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Update on The Villager Online

You may recall *The Villager Online* went offline in October. We initially planned a redesign to better meet your needs, but after listening to community feedback, it became clear a standalone website isn't needed right now.

Instead, we are pivoting to a new approach that better serves you: *The Villager Mini*. We announced this concept at the Jan. 27 Board meetings and received positive feedback. We plan to launch it in March.

To see a mockup, visit the Member Portal under Club/Meeting Documents (select Report) or go to vlgcc.com/jan27-cbod-report (page 8).

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Let music inspire you at Villages Music Society's Annual Showcase

By Bernice Toy

Get ready to tap your toes, hum along, and let the rhythm lift your spirits—the Villages Music Society (VMS)'s Annual Showcase is scheduled for **Sunday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium with the theme, "Let Music Inspire You." Admission is free.

This inspirational event brings together the very best of the VMS's musical talent for one afternoon of entertainment, creativity, and community pride. On stage, you'll enjoy performances by **the Concert Band, the Handbell Ensemble, the Village Voices, the Piano Open Studio, and the lively Village Dancers.** Yes, all in one show!

From the shimmering tones of the handbells to the soaring voices of the choir and the graceful movement of the dancers, each group brings something special to the show. Together, they'll remind us all how music connects, uplifts, and inspires.

"The showcase is one of our favorite traditions," said VMS President Pam Pierson. "It's more than a concert—it's a celebration of friendship, creativity, and the joy that music brings to our lives."

So, mark your calendars, invite your friends, and join your fellow neighbors for an afternoon that's sure to touch your heart. The Villages Music Society Showcase is the perfect way to celebrate community, artistry, and the power of music to inspire us all. See the January issue of the Evergreen Lifestyle Magazine for a sneak peek and performance highlights.



Italian Club to host Valentine's Dinner Dance

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Italian Club at our Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on **Saturday, February 14 at 5 p.m.** in the Clubhouse, offering members and their guests an evening of dining, music, and celebration. Hurry! **Registration closes Friday, February 6 at 5 p.m.**



Enjoy a magical evening of Hearts and Flowers, celebrating amore with your loved ones and friends. The night features a wonderful dinner menu and live music by David Martin's House Party—a high-energy, nationally known band with an incredible variety of music that keeps the dance floor full all night long.

The Valentine's Dinner Dance is a members-only event; however, each member may invite one guest. Residents who are not yet members of the Italian Club are encouraged to join in advance in order to participate.

Additional information about membership and event registration is available on the Italian Club website at <https://italianclub.vgcc.club>.

This annual celebration is a highlight of the club's social calendar and provides an opportunity for members to gather with friends and loved ones for an evening of food, music, and camaraderie.

Introducing a better way to read The Online Villager

Over the past few months the Communications Team has redesigned the PDF Flippable version of *The Villager* to make it easier to find, read, and navigate. The updated experience provides a single, centralized location for all PDF editions of the newspaper, with improvements that support both desktop and mobile users.

What's New? Villagers will notice several helpful enhancements:

Easy access to editions: Current, previous, and archived editions are now clearly displayed at the top of the page, making it simple to find the issue you need.

Improved search: A new search feature allows you to search across all PDF editions of *The Villager*.

Better mobile viewing: The redesigned site includes improved zoom and readability for phones and tablets.

This site was originally intended to host a future version of *The Villager Online*. It has since been repurposed to serve as the home for all PDF editions of the printed newspaper.

How to Access The Villager Online:

You can access the PDF Flippable version of *The Villager* in several ways:

- Through the footer of every FastNews email.
- From the main navigation in the Member Portal.
- In *The Villager* mobile app.
- Directly via the URL: thevillageronline.com



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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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 it to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

4 Pulse letters received this week.
1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.
3 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.

When our 10-year old grandson, Theo, told his mother he wanted to eat at Grandpa's restaurant on Sunday evening, she asked him why did he think the Club Restaurant was "Grandpa's" restaurant. He replied: "Everyone at the Club Restaurant treats grandpa like he owns the place —so he must own the place."

—Daniel Grim

My wife and I have been Villages residents for over 22 years. Over that time, we have been very pleased with the support from The Villages Medical Auxiliary for various medical support!

On Tuesday, January 20, the VMA held a meeting at the Clubhouse to Celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Over 200 Villagers participated for this event.

I was so proud to hear of all the helpful medical events they have supported over the years.

As a family that has used the VMA to help us with medical equipment, I would hope that our community would donate to the organization to help it maintain its importance for us.

—Larry & Darleen Cormier

Amended and Restated Bylaws—I'm sure many like myself will find sections confusing. The Key in my mind is the Board in concert with management is asking for changes that will allow management to do their job in a timely and cost-effective manner.

As a corporate executive for many years the rules are simple—give the team the tools to do their job and hold them accountable. You cannot expect management to do the job with handcuffs on.

Vote YES

—George Welch

ABOVE & BEYOND

"I'm writing to recommend the "Navigating Our Web" sessions with our Communications staff on Thursdays from 2 to 3 pm. As a technology denier I have been wedded to the print Villager for many months now, but with this one-on-one help I've finally had a breakthrough. Give it a try!"

—Sherle Frost

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY
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IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Payne Beardsley

March 7, 1926—December 7, 2025

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility.

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call 408-223-4657 or email advertising@the-villages.com.

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For editorial information email editorial@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 1 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. For more information, email advertising@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by emailing advertising@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

Delivery: *The Villager* is published the first and third Thursdays of the month and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available outside *The Villager* office, in Cribari Center and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. *The Villager* reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, FastNews and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Gary Holmquist at 408-332-8581, and Co-Chair Janis Silver at 408-274-6605.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 408-223-4657 for more information.

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

Club Board President's Message—January 27, 2026

As we plan for the year ahead, your Board and management team remain focused on maintaining the financial strength of our Club while protecting the quality of the experiences we all value. I would like to share an update on two important topics currently before membership: budget planning and the upcoming vote on our revised Bylaws.

In our budget discussions, we are working toward a more sustainable financial model within our existing mandatory membership structure. Dues will remain the foundation of Club funding. At the same time, we are focused on strengthening program and participation revenue, across Golf, Food & Beverage, meeting and event spaces, and other Club services, so that areas with higher activity and direct user benefit support an appropriate share of their operating costs. The goal is to improve the balance between dues and earned revenue while maintaining fair access and value for all members.

In Golf, this means ensuring that those who play more frequently, and guests who use our course for their charity and social outings, contribute proportionally to the operating and maintenance costs of the course, while still offering fair access and value to all golfers. In Food & Beverage, we are focused on pricing, menu enhancement, and participation that support high-quality dining while reducing pressure on base dues. This shift is not about increasing overall costs, but about distributing them more thoughtfully and responsibly.

A second, and critical matter, is the upcoming vote on the revised Bylaws. These revisions are the result of extensive review and member input, with a focus on clarity, modernization, and long-term governance. One important provision included in the revisions is the creation of a Capital Fund Fee.

If enacted, the Capital Fund Fee would generate approximately \$1,500,000 in dedicated capital funding each year. This is equivalent to about \$50 per household per month. These funds would be restricted to capital purposes, supporting the repair, replacement, and improvement of major Club assets, rather than day-to-day operating expenses. Establishing a reliable and predictable source of capital funding reduces the need for special assessments and helps ensure that future Boards can plan responsibly for the Club's long-term needs.

Strong facilities require consistent reinvestment, and strong governance requires clear, modern governing documents. Together, these Bylaw revisions are intended to provide both.

I strongly encourage every member to review the proposed Bylaw changes carefully and to participate in the vote. An informed and engaged membership is essential to the health of our Club.

Thank you for your continued support, thoughtful feedback, and commitment to our shared future.

—Andrew Altman, Board President, Villages Golf & Country Club

Association/Homeowners documents available via email

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

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

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

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Building A and on the Member Portal in the Governance/Association section.

ABOD President's Message—January 27, 2026

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors January 2026 monthly meeting. Happy New Year!

2026 is starting out to be a very busy year. The Club Bylaws ballot is out and I encourage everyone to vote yes to pay less. That vote will run through February 9 and since a quorum of ballots has already been returned, that vote will not need to be extended. The results should be available on February 10. There will be another Cookies and Coffee question-and-answer event Thursday, February 5 at 4 p.m. the Clubhouse - Sunset Room. If you have questions, please come to that meeting and ask.

We are coming up on a very important decision regarding modernizing The Villages internet capabilities. If you did not attend one of the two Town Halls put on by the Technology Committee last week, we have two competing companies that want to put fiber optic cable into each unit in The Villages at no cost to us for installation. Each company, Comcast and ATT, have pros and cons, which the three boards will have to consider at an upcoming meeting to decide which way we should go. The survey that went out clearly indicated that internet is extremely important to 96% of the Villagers so the upgrade to fiber is an easy decision. The harder decision will be which company to go with. I want to thank the Technology Committee for all the hard work they have put in so far in getting us to this point, and look forward to the additional details they are still investigating.

Budgeting is going along at full tilt with the Board having multiple meetings over the next month to get the budget set up for 2026-2027. While the operating budget is fairly straight forward for the Association, the reserves side of the equation along with what fire hardening and turf reduction projects require a lot more discussion, effort and decision making. We will have a much clearer idea of what is happening with our insurance tomorrow after meeting with our broker.

On January 28 at 3, at the Clubhouse, the Executive Roundtable is scheduled where anyone can come and ask the three Board presidents and Theresa any questions that might pop into their head. We try to answer all questions, and if we can't, we will get back to you with an answer.

Finally, for all you Del Lago residents out there, next Wednesday, February 4 will be the Del Lago Town Hall at the Clubhouse regarding the replacement of Del Lago roofs. Ryan Bell's hard work in developing multiple different options will be discussed and the Board looks forward to all of the resident input on this issue.

Thank you for coming, and, as usual, my phone, my email and my door are always open and available for questions, comments or discussions.

—Michael Schwerin, Villages Association President

Golf Cart/LSV Registration Compliance with Rule 1.05

Dear Resident,

To remain in compliance with rule 1.05 Golf Cart/LSV Registration, all golf carts/LSVs used in The Villages must be registered with The Villages Golf and Country Club. Carts registered for use on the golf course will carry the owner's house number in black numbers. Carts registered for non-golf course use only will carry the owner's house number in red numbers. The Club Board establishes a separate fee for each of the two registrations.

Any change in ownership must be reported to Member Services in Building B, or by calling 408-754-1333 or via email at Support@the-villages.com. The registered owner will continue to be billed until the change is reported.

Changes in the registered use (golf course vs non-golf course) must be made to Member Services.

Black and red numbers will be ordered and affixed to all golf carts and LSVs by Member Services.

