week. Updated schedule as follows:

- 9001 – 9008 scheduled on 11/18 – 11/19
- 9009 – 9016 scheduled on 11/19 – 11/20
- 9017 – 9024 scheduled on 11/20 – 11/21
- 9025 – 9033 scheduled on 11/21 – 11/22
- 9034 – 9041 scheduled on 11/22 – 11/25
- 9042 – 9047 scheduled on 11/25 – 11/26
- 9051 – 9072 schedule will be shared on 11/22 when finalized.

Slice of Humor

A priest, a pastor and a rabbit walked into a blood donation clinic.

The nurse asked the rabbit: "What is your blood type?"

"I am probably a typeO." Said the rabbit.



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

Sign up for the next BellaVista Landscape Town Hall meetings

Join BellaVista for the next Winter Landscape Town Halls on Monday, December 16, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Foothill Center. Since space is limited, please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ubj9w> or join the meeting via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/4a5nyb6u> Meeting ID: 825 7120 0042 (see QR code and links on The Villager Online).

BellaVista will host an interactive presentation about winter hard-pruning activities, irrigation management and lessons learned during their first two months serving our community. There will also be snacks, beverages and some fun with raffle prizes and socializing with your neighbors.

Note: the December 2 BellaVista terrarium ornament workshop has reached full capacity.

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

You can report or get more information about power outages during stormy weather (and under regular conditions, too) through some of the following ways:

PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000.

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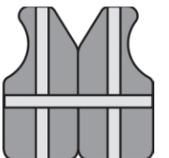
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If you experience a power outage, contact PG&E and report it or to get more information about outages in your vicinity.

VMA offers free safety vests

It's important to be seen! Evening darkness approaches earlier and earlier these days. Please be sure you are protecting yourself and Villages drivers by wearing bright clothing while walking during dawn or dusk.

Bright yellow/green reflective vests are available through the VMA free of charge to our residents. Stop by and pick up a complimentary vest at the VMA office in Cribari. Our office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday.



One size fits all. One per household. Don't be a statistic!

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.

FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

The Roots of Evergreen installments will be published in *The Villager* the third week of every month and collected in *The Villager Online* under a new History heading.

This month's installment is about German immigrant and pioneer vintner William Wehner.

History of the Evergreen area

Pioneer vintner William Wehner

Probably the man who first transformed our Evergreen hillsides the most was William Wehner, a German immigrant who made his fortune in Chicago as a producer of large-scale panoramic paintings for public viewing across the nation. Wehner was listed as a farmer on immigration records when he arrived in 1860 from Hannover, Germany. Thirty years passed before he had a chance to apply his farming skills and astute management skills to a large-scale agricultural venture.

Wehner was well connected in the east, had a keen business sense and was a creative and adaptive thinker—able to think out of the box (before “the box” became a cliché).

Before undertaking his winery venture, he had his brother in the Santa Clara Valley exploring the possibilities of growing grapes in this near-perfect climate in a valley with ideal growing conditions.

After the purchase of the McCarty ranch, the Wehner brothers' venture began when Ernest took charge of establishing the orchards and vineyards in Evergreen while William provided the financial backing. Under Ernest's expert guidance, 300 acres of 175 imported grape varieties—grafted on resistant root stock—were planted as well as 5,000 fruit trees. Soon the former grassy ranchland hills were producing grapes, apricots, nectarines, peaches, prunes, pears and olives. (As our golfers know, many of those trees still exist on the golf course.)

William stayed in Chicago for the first few years to wrap up his business there while his new hillside home, Lomas Azules, was built on the Evergreen property. William, true to his meticulous nature, chose the best architects he could find—a pair of rising stars, partners Burnham and Root of Chicago. (Their names were later enshrined in architectural history as the visionaries who transformed the skylines of every city in the world by developing the predecessors to tall steel-frame skyscrapers.) Lomas Azules, albeit a minor example of their work, had some remarkable design features that caused the locals to sit up and take notice, including eight indoor fireplaces, three indoor toilets and advanced structural design features that baffled most of the local builders. The house was completed in 1891 at an original cost of \$20,000. And upon its completion a parade of locals came out to admire it. Wehner named his vineyard and winery and associated operations Highland Vineyards.

Wehner's operations were described in a 1937 edition of a wine trade journal, *Wines & Vines*:
...Being still a young man, with an exceptionally keen mind, tremendous energy, and a strong will to succeed in this undertaking, Mr. Wehner set out to study the requirements for the proper development of his holdings. He contacted and consulted with every successful grower and vintner and university authorities to that end and his vineyards, winery and orchards. He likewise secured the best planting of trees, vines and shrubs, many having been imported from different parts of the world, and, with an exceptional eye for beauty, he developed a five-acre park of rare beauty, in which he located “Villa Vista,” the home residence. It commanded a view of the “Valley of Heart's Delight,” mountains, bay and, on a clear day, the hills of San Francisco.

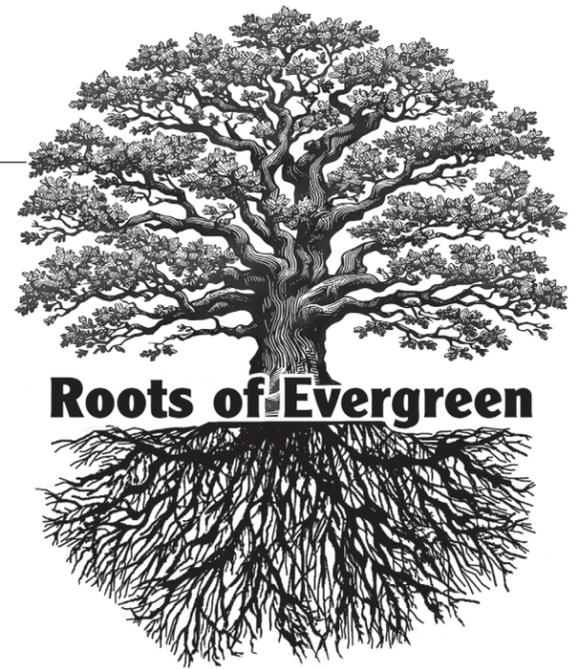
Wehner set out to produce wines of exceptional quality under his label. He succeeded as a vintner and helped build the foundation for the excellent reputation of California wines. Wehner was described in a 1982 book about the history of winegrowing in Santa Clara Valley, *Like Modern Edens*, by Charles Sullivan, as, “...the most important individual in regional winegrowing 1905 – 1915.”

Not only was Wehner a local pioneer, he was a major player in the development of the California wine industry and staunch promoter of Santa Clara Valley wines. His business acumen and knowledge of winemaking and the science behind it gave him the momentum to survive an economic crisis in the 1890s and a significant grapevine blight that followed. By 1901, when most of the smaller winemakers were on the verge of failure, Wehner produced 200,000 gallons of wine with plans for expanding his operation further.

As Wehner aged it became apparent to him that the work was getting too heavy for a man his age, so in 1915, he sold the property to a former Chicago businessman Albert Haentze. Haentze expanded the vineyards and continued to operate under the name of Rancho Villa Vista until he sold it to the University of California for use as a viticulture station.

Meanwhile, Wehner moved off the property and faded into relative obscurity. Wehner and wife Elizabeth had only one daughter, Ida, who died in 1973, at the age of 100. There were other Wehner relatives that continued to live in the area, but none were involved in winemaking. After the sale, Wehner hoped that his name would remain as his legacy attached to the road now known as Yerba Buena Road. It was reported that he had signs installed on road markers naming it “Wehner Road.” Haentze petitioned the county in 1917 to change the name of the road to “Villa Vista Road.” With only a handful of Wehner's friends registering their opposition, the name Wehner Road was purged from maps by the 1920s.

The Roots of Evergreen series will be published the third week of each month and posted in the Online Villager. Series compiled and written by S.R. Hinrichs. The following article will feature Albert Haentze and the University of California, the next owners of the vineyard.



The new Wehner mansion in 1891 surrounded by the newly planted grape vines.



Wehner taking his dogs out for a ride, circa 1912.



Wehner's estate was the scene of many a social gathering, such as this one in the early twentieth century.

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Our holiday gift to you—FastNews rolls out a new design!

Since FastNews landed in your inbox, The Villager team has been receiving feedback with one popular suggestion to offer more articles to choose from with more content accompanying them. This December, The Villager team will roll out a new design based on what we learned from you.

More Highlighted Articles!

Instead of being pushed to The Villager Online via FastNews and remaining online to peruse additional articles, FastNews recipients often attempt to go back to the FastNews email to click on another highlighted article. This frustrates and was never the intention of the FastNews push emails. The new design provides more articles to select from.



More Content!

The FastLane offered all the content Villagers wanted at a glance. If we continued this FastLane format, it would compete against The Villager Online and discourage Villagers from transitioning from print to online. We think that this new design accomplishes a nice compromise—without placing too much extra burden on the team. The new design offers more content with punchier links.

On **November 12**, we welcomed Public Safety to the FastNews lineup. With Public Safety news covered on Tuesdays, FastNews now goes out every day!

If you have questions about the new design, please email the Communications team at comms@the-villages.com.