It is recommended that owners carry insurance coverage on golf carts/LSVs. In many cases, golf cart coverage may be available as part of your HO-6 (condominium) insurance policy, or it may be added by endorsement. Please contact your insurance provider to confirm your coverage options.

Please take a moment to fill out this survey at vlgcc.com/golf-carts-survey by Friday, February 13 to help us determine if you are currently a golf cart owner or if there have been any changes we are unaware of.

If you prefer, you may also complete the form at vlgcc.com/golf-carts-form and send it to Support@the-villages.com, or pick up a paper copy and return it to Building B. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Member Services at 408-754-1333 or via email at Support@the-villages.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for helping us uphold our community's compliance.

—Member Services Team

Golf Cart Compliance Notice: Residents not complying with Rule 1.05, or residents found operating a golf cart or Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) on the golf course without the required registration, decal, or assigned house number, will be subject to enforcement action. Such action may include monetary fines, suspension of golf cart/LSV privileges, and/or other sanctions as permitted under the Club's governing documents and applicable law. Fines may continue until compliance is achieved.

MANAGEMENT

Love Where You Live – Earth Day at The Villages 2026

Villagers love where they live—and what better theme for Earth Day 2026 than promoting sustainability in the beautiful place you call home? In the coming weeks, we will be sharing ways you can love The Villages even more through events and activities planned throughout the month of April.

The community-wide Earth Day event will take place on **Saturday, April 18**, at Cribari Center, where a variety of organizations, vendors, and clubs will offer engaging and educational information focused on sustainability. Art in the Park will also be part of the Love Where You Live experience that Villagers can enjoy on April 18 at Gazebo Park.

On additional dates in April, Sustainability Services and the Clubhouse will host a beer tasting featuring sustainable breweries from the Bay Area and Central Coast, Devils Canyon Brewery and Firestone Walker Brewery. Devils Canyon, a Business of the Year award recipient, is recognized for its Culture of Reutilization ethic. With the motto “From gear to beer,” the brewery aims to leave a zero carbon footprint. The Firestone Walker brewery brews entirely by the sun, powered by a 2-megawatt solar array. They also close the loop on sustainability by capturing nearly 5 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually through a CO₂ recovery system rather than releasing it as greenhouse gas emissions.

A wine tasting will also be offered, featuring Wente Family Vineyards, a Livermore winery certified as a sustainable vineyard and winery by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance. Their practices focus on sustainability in soil health, water use and recovery, energy efficiency, and packaging. In addition, the winery is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

For additional information contact Sustainability Services, sustainability@the-villages.com or 408-754-1334.



Firewise Ambassadors available to help with Defensible Space Assessment Reports

Last October volunteers completed defensible space assessments for all 2309 condominiums and several single-family homes. The completed reports are available to homeowners to view.



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How to Request Your Report

You can request a copy of your assessment report using any of the following methods. Please note: Reports are available to property owners only.

1. Online Portal (fastest and preferred method) Visit the official report request portal: https://www.defensiblespacereport.org/santa_clara_thevillages
2. Once on the site:
 - Scroll down to the section titled “Request an access code or evaluation.”
 - 3. Click the “Submit a Request” button.
4. You will be redirected to a form requesting your:
 - o Property address
 - o Name
 - o Phone number
 - o Email address
 - o Relationship to the property (select “Owner”)
5. After completing the form, click Submit.

Please expect an email within one to three business days from Firewise staff. Staff will verify ownership and then respond to your request with additional instructions on how to access your report.

If you would like help to understand your report, Firewise Ambassador volunteers are available to meet with you by appointment. For Association properties, much of the wildfire mitigation work—such as landscaping and building fire hardening—is the responsibility of the Association. However, there are action items each homeowner should consider within their limited common areas (patios and balconies). Firewise Ambassadors are available to discuss options to help make patios and balconies more wildfire resilient.

If you have any questions, please contact the Firewise team at Firewise@the-villages.com or 408-754-1334. We’re here to support you in accessing your report, providing help in understanding your report, and keeping informed about wildfire preparedness in our community.

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of March are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **Friday, February 20**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, March 5 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center**.

NOW:

Attend the ‘Navigating Our Web’ Thursday sessions

Join us for our weekly class, “Navigating Our Web,” to be held every Thursday in the Communications Office in Building C. These sessions are for those who want to improve their online skills, such as navigating the Member Portal, becoming familiar with FastNews and general support with Villages’ electronic communications.

This weekly one-hour session, hosted by the Communications staff, is offered to those wanting to trim their skills and enjoy learning with a small group of fellow Villagers. (Space is limited so register in advance.) The class runs from 2 to 3 p.m., with any remaining time dedicated to one-on-one assistance with the Member Portal and FastNews.

Register by visiting vlgcc.com/now or calling 408-223-4681.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Verano DAC to meet February 9

The Verano DAC will meet Monday, February 9, at 4 p.m. in the Vineyard Center.

Heights DAC to meet February 9

The Heights DAC will meet Monday, February 9, at 6 p.m. in Montgomery Center.

Sonata DAC to meet February 10

The Sonata DAC will meet Tuesday, February 10, at 4 p.m. in Vineyard Center.

Estates DAC to meet February 25

The Estates DAC Budget Meeting with the Homeowners' Corporation Board is Wednesday, February 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the Vineyard Center.

Bylaws Vote: Special Open Meeting to Count Ballots

The Special Open Meeting to Count Ballots is **Monday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m.** via **Zoom**.

Meeting ID: 890 6998 4295; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation is February 11

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, February 11, at 3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other valuable information.

The orientation is a fantastic opportunity to meet members of the three Villages' Boards, senior management team, and representatives from various clubs and organizations. The orientation is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow new residents in a relaxed setting. We'll have refreshments available and encourage mingling and making new friends.

Note: New Resident Orientations are held quarterly, and the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13. For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-754-1333 before February 6 to confirm attendance.

Next E-Waste Event is Saturday March 14

A community Villages e-waste event will be held on **Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari East Parking Lot, sponsored by Sustainability Services in partnership with Zero Waste Silicon Valley. This no cost drive up recycling event is a great way for all Villagers to properly recycle unwanted electronic e waste items.

Accepted items are listed below :

Televisions	Arcade Machines
Monitors	Cell Phones
Computer Systems	Household Phones
Laptops	Digital Cameras
Fax Machines	Computer Components
Copiers/Printers	Video Cameras
Scanners	Network Equipment
Projectors	Flash Drives
Stereo Equipment	Miscellaneous Wiring
I Pods	Music Instruments
MP3 Players	Audio Equipment
CD Players/DVD Players	Microwave Ovens
Video Game Consoles	Small Household Appliances
Retail and POS Systems	

Just place items in your car or cart and drive them to the East Cribari Parking Lot (behind the hobby rooms) between 9 a.m. and noon on March 14 and a Zero Waste Silicon Valley employee will take it from there.

Questions? Please contact Sustainability Services at 408 754-1334 or Sustainability@the-villages.com. Remember, recycle right!

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Ad Hoc Insurance Committee meeting is **Monday February 9 at 9:30 a.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 832 4541 2591; Passcode: 733361; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Preliminary Budget Review Draft #1 (Directors Only) is **Tuesday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.** in **Vineyard Center** and on Zoom

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

Club

• Club Bylaws Committee meeting with Coffee and Cookies is **Thursday, February 5 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Sunset Room.

• The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Preliminary Budget Review Draft #1 (Directors Only) is **Tuesday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

• The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular hybrid meeting—open to all—is **February 24 at 1:30 p.m.** in **Vineyard Center** and on Zoom

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

• The Villages Homeowners Board of Directors Preliminary Budget Review, Draft #1 (Directors Only) is **Tuesday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Cribari Sequoia Room.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 6

8 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:30 a.m. Arts & Crafts: Card Making F
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 12:30 p.m. ACBL Bridge Game RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. VMS Handbell Rehearsals CR
 6 p.m. Chinese Line Dancing VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi VC
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing-a-Long SEQ
 10 a.m. Sonata Social Event MC
 4 p.m. Highland DAC Meeting VC

Sunday, February 8

7 a.m. Catholic Mass A
 7 a.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal CR
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
 10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
 11 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 11 a.m. Bocce Club Kickoff Lunch CH
 11 a.m. Chapel Souper Sunday RED/SEQ
 1 p.m. Table Tennis Social Events MC
 3 p.m. Chinese Superbowl Party VC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Monday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study VC
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. EPC Sector Chief Meeting CR
 10 a.m. Inspectors of Election: Ballot Count SEQ
 10 a.m. Jewish Board Meeting MC
 1 p.m. Stichery PR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 3:30 p.m. Par-3 Women Golf (Shoni's) Mtg VR
 4 p.m. Verano DAC VC
 5:15 p.m. VMS Dancer Group 1 A
 6 p.m. The Heights DAC Meeting MC
 7 p.m. Bridge Duplicate RED

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi VC
 9 a.m. Evergreen Invitational Mtg MC
 9 a.m. GameDay RED
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Acrylics/Oil AR
 9:30 a.m. 3-Board Preliminary Budget Review (Directors Only) SEQ
 11 a.m. Women's 9 Hole CH
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 1 p.m. Bocce Board Meeting PR
 1 p.m. Crafter's Club Meeting VC
 1 p.m. Study Group: News Reals CR
 1:30 p.m. Art Class: Art Journaling AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 3 p.m. Villages Golf Committee MC
 3 p.m. Study Grp: History of Israel CR
 3:30 p.m. VMS Voices Board Mtg PR
 4 p.m. Sonata DAC Meeting VC
 4 p.m. Webmaster's Guild Meeting F
 5 p.m. VMS Board Meeting PR
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club: Social Hour SEQ
 7 p.m. Amateur Radio Club Mtg MC
 7 p.m. VMS Concert Band A

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A

9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9 a.m. VMA: Board Meeting MC
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Watercolor AR
 10 a.m. Senior Leader Team Mtg VC
 10 a.m. WWYT Brunch & Learn CH
 10 a.m. Yoga A
 10 a.m. Study Group: iPhone Class SEQ
 10 a.m. Computer Literacy Tutoring F
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A
 12 p.m. VMA: Otago Physical Therapy MC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal VC
 3 p.m. New Resident Orientation CH
 3:30 p.m. EVF Board Meetings PR
 5:30 p.m. VMS Dancers Group 2 A
 6 p.m. VMS Voices Rehearsals SEQ
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Bridge Duplicate RED
 7 p.m. Study Group: Dancers VC

Thursday, February 12

8:30 a.m. SRS: Free Tax Preparation VC
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi MC
 9 a.m. Swimming Pool Advisory Cmte VR
 9 a.m. GameDay RED
 9 a.m. Study Grp: Line Dance Class A
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Pastel/Drawing AR
 10 a.m. Communication Advisory Cmte F
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club CR
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12:30 p.m. Chapel Bible Study SEQ
 12:30 p.m. Women's 18-H Golf Luncheon CH
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club Meeting MC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 4:30 p.m. Pickleball Club Board Mtg PR
 6 p.m. VMS Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Chinese Club Board Mtg MC
 7 p.m. The Villages Folksters VC

Friday, February 13

8 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Battery and Light Bulb Recycling Drive Range Lot
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:15 a.m. Hiking Club Board Meeting VR
 9:30 a.m. CBOB Executive Session VC
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 12:30 p.m. ACBL Bridge Game RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. VMS Handbell Rehearsals CR
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dancing VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi VC
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing-a-Long SEQ
 5 p.m. Italian Club Valentines Dinner Dance CH

Sunday, February 15

7 a.m. Catholic Mass A
 7 a.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal CR
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
 10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
 11 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2:30 p.m. VMS Showcase A
 7 p.m. Karaoke & Game Night SEQ
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Monday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P

9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. ABOD Rules Committee Mtg F
 1 p.m. Stichery PR
 1 p.m. Flower Ladies Arranging Mtg VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Senior Academy Meeting MC
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 2:30 p.m. Study Group: French Mtg CR
 5:18 p.m. VMS Dancer Group 1 A
 7 p.m. Bridge Duplicate RED

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi VC
 9 a.m. GameDay RED
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Acrylics/Oil AR
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Lay Board F
 11:30 a.m. Par-3 Women Golf (Shoni's) Mtg MC
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 1:30 p.m. Art Class: Art Journaling AR
 2 p.m. VMS Piano Open Studio Mtg A
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal VC
 3:30 p.m. Korean Club Potluck MC
 7 p.m. Camera Club program VC
 7 p.m. VMS Concert Band A

Wednesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Watercolor AR
 10 a.m. Yoga A
 10 a.m. Study Group: iPhone Class MC
 10 a.m. Computer Literacy Tutoring F
 10:30 a.m. VMA: With Grace Hospice SEQ
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal VC
 3 p.m. Catholic Bible Study F
 3 p.m. Macintosh Users Group SEQ
 5:30 p.m. VMS Dancers Group 2 A
 5:30 p.m. VMA Bingo & Dinner CH
 6 p.m. VMS Voices Rehearsals SEQ
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Bridge Duplicate RED
 7 p.m. Study Group: Dancers VC

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m. SRS: Free Tax Preparation MC
 9 a.m. GameDay RED
 9 a.m. Tai Chi VC
 9 a.m. Study Grp: Line Dance Class A
 9:30 a.m. Art Class: Pastel/Drawing AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club CR
 10:30 a.m. VMA: Caregiver Support Grp PR
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12:30 p.m. Chapel Bible Study SEQ
 12:30 p.m. Women's 18-H Golf Luncheon CH
 1:30 p.m. VMS Opera Lovers MC
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club Meeting VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. Senior Academy: Board Mtg PR
 5 p.m. Village Fairways Dinner CH
 6 p.m. Democratic Club Meeting VC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Friday, February 20

8 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:30 a.m. Arts & Crafts: Card Making F
 10 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 12:30 p.m. ACBL Bridge Game RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. VMS Handbell Rehearsals CR
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dancing VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Jewish Service A

Calendar Highlights

Music Society's Annual Showcase

Sunday, February 15 in the Cribari Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

Italian Club Valentine's Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 14 at 5 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Hurry! Registration ends Friday February 6 at 5 p.m..

Hiking Club speaker features South America

Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in the Vineyard Center.

Chapel dedicates new Allen organ

Dedication to take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 1 during the Community Chapel's service in Cribari Auditorium.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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—Mont.
- VC Vineyard Center
- VR Voyage Room—Mont.

CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays and Friday afternoons, starting at 2 p.m.

Art Classes—Register by emailing plremingt@gmail.com. All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.

February 10 and 17: “Mixed Media Small Works” with Pat Remington. Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.. \$50.

February 9 – 23: “Free Open Studio with a Focus on Assemblage” with Colleen Mirassou and Geneva Sandjideh. Mondays, starting at 2 p.m. Bring your small junque to turn into art.

February 13, 20, and 27: “Drawing Trees” with Greg Cheung. Fridays, 2 – 4 p.m.. \$45.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$70.

March 7 – 28: Free Watercolor Open Studio with Doug Canepa. Saturdays, 10 am – 12 noon.

March 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14: “Printing without a Press” with Pat Remington. Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$60.

March 31: Free Art Film: TBA with host Marion Rose. Tuesday, 2 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room

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

Stitchery Group: Meets Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. in Patio Room. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

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

(Most outings are four nights; in and out dates are shown.)

February 23-March 1 - Harbor Village, Half Moon Bay

March 16-20 - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson

April 13-17 - Sugar Barge, Bethel Island

May 18-22 - Yosemite RV Resort (Bass Lake), Coarsegold

June 15-21 - Moss Landing KOA

June 27 - Open House at RV storage lot

July 27-31 - Petaluma KOA

July 31, Aug 1-4 - Giant Redwoods, Myers Flat

September 14-18 - Olema Ranch, Point Reyes

September 27 - Annual BBQ

October 12-16 - Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe

November 9-13 - Morro Bay State Park (book early!)

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE



Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layered clothing for the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday – Villages Hill Hike, 8:30 a.m.** from Foothill Center. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday – Walk around the Golf Course** with Terri Vivoli and Cheryl Allmen. Meet at the Clubhouse parking lot (next to the driving range) at **8:20 a.m.**, leave at 8:30.

Rambler Hike Wednesday February 11 - Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a rambler hike to the Silver Creek Community

Market (formerly New Seasons). We'll start at the front gate, continue down to San Felipe, cross the creek bridge to the park and on to Silver Creek Community Market for coffee and then return. Round trip hiking distance is approximately 4.4 miles. Meet at the front gate parking lot at 9 am. for a 9:15 am. departure.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, February 11 - 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 9:30 a.m.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, February 18 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Long Hike - THURSDAY, February 19 - John Zhang (952-200-4113) and Mimi Rong will lead a hike to Mt. Umunhum. We will start at Bald Mountain Parking area, taking Mt. Umunhum trail to the peak and same trail back. The total hiking distance is about 8 miles. The trail is sandy with a mostly gentle slope. The total elevation gain is 1200 feet. Hiking shoes and poles are highly recommended. Mt. Umunhum is one of the highest peaks in the Bay Area at 3500 feet elevation. It also has a fascinating past with a title “a mountain made of stories,” stories of both ancient times and modern days. At the top, the 360-degree view of mountains, ocean and Bay Area is spectacular! The round-trip drive to the parking is about 50 miles. We should carpool as much as possible due to very limited parking space. We will meet at the Cribari bell at **8:30 a.m.** and leave at 8:45.

Rambler Hike - Wednesday, February 25 - Sandy (530-412-1744) and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike to Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. There is a \$5/car parking fee via an automated machine at the entrance. Drive ahead about a mile to the Visitor Center where there is plenty of parking. The hike is along a mostly level, paved path along Bayview Trail and curves around Red Hill and back to the park entrance for about 3.6 miles. Along the way there is an optional detour to the top of Red Hill (200 ft+/- elev. gain) for those so inclined—pun intended. This vantage point provides some excellent views of SF Bay and adds about 0.5 to 1.6 miles to the hike depending on which connector path one chooses. Also, there is a small museum (depicting the lifestyle of the indigenous peoples that lived in the area), picnic tables, bathrooms, etc., at park headquarters at the base of Red Hill. Dress in layers, bring water and a snack. There will be an optional lunch after the hike just outside the park at a nearby shopping center. It is the Fairwood Cafe (Chinese) at 35204 Newark Blvd for those interested. R/T mileage is approx. 50 miles. We will meet at Cribari Center at **8:45 a.m.** and depart at 9 a.m.

VMA EVENT CALENDAR

REGISTER ONLINE: VMAVILLAGES.VGCC.CLUB

OR CALL: 408-238-4029

Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Upcoming Programs

Fall Prevention through the Otago Program – Jyoti Digwalekar, a licensed occupational therapist and founder of Rehabcore Therapy and Wellness a mobile outpatient clinic presents a fall prevention program called Otago. This program includes a set of targeted exercises, a walking plan and ongoing support from a trained physical or occupational therapist. **Wednesday, February 11 at 11 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Advanced Health Care Directive Discussion – Danette Flippin, a medical social worker with With Grace Hospice will provide a detailed review of an Advance Health Care Directive and answer your questions regarding its importance. **Wednesday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room.

Please note – we ask you to register for all programs.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: The support group will be on hiatus until March 2, 2026.

Here are some optional contacts:

GriefShare – griefshare.org – 800-395-5755

Hospice of the Valley – hov.org – 650-530-6970

With Grace Hospice – withgracehospice.com – 408-444-5500

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts this monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen, and learn. **Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the **Patio Room** and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, February 26 at 10 a.m.** in the **Patio Room.** (Please note room change for the whole year). No need to register, all are welcome.

The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

The Association director election will be conducted in May and June 2026 for three director positions, two terms of three years and one term of two years. The deadline for nominations for candidates for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates is Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing this "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting this form with attached candidate statement to the President (Michael Schwerin) or Secretary (Deborah Gordon) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY 2026 Election of Directors

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of The Villages Association.

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The attached statement explains my qualifications to serve as a director and, if elected, my goals for the community. Statements are limited to 250 words. Sample candidate statements and formatting guidelines are available in the General Manager's office or by contacting BoardServices@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

This form and candidates' statements must be received no later than **March 10, 2026** and may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Board Services, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or BoardServices@the-villages.com.

Qualified candidates' names and addresses will be included on the Candidate Registration List and statements will be published in the voting materials that accompany the ballots in the election of directors, as well as published in *The Villager* newspaper. Telephone numbers and email addresses are for internal use only and will not be published with the statements.

As noted, the **deadline for nominations** for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **March 10, 2026, at 9 a.m.**

See Qualification of Candidates on page 9.

The Villages Association Candidate Statement Guidelines As Part of the Election Package

Candidate resumes/biographies will be included as part of the election package.

Candidate resumes/biographies are limited to 250 words.

As we must print candidate biographies as submitted please proofread carefully and use the following format:

Paper – 8 ½ x 11" and white in color

Font – Ariel; size 14 with corporation and candidate name in ALL CAPS and corporation and candidate name and address in **bold type**.

Margins – 1" for top, bottom, and side margins

Alignment – Justify

Heading – State corporation on first line followed by and Nominee for Director, then candidate name and address
– Single spacing for text with double spacing between heading and paragraphs

Please contact Board Services at BoardServices@the-villages.com with any questions or concerns.