If you have general feedback about any of our online news channels, click the Feedback Form found on the footer of The Villager Online.

WOW sessions now scheduled online only

The WOW Member Portal help sessions, previously held in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center, are now scheduled online by going to the link: tvgcc.co/book/aleung

You may also email memberportal@the-villages.com or call Anita at 650-582-2223 to get on the schedule and receive assistance with the Member Portal.

Scams—Phishing at home and at work

Phishing is the type of a scam in which a cyber threat actor poses as a trustworthy colleague, acquaintance, or organizations to lure you or groups of people into providing sensitive information or network access. The lures can come in emails, text messages or phone calls. If successful, this technique could enable threat actors to gain initial access to your personal information or a network and affect the targeted organization and related third parties. The result can be a data breach, data or service loss, identity fraud, malware infection or ransomware.

Don't be a victim! You can prevent phishing success and limit its negative impacts, should initial access occur. Here's how this adversarial technique works:

The Bait

Threat actors pose as friends, relatives, colleagues, acquaintances, or reputable organizations and solicit sensitive information or lure victims into downloading and executing malware. Bait typically consists of an email with a subject line that entices the user into opening the email, e.g., the subject line contains an alert, an action, a request for information or a prize or special offer—commonly a too-good-to-be-true offer.

The Hook

A single bite can lead to successful exploitation. Threat actors set multiple hooks to increase their chance of success and then wait for a victim to take the bait. A study conducted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) performed in government organizations and corporations revealed that the odds were high that at least one individual fell victim to a phishing attempt in a widespread distribution of the bait in large organizations. The study also found that 1 out of 10 persons activated a malicious attachment or clicked a malicious link.

The Catch of the Day

Threat actors are successful when individuals and companies have not properly protected their computers and networks. Some stats: 70% of all attached files or links containing malware were not blocked by network protection services. 15% of all malicious attachments or links were not blocked by endpoint protections set up to reduce the amount of malicious malware. 84% of employees took the bait within the first 10 minutes of receiving the malicious emails. And only 13% of targeted employees reported the phishing attempts.

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OBITUARY

Marian Gladys Ecklund October 7, 1939 – October 28, 2024



Marian Gladys Ecklund, died on October 28, 2024, surrounded by her family. Hallmarks of her life included her love of Christ, her passion for nursing, her gifts of storytelling and song, and her investment in the lives of family and friends.

Marian was born in Pennock, MN. She was a graduate of Willmar High School, Swedish Covenant

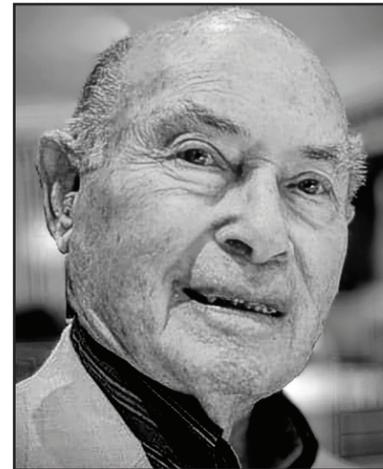
Hospital School of Nursing, and the University of Minnesota, achieving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1963) and a Master of Education (1964). Marian taught nursing at Pasadena City College in Pasadena, CA, and College of DuPage, near Chicago. For the past 45 years, Marian and Stan lived in California where she worked in Geriatric nursing care, at the Santa Clara Senior Center (12 years) and as Director of Patient Care Services at Mid-Peninsula Continuous Care Home Health (5 years), before retiring in 2000.

Marian is survived by Stan, her loving husband of 60 years, three sons and daughters-in-law, Karl (Elaine), Kreig (Karen), Kier (Hung), and six grandchildren, and many close friends, all of whom feel her loss profoundly.

A celebration of life will be held at Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak Ave, Los Altos, CA on January 4, 2025, at 2 p.m. Instead of flowers, the family requests that gifts in memory of Marian be sent to Keyara's Gift, an educational non-profit named after her granddaughter and championed by Marian for its lasting impact in Liberia (<https://www.keyarasgift.org/marianmemorial>). Please write "in memory of Marian Ecklund" in the check memo, or the "notes" if giving online. More information is at: <https://www.spanglermortuary.com/obituary/marian-ecklund>

OBITUARY

Harvey George Wolfe June 20, 1930 – November 15, 2024



Harvey George Wolfe, born June 20, 1930 in Bronx, NY. Son of Paul and Sally Wolfe (both deceased), brother to Bertram Wolfe (deceased), loving husband to Rosalee Wolfe (maiden name, Schwartz), and doting father to Bruce, Merrick and Hillary Wolfe transitioned peacefully on November 15, 2024 at 8:50 a.m. in

the phase of a full moon; a time of release and completion.