See Qualification of Candidates on page 9.

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The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those whose terms continue during the ensuing year are Deborah Gordon, Patrick Barber, Stephen Gilbert, and Dave Dimmick. The three directors for which terms expire as Michael Schwerin, Patricia Reardon, and Rob Howe.

The three director vacancies include two terms of three years and one term of two years. Because directors are being elected for differing terms of office, election by acclamation is not permitted for this director election. (Bylaws Section 6.6). The three persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and, of those elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to the longest position term and the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest position term. In the case of a tie for any position, a run-off election will be conducted.

See Qualifications of Candidates on page 9.

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

Both the CBOD and ABOD appreciate having your questions addressed. For questions for The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors, please email Julia Meadows at: jmeadows@the-villages.com.

For questions to The Villages Association Board of Directors, place your question in the drop box in Building A's parking lot.



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.

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or on the table outside The Villages Post Office in the Cribari Center hallway.

THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS RULES

ARTICLE 3 CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD AND NOMINATION PROCEDURES

3.1 Qualification of Candidates. Candidates for the Board must be Members at the time of their nomination and must meet all other qualifications or restrictions set forth in these Election Rules. In the case of a Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporation or other entity), the entity Member shall have the power to appoint a natural person as the “Member” for purposes of director elections. The Association shall disqualify a nominee for the Board for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.

3.1.2 The nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another owner of the same separate interest and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or is an incumbent director.

3.1.3 If the nominee, at the time of nomination, is delinquent in the payment of regular and/or special assessments. A nominee shall not be considered “delinquent” if the delinquency relates to the payment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, late charges, or costs levied by a third party and/or if the nominee: (a) has paid the regular or special assessment under protest; (b) has entered into a payment plan for repayment of the delinquent assessments and is not delinquent in payments due under the plan; or (c) has requested and has not been provided an opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.

3.1.4 If the nominee has been a member of the Association for less than one year.

3.1.5 If the nominee discloses, or if the Association is aware or becomes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the Member was elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 or terminate the Association’s existing insurance coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 as to that person should the person be elected.

3.1.6 If the nominee has served the maximum number of terms or sequential terms allowed by the Association’s governing documents.

3.2 Nominations.

3.2.1 Solicitation of Candidates. At least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination, the Association shall provide general notice (per Civil Code section 4045) of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination for the Board. Any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination for the Board by submitting the nomination before the published deadline for receiving nominations. In addition, the Board may recruit qualified candidates and/or may appoint a nominating committee to nominate qualified candidates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Election by Acclamation is going to be considered, the Association must follow the procedures in Section 2.5 (“Election by Acclamation”), above.

3.2.2 No Write-Ins. No “write-in” candidates shall be permitted on the ballots in the election of directors.

3.2.3 No Nominations from the Floor. Nominations of candidates from the floor of membership meetings shall be prohibited in the ballots in the election of directors.

3.3 Candidate Registration List. The “Candidate Registration List” shall mean the list of candidates who will appear on the ballot and shall include the names and addresses of individuals nominated as a candidate for election to the Board. Upon request, the Association shall permit candidates to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Candidate Registration List at least thirty (30) days before the ballots are mailed. The candidate shall report any errors to the Inspector of Elections who shall make the correction within two business days. The Association may, at its discretion, report any known errors to the Inspector of Elections. The Candidate Registration List shall be retained as “association election materials” as required by law.

3.4 Notice of Known Candidates. The names of all persons on the Candidate Registration List shall be set forth on the ballot.

3.5 Candidacy Statements. Any candidate who wishes to submit a candidacy statement may only do so using the Association’s authorized form. The content of any candidate statement shall be limited to a statement of the candidate’s qualifications to serve as a director.

3.6 Qualification of Directors. A director must comply with the same requirements set forth in Section 3.1 (“Qualification of Candidates”), above, pertaining to the qualifications for a candidate for the Board. The Board by a majority vote of the directors who meet the qualifications for directors, may declare vacant the office of any director who fails or ceases to meet any required qualification for directors that, pursuant to the Bylaws or the Election Rules, was in effect at the beginning of that director’s current term of office. In addition, the Board, by a majority of a quorum, may declare vacant the office of any director who fails to make available any and all information the director and/or the Association is legally obligated to provide to a governmental agency for Association compliance with federal or state law requirements, including, without limitation, the requirements of the federal Corporate Transparency Act.

The Online Villager...

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Need Help Getting Started?

Step-by-step tutorials are available to help you view and navigate the PDFs:

Web tutorial: vlgcc.com/tvo-tutorial-web

Mobile tutorial: vlgcc.com/tvo-tutorial-mobile

These updates are designed to make reading The Villager easier and more accessible, whether you are using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Prefer an in-person tutorial?

Sign up for NOW (“Navigating Our Web”) classes, hosted by the Communications team.

Register in advance: vlgcc.com/now

Or call to register: 408-223-4681

Bulky Bins Arriving February 24

The popular bulky bin service will be available to Villagers again on February 24. Green Team provides two dumpsters in the lower driving range parking lot. The bins are available from the time they are delivered on Tuesday (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.) until they are picked up on Thursday, (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



We kindly remind everyone to please follow the self-serve guidelines for Bin use. Last year unnecessary Villages employee labor and hazardous waste fees resulted by misuse of the bins. The bins are for the convenience of Villagers—not vendors doing work on behalf of Villagers.

Important Reminders:

BIN USE REQUIREMENTS:

- All items must be placed fully inside the bin and pushed to the back. No items may be left outside or at the opening of the bin.
- Please no overfilling top of bin. Improper disposal increases unbudgeted labor for cleanup and hazardous waste handling.
- Restricted items—The following items are not allowed for disposal at these dumpsters:
 - o Concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, oil
 - o Propane tanks
 - o Televisions, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers and other appliances
 - o Medical waste or hazardous materials such as paint, antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides
 - o E-waste (examples include computers, monitors, chargers, keyboards, printers, laptops, and electrical components)
- No garbage in bulky bins—Garbage is strictly prohibited in the bulky bins. Contaminated boxes will not be removed from the premises until all garbage is removed.

This free community service relies on everyone’s participation and respect for the rules. Let’s work together to keep the service going and The Villages looking great.

Battery and Light Bulb Collection Events for February

When: Fridays, February 13 and February 27 (weather permitting).

Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (No early drop-offs, please)

Where: Lower driving range parking lot

What: Household batteries only (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-V, and button batteries)

- Corroded batteries must be bagged in plastic
- Residents are encouraged to bring their batteries directly to the collection events
- No e-waste or general rubbish

What: Light Bulbs

Recycling Limits:

- Fluorescent Tubes:
 - Up to four feet long
 - Must be unbroken and taped together
- CFL Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs):
 - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
- LED Bulbs:
 - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
- Light bulbs must be sorted by type and sealed in paper or in a plastic bag

The following options are also available outside of The Villages:

Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Disposal site, visit hhw.org or call 408-299-7300 to schedule a free appointment or find drop-off locations to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Small quantities of household batteries and some lightbulbs (please verify quantity in ad-vance) may also be taken to:

• Outdoor Supply Hardware at 1751 Capitol Expressway, San Jose—669-699-5249

• Ace Hardware Payless Rockery at 2927 S. King Road, San Jose—408 274-4922

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
Curbside
Grab and Go,
call
408-223-4687
Press #2**

Soup of the Day



For the week of 2/9 to 2/15

Monday, February 9

Tomato Bisque

Tuesday, February 10

Pork Posole

Wednesday, February 11

Beef Caldo

Thursday, February 12

Tuscan Chicken White Bean

Friday, February 13

Clam Chowder

Saturday, February 14

Chef's Choice

Sunday, February 15

Chef's Choice

Chili Beef Soup available

Cup \$6 Bowl \$9

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 Press #2,

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 408-223-4687 Press #2. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 15% 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: State 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 Clubhouse staff uses 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 in the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

The Villages Golf & Country Club

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.

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.

See the FastNews Clubhouse edition every Sunday for Clubhouse menus and updates

Weekly Specials

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 2/10 to Sunday 2/15

Quiche Lorraine: Smoked Bacon, Chives, Gruyere Cheese, Egg Custard baked in a Pie Shell. **\$16**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 2/9 to Sunday 2/15— 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fried Chicken & Waffles: Chicken Thigh & Leg Meat with Hot Honey and Cinnamon Whipped Butter. **\$19**

Philly Cheesesteak: Thinly Sliced Beef with Onions, Bell Peppers, Mushrooms with Swiss Cheese. **\$21**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 2/10 to Sunday 2/15— 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

With Choice of Small House Salad or Small Caesar Salad

Traditional Beef Meatloaf: House Made with Angus Beef, Mire Poix, Herbed Bread Crumbs, Heinz Glaze and Gravy with Choice of Two Sides. **\$31**

Macadamia-Crusted Seabass: Honey Mustard Glaze crusted with Crushed Macadamias, Chardonnay Beurre Blanc with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables. **\$34**

Weekly Dessert Special (limited only)

Chocolate Kahlua \$8 Tres Leches \$9

CURBSIDE: Whole Rotisserie Chicken \$15.99
Order by 1 p.m. for 5 p.m. Same Day Pickup

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:
8 a.m. to 2 p.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.

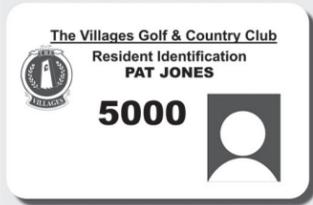
Main phone line: 408-223-4687

**Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5**

Online Reservations, please use the Member Portal

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Please remember to bring your Member 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.



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 5 p.m.



Shared table. Every Wednesday at 5 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.

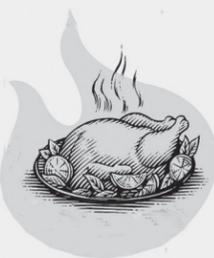
Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering at: www.clubhouserreservation.com

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.



ROTISSERIE

Chicken

\$15.99 Plus Service Charge and Tax

To Order Call Curbside: 408-223-4687 #2

Orders Taken Daily until 1 p.m.

Pickup Available at 5 p.m.



FROM THE CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

From the Desk of The Clubhouse Manager

Dear Members of the Villages,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself again as your Clubhouse Manager and share a bit about my approach as I continue learning what truly makes our club tick. As I meet with staff and members, my goal is to better understand the wants and needs of both, so we can continue building a club experience everyone can be proud of.

My many years of private club experience have served me well, but I also recognize that this community has its own unique character and priorities. As we move through the budget process, my hope is to provide the value members expect from a private club while maintaining the welcoming, community-focused atmosphere that supports families and extended families alike.



With the many amenities here at The Villages, I am here to assist in any way possible. Your feedback is extremely important to me, and I encourage you to stop by Building A, the Pro Shop, or the Clubhouse to introduce yourself, share ideas, or let me know if you need any of our services.

I look forward to working with all of you and continuing to make our club a place where everyone feels at home.

Warm regards,
George W. Arnold, CCM, CCE

A friendly reminder



Dear Members,

As you step off the golf course, please be mindful of the health and safety concerns associated with tracking goose droppings and wet grass into The Clubhouse.

To help maintain our facilities, we kindly ask that you change your shoes before entering or ensure they are thoroughly cleaned. Your cooperation helps us keep common areas clean and safe for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding.



I love this town.

Bob Fillhouer, Agent
Insurance Lic#: 0786250
www.myagentbob.com
www.myagentbob.com

Thanks, Residents of The Villages.

I love being here to help in a community where people are making a difference every day. Thank you for all you do.



RECREATION

Recreation info.
also available on the
Thursday edition of
FastNews

The Recreation Services office is in **Building D** and is open **Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon** and from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
The following events are sponsored by The Villages. Please call 408-223-4643 for additional information.

See San Francisco Giants vs. San Diego Padres

Date/Time Wed, May 6, 10:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Cost \$152
Location San Francisco	Attendant M. LeGrand
	Reg. Deadline April 23 at 4 p.m.



Join us for an exciting trip to Oracle Park to watch the San Francisco Giants take on the San Diego Padres! Experience the thrill of live baseball, stunning bay views, and the electric atmosphere of one of MLB's most iconic stadiums. **Seats**

are available for the Premium Lower Box - Rows 16-19.

A meal ticket is included with the trip, so you can enjoy classic ballpark food while cheering on the Giants. This is the perfect outing for sports fans and friends looking for a fun day in San Francisco. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action and create unforgettable game-day memories!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/sfgiants5-6-26 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

See San Francisco Giants vs. Houston Astros

Date/Time Wed, Aug. 12, 10:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Cost \$157
Location San Francisco	Attendant M. LeGrand
	Reg. Deadline July 22 at 4 p.m.



Join us for an exciting trip to Oracle Park to watch the San Francisco Giants face off against the Houston Astros! Feel the energy of the crowd, enjoy breathtaking views of the bay, and experience live MLB action in one of baseball's most iconic

stadiums. **Seats are available for the Lower Box Section 105 - Rows 39 and 40.**

A meal ticket is included with the trip, so you can savor your favorite ballpark food while cheering on the Giants. This is the perfect outing for baseball fans looking for a fun and memorable day in San Francisco. Don't miss out on this action-packed game-day experience!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/sfgiants8-12-26 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Sign up for Elkhorn Slough Safari Experience

Date/Time Tuesday, May 19, 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Location Moss Landing	Cost \$168
Attendant M. LeGrand	Reg. Deadline April 24 at 4 p.m.	

Discover the wild beauty of California's coast with an unforgettable trip to Elkhorn Slough Safari in Watsonville! Glide through peaceful waterways on a guided safari tour and spot sea otters, harbor seals, birds, and other incredible wildlife up close. After your adventure, enjoy a delicious lunch at the beloved Trolley Car Rotisserie, known for its flavorful rotisserie chicken and fresh sides. This trip blends nature, relaxation, and great food into one perfect day getaway. Don't miss your chance to explore, unwind, and savor the best of the Central Coast! Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/elkhorn5-19-26 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Gets hands-on at Cal Academy of Science

Date/Time Thursday, April 30, 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Location San Francisco	Cost \$149
Attendant M. LeGrand	Reg. Deadline April 16 at 4 p.m.	



Join us for an unforgettable trip to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco! Spend the day exploring amazing exhibits, including a living rainforest, world-class aquarium, and hands-on science displays. This exciting experience is perfect for anyone curious about the natural world. Lunch will be provided, so you can relax and enjoy the day without worrying about meals. Discover, learn, and have fun in one of San Francisco's most iconic museums. Don't miss this incredible day of science and exploration!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/calAcademy4-30-26 with Recreation Services in Building D.

Take exciting trip to Hiller Aviation Museum

Date/Time Tuesday, Mar. 31, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Location San Carlos	Cost \$138
Attendant M. LeGrand	Reg. Deadline Mar. 16 at 4 p.m.	

Join us for an exciting day trip to the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos, where you'll discover captivating exhibits that celebrate the history and innovation of flight. Explore vintage aircraft, interactive displays, and unique aviation artifacts at your own comfortable pace. Knowledgeable staff and engaging presentations make this museum a standout experience for all interests. Afterward, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at West Park Bistro, known for its fresh, flavorful dishes and welcoming atmosphere. Relax, dine, and share the day's highlights with fellow travelers. Don't miss this uplifting outing filled with discovery, good food, and great company! Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/hiller3-31-26 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



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 after the registration deadline.

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.

New year, new strength: Sign up for sessions with The Villages' new personal trainers!

The Villages is thrilled to announce the addition of two new personal fitness trainers to our recreation and fitness team! These trainers bring a variety of experience, specialties, and training styles designed to support residents at all fitness levels. Whether you're just beginning your fitness journey or looking to refresh your routine, our new trainers are ready to support and motivate you. You can read more about each trainer below, where both trainers have shared their introductions, backgrounds, and training specialties.

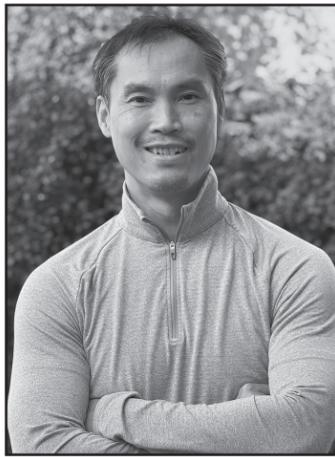


Ted Mitchell— You may already know Ted as our Aqua Aerobics instructor. He is a highly sought-after fitness professional who specializes in training aging adults to preserve strength, mobility, and independence. His evidence-based approach focuses on combating age-related muscle loss through safe, progressive resistance training that improves muscle strength, bone density, balance, and functional movement so clients can remain active, resilient, and capable at every stage of life.

Andy Le— Andy is a certified strength coach, personal trainer, and nutritional coach specializing in corrective and preventative exercise. He believes in the strong

connection between physical vitality, emotional strength, and mental resilience. Andy has worked with a wide range of clients, including residents at The Villages, MorningStar, Sunrise, and Ivy Park communities, helping individuals improve strength, mood, and overall quality of life through a balanced mind-body approach.

If you are interested in registering and would like more information about our trainers' schedules and rates, please email Susi at SStengrafe@the-villages.com. Space is limited, and sessions will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

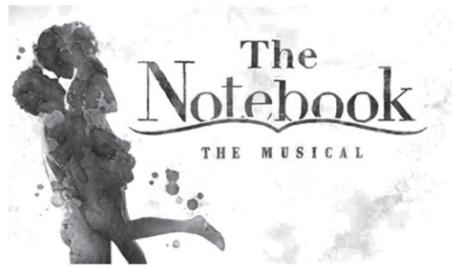


See 'The Notebook' at SF's Orpheum Theater

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wed., Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	San Francisco	\$198
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.	

Experience a heartwarming day in the city filled with delicious food, touching performances, and unforgettable memories! Join our group for a delightful trip to San Francisco, beginning with a savory lunch at the beloved SAMS Café, where you'll enjoy classic comfort dishes and good company. Afterward, we'll head to the beautiful Orpheum Theatre to see "The Notebook," the romantic Broadway musical that brings Nicholas Sparks' timeless love story to life on stage. Enjoy a perfect day of dining, music, and emotion—all in the heart of San Francisco. Reserve your spot today for a day that's sure to touch your heart!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/notebook12-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Explore rich history of Mission San Juan

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Friday, Mar. 19, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	San Juan Bautista	\$126
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	March 5 at 4 p.m.	



Step back in time and savor the flavor on our day trip to Mission San Juan Bautista and Smoke Point BBQ, which calls itself "The Best BBQ in San Juan Bautista"! Join us for a delightful day of history, friendship, and delicious food as we explore California's largest mission. Wander through the beautiful gardens, tour the museum, and soak in the stunning architecture and rich history of this timeless landmark. Afterward, we'll head to Smoke Point BBQ for a mouthwatering lunch, featuring tender smoked meats, savory sides, and vegetarian options—all served in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The trip includes comfortable round-trip transportation, a guided mission tour, lunch, and plenty of time for photos and

fellowship. Reserve your seat today for a day full of fun memories and history!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/sanjuan3-26 with Recreation Services in Building D.

New Guest Room check-out policy

We'd like to share a small update to our Guest Room check-out process.

To help us better track keys and prepare rooms promptly for incoming guests, we are updating our key return procedure. After your guest's stay, Guest Room keys must now be returned directly to a staff member at one of the following locations:

- Recreation Services Department (Building D) during regular business hours
- Front Gate at any time

Going forward, keys may no longer be left inside the room or placed in the drop box.

We truly appreciate your help with this change, as it allows our team to ensure rooms are secured and ready for the next reservation. Your cooperation plays an important role in helping us provide a smooth and positive experience for all residents and guests.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Recreation Services Department—we're always happy to help!

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

EVF-funded Tennis Court

Restroom project moves forward

The Evergreen Villages Foundation begins 2026 with optimism and fresh momentum as we look ahead to funding projects that enrich daily life in The Villages.

We are pleased to share news of a generous bequest made through our Planned Giving program. This thoughtful gift will fully fund a long-needed Tennis Court Restroom, an improvement that will make our court activity spaces more comfortable and accessible for the many residents who enjoy tennis and pickleball every day.

For years, members of both the Tennis and Pickleball communities have voiced the need for this addition. Thanks to the generosity of the donor, this project can now become a reality. The Evergreen Villages Foundation looks forward to working closely with the Club Board as construction moves ahead.

Year after year, EVF continues to play an important role in enhancing our shared amenities. As the Club Board explores future improvements, EVF will be there to help bring worthy projects to life when they align with our mission. We invite all Villages residents to be part of this ongoing effort to strengthen our community.

Through the EVF Planned Giving program, you can leave a lasting impact on this place you call home. By including EVF in your estate plans, you help ensure a vibrant future for the Villages. For more information Planned Giving, contact Morton Cordell at 707-291-4550 or Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994. You can also support our work by becoming an EVF Sustaining Member for as little as \$5 a month.

To learn more about EVF's mission and the benefits of membership, visit <https://evfsj.org>.