Veteran Air Force Lieutenant First Class during the Korean War. An avid golfer for over 70 years. A Villages resident for 30+ years and a member of the Jewish Group.

Burial service: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Beth Cham Cemetery at Oak Hill Funeral Home & Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.



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Scams—Phishing...

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Don't Take the Bait

Companies should educate employees to recognize common phishing ploys, and individuals should stay informed of new waves of phishing attempts by using the information provided by various groups and agencies that report new scams.

Report the Hook

Whether you're in a corporation or at home you should always report scam attempts to the proper authorities, and take extra care not to forward the malicious emails to others.

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Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	Sale \$	\$/Per. SqFt	Close Date
Active	8708 Lomas Azules Place	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,300,000	CS		\$636.32	
Active	7606 Halladale Court	1,751	2	2 1	\$1,099,000	80		\$627.64	
Active	3123 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,855	2	2 0	\$997,000	93		\$537.47	
Active	2048 Folle Blanche Drive	1,746	3	2 0	\$950,000	13		\$544.10	
Active	8097 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$899,999	20		\$499.17	
Active	2022 Carignan Way	1,746	3	2 0	\$889,000	102		\$509.16	
Active	3337 Lake Albano Circle	1,776	2	2 1	\$850,000	72		\$478.60	
Active	8461 Traminer Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$819,988	83		\$498.17	
Active	8502 Grenache Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$819,950	17		\$521.93	
Active	7677 Helmsdale Drive	1,307	2	2 0	\$799,950	4		\$612.05	
Active	7033 Via Valverde	1,837	3	2 0	\$799,000	32		\$434.95	
Active	5176 Cribari Knolls	1,402	2	2 0	\$795,000	40		\$567.05	
Active	7689 Galloway Drive	1,307	2	2 0	\$785,000	3		\$600.61	
Active	8408 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,497	2	2 0	\$749,889	94		\$500.93	
Active	6273 Blauer Lane	1,357	2	2 0	\$749,000	15		\$551.95	
Active	7335 Via Laguna	1,442	2	2 0	\$724,988	124		\$502.77	
Active	7334 Via Laguna	1,442	2	2 0	\$724,988	158		\$502.77	
Active	7248 Via Mimosa	1,386	2	2 0	\$718,888	85		\$518.68	
Active	7774 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$718,000	4		\$481.88	
Active	5140 Cribari Place	1,223	2	2 0	\$699,000	4		\$571.55	
Active	6213 Wehner Way	1,340	2	2 0	\$698,000	70		\$520.90	
Active	7574 Portree Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$690,000	47		\$457.26	
Active	8457 Traminer Court	1,497	2	2 0	\$649,000	76		\$433.53	
Active	5344 Cribari Dell	1,223	2	2 0	\$550,000	52		\$449.71	
Active	5184 Cribari Knolls	1,223	2	2 0	\$539,800	39		\$441.37	
Active	5066 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$535,000	70		\$437.45	
Active	5524 Cribari Circle	1,223	2	2 0	\$520,000	5		\$425.18	
Active	5403 Cribari Court	1,223	2	2 0	\$520,000	72		\$425.18	
Active	5324 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$519,000	30		\$424.37	
Active	5084 Cribari Bluff	1,223	2	2 0	\$499,950	104		\$408.79	
Active	5516 Cribari Bnd	947	1	1 0	\$430,000	47		\$454.07	
Sold	5363 Cribari Dell	1,240	2	2 0	\$498,888	35	\$498,888	\$402.33	10/9/2024
Sold	5438 Cribari Green	1,240	2	2 0	\$514,500	33	\$514,500	\$414.92	10/17/2024
Sold	5539 Cribari Circle	1,240	2	2 0	\$525,000	20	\$515,000	\$415.32	10/11/2024
Sold	6124 Montgomery Court	1,127	2	1 0	\$625,000	14	\$635,000	\$563.44	10/16/2024
Sold	3218 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,776	2	2 1	\$999,000	49	\$970,000	\$546.17	10/9/2024
Sold	2059 Folle Blanche Drive	1,746	3	2 0	\$985,000	15	\$980,000	\$561.28	10/4/2024
Sold	3328 Lake Albano Circle	1,679	2	2 0	\$1,025,000	8	\$1,000,000	\$595.59	10/8/2024

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM AVERAGES	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	31 ↓ from 32	1,467	\$741,290	55↑		\$502↑
Cont/Pend	14 ↑ from 6	1,554	\$841,488	30↑		\$538↑
Sold	7 ↓ from 9	1,435	\$738,913	25↓	\$730,484	\$500↑

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