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CLUBS & EVENTS

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Wednesday edition of
FastNews

Senior Academy: The 'His'tory of Art is really 'Her'story

By Arlene Versaw

As was true for women in literature, women artists faced centuries in obscurity, all the while contributing significantly to the culture of their times. Behind the scenes, great female artists have been leading figures in every artistic movement from the Italian Renaissance to present day. Yes, many of us know of Georgia O'Keefe and Mary Cassatt. But artists Krasner, Peeters, Fontana and Mendieta are completely unfamiliar, and for good reason. Historically, the world of art was entirely male-dominated.



Portrait by Mary Cassatt

Join us on February 16 and 23 by registering at senioracademy.vgcc.club. Look forward to having you join us!

That is soon about to change with the Senior Academy's presentation of "A History of Art: Her-story" in two lectures. On **Mondays, February 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. in Montgomery Center**, art instructor and arts advocate Diane Levinson will bring the history of women artists to life through the lens of an artistry timeline. She will explain how women have been leading figures in the world of art since the 16th century and will explore the strength, character and talent of these exceptional talents who navigated the obstacles and barriers to succeed in the male-dominated art world.

Diane Levinson has taught art and art history at colleges and universities throughout Northern California. She has a B.A. in Sculpture and a Masters in Fine Arts from San Jose State University.

Arts & Crafts to host demo; Membership meeting with Elena Mukhina

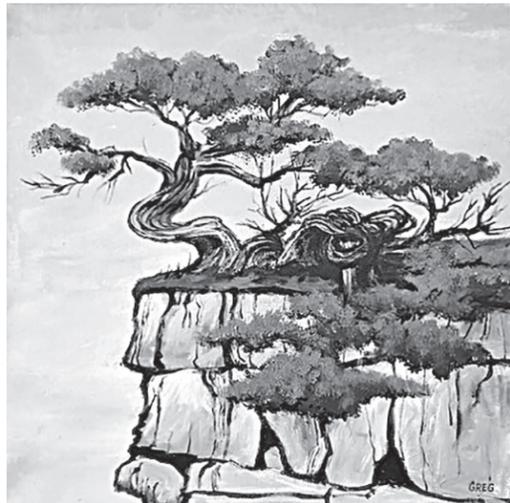


By Michael Sunzeri

At **1:45 p.m. sharp on Thursday, March 2**, the Arts and Crafts Association is presenting a local artist with a talent we must all see. In 2025, Elena Mukhina gave a demonstration at an East Valley Artist meeting. We were engaged and able to participate in the technique of Leather Art. Elena supplied us with an idea, base, product, and tools to create. Her art looks like a painting as you can see from photos on her website. It is all leather, even though she does paint and uses other genres. This demo will concentrate on leather but since our attendance is usually three times as much as East Valley Art, we will have to be happy observing unless Elena plans to have a workshop here at some time.

Here is a bit about Elena Mukhina in her own words: "For the past 10 years, I have had the opportunity to create art for myself. Gouache, acrylic, ink, paper, and canvas help me to express my feelings of what I have seen, read, and heard. Books, movies, and songs contain a chain of events, acquaintances, and amazing interconnections that make me empathize both emotionally and physically. Over time, emotions about experiences fade, so it's important to start the creative process in time. In the works presented, the viewer will get to know my first and most vivid impressions. I have been experimenting with different forms of 2D and 3D art mediums and during this time I developed a technique to decorate wine bottles and framed cards while trying to discover my own style. I have a particular interest in the way that different textures and materials can be used to create depth and movement in my work. I have been using leather to create collages, which allows me to play with light and shadow in a unique way."

New Drawing Class: Exploration of Trees



Please join Greg Cheung for a wonderful black and white drawing exploration of trees!

Beginners and experienced artists alike will enjoy this three-day class learning to draw three types of trees: Live Oak, Douglas Fir, and Palm.

You'll focus on the interesting details, roots, knots, knobs and overlapping branches. Demonstrations and assistance completing drawings by Greg will help you along the way. Learning to draw trees can be applied to painting trees later on.

Beginning drawing supplies will be provided or you can bring your own.

Celebrate our amazing trees, and enjoy a relaxing and creative study! Classes will be held **Fridays, February 13, 20, 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

The cost is \$45, to be paid by check by February 9. To sign up for class, first register with Pat Remington at plremingt@gmail.com. Address your

check and put it in an envelope to Greg Cheung and drop it in the Villages Arts and Crafts box across from the VMA in Cribari Center.

Opera Lovers to present 'Manon Lescaut'



Please join The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers on **Thursday, February 19 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, when we will present Giacomo Puccini's "Manon Lescaut."

Puccini took a risk when composing "Manon Lescaut" since Jules Massenet had premiered "Manon" just five years previously. Both were based on the same novel by Abbé Prévost, but Puccini's opera became an immediate success.

Puccini focuses on the fortunes and tragedy of the hero, the Chevalier des Grieux, and his lover, Manon. The music follows them from France to New Orleans through the means of continually beautiful melodies. Placido Domingo is at his vocal and dramatic best as des Grieux, and Kiri Te Kanawa is radiantly captivating as Manon. Thomas Allen is Manon's brother, whose efforts to help them meet with varied success.

This beautifully staged production is from The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and runs a little over two hours. Rags and riches both play a role in the drama and, of course, grand opera seems to require at least one death (spoiler alert). Please join us on February 19. No registration is required and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

If you need additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. We also recommend visiting <https://VillagesMusicSociety.org> for information about other musical events.

If you need a ride to any Villages Music Society event, please contact Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 to arrange your free transportation.



Dance Club: Turn up the heat in February with Bollywood!

Get ready to turn up the heat this February as the Village Dancers whisks you away to the dazzling world of Bollywood! Our featured song, "Sheila Ki Jawani," is bursting with color, rhythm, and pure fun—the perfect inspiration to shake off the winter blues.



Bollywood dance is all about expressive movement, joyful energy, and storytelling through rhythm. Expect playful hand gestures, hip sways, and bold moves that make you feel like you've just stepped into a Mumbai movie set!

Our instructor will guide you through signature Bollywood steps—

with lots of hip action, graceful arms and big smiles. Whether you are a seasoned dancer or trying something new, this month's class will leave you energized and glowing.

Village Dancers meet **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Bollywood begins February 2.

Each month brings a new dance theme with loads of fun. We even have performance opportunities. Contact Bernice Toy, Artistic Director and Choreographer at vms.dancers@gmail.com. For more information, please see the Villages Music Society website: <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3> The Village Dancers charge an annual \$25 membership fee. While the weekly session is free; donations are welcome.

Macintosh Users Group to meet February 18

The Macintosh Users Group will host a hybrid meeting by Zoom and in person in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center at **3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18**. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be sent email notices. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.

Learn Google Docs at Villages Webmasters Guild meeting

The Villages Webmasters Guild (VWG) will hold its next Member Meeting on **Tuesday, February 10 at 4 p.m.** in the Cribari Forum Room and on Zoom. Anahid Gregg will present a session on creating Google Docs and embedding them into your web pages, as well as an overview of Google Forms, time permitting.

While the meeting is designed for VWG members, anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.

Google Docs offer greater flexibility than PDFs, allowing users to scroll continuously rather than move page by page. They also do not have fixed page sizes. One key advantage is the ability to share the actual Google Documents with others so they can update or contribute content without needing WordPress access. Updates automatically are published to your website without your intervention. This can help distribute workload and make delegation easier.

Meeting materials will be posted in the training section of the VWG website for members who cannot attend or who wish to review them later.

We hope to see you in person or on Zoom at 4 p.m. on February 10. Want more information? Please email villages.webmaster.guild@gmail.com or visit the Villages Webmasters Guild website at villageswebmastersguild.vgcc.club

FROM THE VMA

Villagers pack Clubhouse for VMA's 50th anniversary party

By Betty Chase

The VMA's 50th anniversary party was a blast. Villagers sipped wine and champagne and feasted on luscious platters of cheese, fruit, and fancy hors d'oeuvres. Music, decorations, balloons and greeters brought smiles all around. The Clubhouse was packed with friendly folk, meeting old friends and making new ones.

During the afternoon, attendees learned about the VMA's amazing array of services including rides to medical appointments, medical equipment available for borrowing, information and referral services from our own social worker, grief support, Parkinson's support, hearing checks, health fairs, and educational classes. Just for fun, the VMA also offers Bingo and the Lunch Buddies program.

Did you know that the VMA paid for the automatic doors into the Clubhouse? Three more automatic doors are in the works to help folks in wheelchairs, walkers and those who simply have their hands full.

At the event, residents also learned about our exceptional past, current and future leaders. They include:

- Dr. Robert Condi, who in 1976, was the visionary who formed the first medical auxiliary.

- Past president Mitzi Macon, who kicked off the afternoon's speakers by introducing many of the past presidents, including Dick Frey who was in attendance. She said The VMA thrives because volunteers—over 280 of them—dedicate time to helping neighbors and giving back to our community.

- Current president Karen Kosmala, who put it all in perspective: The VMA has continued for 50 years through creativity and determination and fundraising efforts such as the home tours, recycling initiatives and golf cart sales. Your willingness to serve ensures that the VMA will continue to care for our community for the next 50 years.

- Vice president Jan Anderson, who serves as the current chair of the Potential Future Projects Committee and will be stepping up as president in July 2026.

Thank you to everyone who put on this terrific event. Mitzi Macon was the event chair with committee members

Karen Peters, Kary Daly, and Jan Margolis. Our musicians were Dennis Cullen and Vera Johnson. Balloons were provided by Copenhagen Balloons.



Past VMA president Mitzi Macon, current president Karen Kosmala, and future president Jan Anderson.

VMA Presents: Advance Health Care Directive Discussion

Most of us have heard about the importance of having an Advance Health Care Directive on file with your doctor. Many of us have one in place. Do you have yours? Does it properly describe your wishes in how you'd like your care to be managed? If you would like to hear how to best prepare or if you just have questions, plan to join Danette Flippin, Medical Social Worker of With Grace Hospice (withgracehospice.com) on **Wednesday, February 18 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room.



Danette Flippin

Danette will introduce the Advance Health Care Directive document and discuss its importance, review it in detail, discuss its proper use, and provide a "how to" for completing it. Danette will also answer individual questions so that you will be inspired to complete or update your own forms and to assist and encourage others to do the same.

Danette Flippin has worked for over 25 years as a medical social worker with older adults, with a particular focus on geriatric syndromes including dementia care. Danette has specialized training in palliative care and helped to implement the POLST document in Santa Clara County. She is an advocate and trainer in Advance Care Planning and POLST documents. Please plan to attend this important presentation.

Please reserve your spot now online at <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs/> or at 408-238-4029.

VMA Presents: Aging with Confidence—Fall Prevention

As we age, many of us become more fearful of falling. It's natural to worry but there are things you can do to help prevent falls. Please plan to join Jyoti Digwalekar on **Wednesday, February 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Foothill Center. Falls are not a normal part of aging. You will learn how to make your home safer with some modifications; and how strength, balance and movement matter in fall prevention. Jyoti will give an overview of the Otago Exercise Program and how it can help reduce your fall risk. She will also be ready to answer any questions you may have.

Jyoti Digwalekar is a licensed Occupational Therapist. Over the last 16 years, she has worked in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, acute rehab facilities, home health and outpatient. She specializes in fall prevention, stroke recovery, Parkinson's, orthopedics and dementia care. Jyoti's philosophy is holistic and caregiver inclusive with a strong belief that therapy should go beyond the four walls of a clinic.

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Camera Club recognize top photos at end-of-year competition



The Villages Camera Club held its end-of-year dinner and annual competition on January 20 in the Fairway Room. The competition recognized the top photographs of 2025 across all skill levels—basic, intermediate, advanced, and masters—in the genres of journalism, monochrome, nature, pictorial, creative, and travel.

More than 300 images were judged by photography author Doug Stinson, who selected the winning entries and provided commentary on each. The evening concluded with the announcement of Best in Show, awarded to Michael Jablon for his creative image titled “The Fantasy Began When Alien Creatures Marched Out of the Enchanted Forest Under the Watchful Eyes Present in the Colorful Trees.” All winning images can be viewed at villages.photoclubservices.com.

The Villages Camera Club welcomes new members interested in improving their photographic skills while meeting fellow photography enthusiasts. For a limited time, dues are waived for the first six months. Those interested may contact Sy Gelman at s.gelman@gmail.com to request an application.

Hiking Club presentation: ‘Roaming High and Low in South America’

If you’ve ever wondered about traveling to South America (without visiting Patagonia), then please join Gordon Carbonetti who will talk about his 2025 trip to South America at the Hiking Club meeting on **Monday, February 23 at 7 p.m.** at **Vineyard Center**. Along with wife Loretta and daughter Courtney, their 19-day adventure involved stops in Peru, Bolivia and Chile, with many spots above 10,000 feet elevation.

Many sites visited were archaeologically and historically significant, and of cultural interest. Highlighting Peru were visits to Lima, Cusco, Ollantaytambo, and Machu Picchu all with much Inca history. Travel to Bolivia focused on the capital of La Paz (world’s highest capital city) and the Tiwanaku/Puma Punku World Heritage Site. Lastly, stops in Chile include the capital Santiago, Vina del Mar and Rapa Nui (Easter Island), which is famous for its massive stone statues called Moai. Easter Island, in the Pacific five hours by air from Santiago, is also one of the most remote and isolated places on earth. Happily, Easter Island returned us to sea level.

Gordon also plans to talk about how they traveled to and around South America, including some information on the tours and accommodations, as well as showing many photos.

The program will follow a short club business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free, and open to all Villagers.



Meet new friends at Cat Club meeting

By Bette Loomis

Over 50 Cat Club members attended the January meeting where a lively discussion was held about the care and well-being of cats, including what’s new, what works and what doesn’t work. A wealth of cat supplies and food were brought to the “leave something, take something” table. This continues to be one of the best features of the club meetings. What a great way to try something free for your cat from water fountains cat trees, beds, toys food all *free to take and try*.

The meetings now are only an hour long, so plan to arrive early and stay late so you can continue meeting other Villagers with cats. We have 10 new men who have already joined the club!

In February, we will have five club members give a five-minute presentation about themselves. We will continue with these short presentations throughout the year until everyone has been introduced; this is one way to become better acquainted with the club members. Hopefully this will encourage shared cat-sitting responsibilities with your neighbors, saving money and meeting new friends!

The meeting will be held **Monday, February 23** in the Vineyard Center from **2 to 3 p.m.** As always remember to bring something for the “leave something, take something” table.

Please register for this meeting through the website at sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club or by email. You can also text me at 408-234-9798.



Sydney and Suki adopted by Diane Taylor.



Join the fun at Bingo!

The next afternoon bingo begins **Wednesday, March 4** in Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at 3 p.m., and games start at 3:30. Cards are \$1 per card, or six cards for \$5. Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies are available. Admission is free. All money collected for cards is paid back to winners.

Night bingo at the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, February 18** is **sold out**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with no-host bar, dinner at 6 p.m., and games follow. Reservations are required through the Clubhouse. Night bingo cards are \$2 per card or three cards for \$5. All money paid to buy cards is returned to bingo winners.

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Study Groups Club: Calling all sports fans!

Are you the kind of person who never misses a big game, loves dissecting a season, or has a very strong opinion about that controversial call? Do you enjoy spirited conversation, friendly debate, and sharing the thrill (and agony) of sports with others who get it? Then it's time to grab a seat at the table!

The Study Groups Club is forming a Sports Discussion Group for fans of all kinds—whether your passion is football, baseball, basketball, hockey, golf, tennis, or beyond. This group will be all about:

- Talking games and teams
- Breaking down seasons and stand-out players
- Sharing hot takes (respectfully, of course!)
- Laughing, debating, and enjoying great conversation with fellow sports lovers

You don't have to be an expert—just enthusiastic. If you enjoy watching, talking, or arguing (good-naturedly!) about sports, you'll fit right in.

Let George Schiffner at 631-678-7109 know if you are interested in joining and if you would like to lead the group.



Free incontinence supplies at VMA

VMA has an overabundance of incontinence supplies, all brands and sizes. Call the VMA office at 408-238-4029 to arrange delivery of whatever you can use. The VMA office at Cribari also has a good supply on hand if you wish to stop by and pick up yourself.

Sunshine Dancers become part of Study Group Club

By Judy Rogers



The Sunshine Dancers were formed by a group of people who simply love to dance and have fun. Over the past three years, the group has performed both inside and outside of The Villages, consistently receiving positive feedback and compliments for their rich cultural content and semi-professional performances. The focus is on culturally inspired dances, including Hula Dance, Tibetan Folk Dance, Mongolian Dance,

Uyghur Dance, as well as Modified Line Dance and Classical Dance. The group is open to everyone, and you're sure to find a style that matches your interests and abilities.

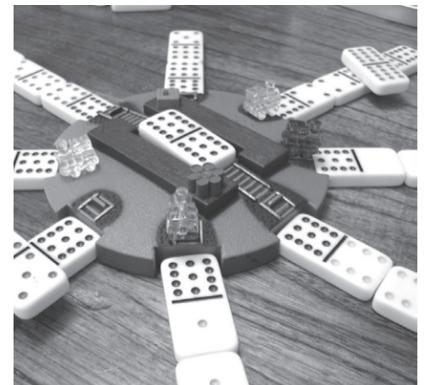
The Sunshine Dancers are a warm, friendly group—most members had no previous dance experience when they joined. What they shared was a love of movement, music, and learning together. The group practices **Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center, and newcomers are always welcome to observe or jump right in. Join us and remember—everyone starts from zero, and support is always part of the fun.

Join the fun with Mexican Train Dominos

Ever wanted to learn and play the incredibly popular game, Mexican Train, and wondered why so many people love it? The answer is simple: it's easy to learn, engaging, and combines strategy with just the right amount of luck and the Villages Study Groups Club has the time and place for you!

Mexican Train is played with double-12 dominoes. Players build connected "trains" (chains of dominoes) starting from a central hub. The goal is to empty your hand and end each round with the lowest possible score. After multiple rounds, the player with the lowest total score wins—making it a fun mix of skill, strategy, and chance.

Come meet new friends and reconnect with old ones on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Redwood Room in Cribari Center. For more information, contact Margaret McDaniel at mmcdiii@hotmail.com



Practice walk-dancing to support heart health

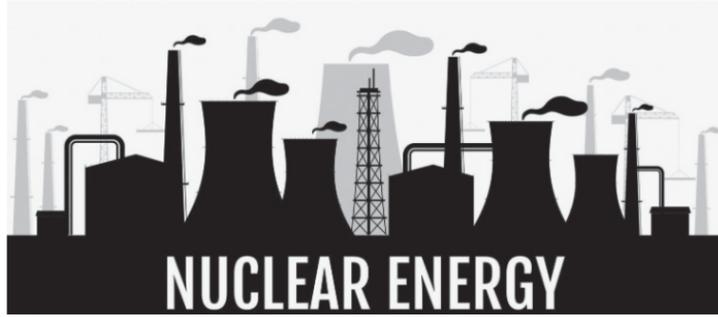


Walk-dancing combines walking with dance patterns and coordinated arm and body movements. This enjoyable form of exercise supports better balance and breathing, helps keep the heart strong, supports a healthy weight, reduces stress, and makes daily activities feel easier and more energizing. LSAL Fitness Club is here to help you build strong bones, improve your strength, balance, and coordination, prevent falls, and help you maintain a high quality of life as you age. Classes are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. The class is suitable for all fitness levels and is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. The first class is free. Sign up in class.

Study Groups Club: Learn how nuclear power works

By Judy Rogers

The Villages Study Groups Club has another fascinating program for you! Have you ever wondered how nuclear power works? Did you know that nuclear energy provides about 10% of the world's electricity, is a major source of low-carbon power, and uses fuel that is incredibly energy-dense—with tiny amounts of uranium supplying power for years?



Beyond electricity generation, nuclear technology plays a role in space exploration, medical isotopes, naval vessels, and even everyday items like smoke detectors. And amazingly, the sun itself is a giant fusion reactor!

Here is your chance to explore this important topic in depth and learn more about this vital energy source. On **Tuesday, March 24 at 5 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, the Study Groups Club's Israel Littman will cover topics such as:

- How a present-day fossil-fuel electric power plant works
- How a present-day nuclear electric power plant works
- The nuclear reaction explained
- Nuclear fuel fabrication and types of nuclear power plants operating today
- Advantages and disadvantages of existing nuclear plants
- New nuclear power plants currently under construction

Don't miss this opportunity to better understand one of the world's most powerful—and often misunderstood—sources of energy.

Hiking Club Party draws nearly 100 Villagers



By Cheryl Allmen

Nearly 100 residents attended the December Villages Hiking Club Holiday Party, which was filled with laughter, visits with other Villagers and a variety of special holiday entertainment.

The highlight of the evening were the contributions of several talented Villagers who shared their special musical talent gifts, "voices and songs" and instrumental skills with the audience. They included Vera Johnston, Margaret Orandi, Dan Kato, Kellen Perry, Connie Hendrikdon, and David Bruce.

Our Villager pianist, Daryl Cheim, played for the audience as they enjoyed delicious appetizers provided by the Club's Social Committee and Club members too. Afterward, guests danced the rest of the night away to the music provided by Ed Knott. A wonderful time was appreciated by all attendees!!

Mah Jongg players wanted!

We've worked hard to learn Mah Jongg, and now we're ready to play—regularly and joyfully! If you're looking to meet others who enjoy the game, practice your skills, and have fun along the way, this group is for you. Come **Thursdays at 11 a.m.** to the Redwood Room in Cribari Center.

Many of us are beginners and are eager to learn through practice in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All skill levels are welcome—this is a non-competitive group focused on enjoyment and camaraderie.



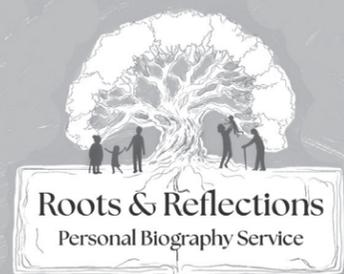
Join Pawsome Walks with the Dog Club

By Judy Rogers

We all know socializing is good for the soul—and dog owners know it's just as true for our four-legged friends. That's why the Dog Club has begun bringing pups and their people together twice a month for tail-wagging, nose-sniffing, leash-tangling fun!

Our very first group walk trotted off in January, and we still can't decide who had more fun—the dogs or their humans. (We're leaning toward the dogs, but it's a close call!)

Watch your emails and check our website, Villagesdogclub.vgcc.club, for the next pup parade. All you'll need is your walking shoes, and your best "good boy!" voice. Hope you there!



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New organ graces The Villages

The Villages Community Chapel is delighted to announce the arrival of an Allen Q325 organ. This beautiful instrument was purchased by donations from Chapel members and music lovers from across the Villages. It features three manuals (keyboards) and can hold over 250 pieces in its presets memory bank—a huge assistance to the organist. Our former Baldwin organ could only hold 8 presets and had several keys sadly beyond repair. So what happened to our former organ? A church in the central Valley has the same organ so our beloved Ms. Baldwin has been moved there to provide parts...yes, she's now an "organ donor."

Our new organ came to us preowned from a church in the Los Angeles area that had lost their organist. They recognized it needed to be played and are thrilled it has found a new home where it will be loved and appreciated. None of this would have been possible without the incredible assistance of Trent Alameda, Ryan Bell, Dominic Broadhead and the whole Villages staff that helped with scheduling, moving, reinforcing, and installing the Allen but we would be very remiss in not acknowledging the tremendous volunteer efforts of Villager Gerry Stillman, electronics engineer extraordinaire that kept our old Baldwin going for so many years. Thanks one and all.

The Allen organ will be dedicated at **10 a.m. on Sunday, March 1**, during our morning Chapel service in the Cribari Auditorium with Catherine Ellacer, our Minister of Music, at the keyboards. All are welcome for this exciting debut. Of course, we will be featuring the Allen at our annual organ concert in October.



The Allen Q325 organ soon to be dedicated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 1, during the morning Chapel service in the Cribari Auditorium.

Friends of SJSU present The Need for Social Sciences in Today's TechWorld

Discover why human insight matters more than ever in a tech-driven world at an engaging luncheon hosted by the Friends of San José State University. The program, "The Need for the Social Sciences in Today's Tech World," will feature Dr. Anne Marie Todd and take place at **11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18**, in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

Dr. Todd will explore how the social sciences add essential perspective to today's rapidly evolving technologies. Drawing on innovative work from SJSU's College of Social Sciences, the presentation will highlight three timely areas: thinking critically beyond basic AI literacy, understanding how technology affects communities, and shaping a more sustainable ur-ban future. The talk will also cut through the hype surrounding artificial in-telligence and introduce the emerging field of Public Interest Technology.

A dynamic leader at San José State University since 2002, Dr. Todd is a professor of Communication Studies and dean of the College of Social Sciences. She oversees eleven diverse departments dedicated to under-standing human behavior and improving the ways people live, work, and connect.

Friends of SJSU, a Villages club founded in 1999, welcomes residents with an interest in or connection to the university. The cost for the lunch-eon and presentation is \$35, conveniently charged to members' account numbers. For more information, contact Bette Loomis at dbloomis@sbcglobal.net or call 408-234-9798.



Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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



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SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS TALK



Villages USTA 65+ team at Nationals in Surprise, Arizona.

By Betty Olsen

What a blast The Villages had at Nationals in Surprise, Arizona! Let me tell you about it.

We may not have won, but came close, and may have been the friendliest team with lots of support. We were the only team with a coach and the only team to bring gifts for our opponents.



Tennis Club gathers for dinner at the team house.

Seven of us stayed in the team Airbnb five minutes from the tournament. With husbands attending, two other Airbnbs were used, plus hotel rooms.

There was a total of 16 teams in the tournament. Every team had four matches, two on Friday and two on

Saturday, and the top four teams played semi-finals on Sunday. No team won all of their matches, but some didn't win any. We needed three wins to compete for Sunday.

On Thursday night all Villagers met at the team house for a potluck dinner and to get ready for our first match at 9 a.m. Friday against Mo Valley. Our coach, Brett Foreman, met our six players at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning for warm-up and we won the match 2-1, thanks to Cheryl Diltz and Julie Hawkinson winning in the 3rd set tiebreak. Team Gail Tuft and Helen Varenkamp won in two sets.

The Friday 3 p.m. match against Southwest was a nail biter, but we lost 1-2 in a 3rd set tiebreak. At the end of Friday, five teams were 2-0, five teams were 0-2 and we were in the middle with 1-1. Since we all had such fun at Thursday night's dinner, it was decided to again meet at the team house, and order pizza and salad for Friday night's dinner. My daughters, Karen, Diane and Nancy made that happen. I think we may have had as many as 25 there. Then early to bed by 9 p.m. to get ready for Saturday's two matches.

(To be continued in the next Tennis Talk.)



At left: Brett Foreman leads the team in a huddle as he offers last-minute coaching tips. At right: Team members at SJC airport get ready to fly to Arizona.

SHONIS

By Teddy Morse

On Tuesday, January 27, the Shonis celebrated our members whose birthday is in January. Our tradition is to let our birthday gals subtract their highest score on any given hole from their total, thus making it likely they will be in the money. This month's birthday players Schinae Ogihara, Mimi Steinhauer and Jan Trusso took advantage of this perk and were all in the money. Schinae was also our low gross player for the day with a 38. Congratulations!

We've got two qualifiers in the queue, Stephanie Dean and Marge Pritchard. We're looking forward to them completing their five qualifying games and joining our club.

Thank you, Jonna Robinson for running the putting for pesos pre-game contest even though you couldn't stay and play. Now that's Shoni dedication.

Thanks also to Teruko Matsumura, our starter on the 27th and Leslie Ingham and Jeanne Chiamonte our scorers. I've been remiss in thanking our ladies for helping with this volunteer effort each week. It is very much appreciated.



January birthday players, Jan Trusso, Mimi Steinhauer and Schinae Ogihara

18 HOLE WOMEN

By Vicki Krattli

It was a beautiful and warm day for golf today and 58 ladies came out to play golf. There were several birdies and even more chip-ins as the course and the greens were in great shape.

Captain Mazie Rice made several announcements beginning with the start of the Ringer. You may sign up any time by contacting Delma Juarez and giving her the \$5 entry fee. Once she has your money, start playing great golf and the eclectic will begin.

Diana Hallock and Holly Magowan reminded us that the charity tournament will be March 19, and the Charity of Choice will be Alzheimer's Association in honor of Hannah Summerhays. Wear your purple, get your team ready and support this great organization.

Team play is heating up as well. Sign up in the posting room or contact team play captains Janis LeCompte, Judy Owen or Gloria Landry. Team play is a good way to meet new golfers and play great courses in our area.

There was also reason to celebrate two of our members, Helen Varenkamp and Gail Tuft. They played in the National tennis championship in Arizona and represented The Villages beautifully.

Golf is a game of precision, patience, and confidence—and for women golfers, consistent practice and intentional warm-ups can make a powerful difference. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, how you prepare your body and mind before a round often matters just as much as the swing itself.

Practice is not just about hitting balls—it is about building trust in your game. Regular practice helps women golfers:

- **Develop consistency:** Repetition grooves muscle memory, making your swing more reliable under pressure.
- **Improve confidence:** Knowing you have put in the work reduces self-doubt on the course.
- **Sharpen specific skills:** Focused practice on short game, putting, or course management leads to lower scores.

9 HOLE WOMEN

By Vicki Krattli

January 27, 2026—It was another beautiful and sunny day to play golf although a bit chilly at the start. Many ladies arrived a little later than normal in the hope it would warm up a bit. I was reminded as my group began our round of my friend Camille's words when she played with me. She would tell me that those first few holes are your warmup shots, usually bad, and if I went to the driving range before my round I would score better early. Yesterday my playing partner arrived as we were halfway down our first hole, scores 6,7,7. On the fourth hole her game sharply improved to scores of four consecutive pars. Camille was right. Golf is a game of precision, rhythm, and mental focus. While talent and experience play a role, few things influence performance as much as proper practice before a round. Taking time to warm up and rehearse key skills can dramatically improve consistency, confidence, and overall enjoyment on the course. Yesterday there were six birdies recorded. Renee Woolard on number 13, Emily Li on number 6, Vicki Krattli on Holes 15 and 18, Valerie Dimmick on number 8 and Sheryl Driskell on number 4. Renee also chipped in twice in 13 and 16, Valerie on number 8 and Sheryl on number 4. I wonder if these ladies all warmed up?

BOCCE NEWS

By Vivian Hobbs

The courts are alive! Our first Boot Camp was a kick (ha ha). We had a full turnout on three courts with new players and very dedicated volunteer instructors. We watched everything from “miss by a mile” to remarkably accurate shots. Players were signing up for the Bocce Club and even being recruited for veteran teams. Spirits were high even with the mis-hits (practice makes perfect)! It’s going to be a great season.



The Volunteer Lunch in Morgan Hill was lovely and lively. The indoor bocce courts enticed some fierce competition. And those spareribs! Volunteers enjoyed fancy barbecue and cake. They certainly deserved it.

Our next social event will be the Super Bowl pre-game lunch at the Clubhouse on Feb. 8. Bocce Club members can register with Barbara Orlando at orlmuh2@comcast.net.

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Real Estate

The Villages real estate experienced a typical holiday buying season. We are back down to 21 active listings. We have come down to a more normal quantity of homes for sale, but we are in January after all. The fabulous statistic is that there are at 10 pending sale at this time. This means that almost 50% of the available listings sold in late December to late January. I am aware of homes that were pulled off for the holidays and have plans to go back on the market in February as well as new listings coming up. A good flow of buyers has gone through my current listing which is surprising this time of the year. I think February looks very bright.

There are fewer Cribari homes for sale which means less competition for those still on the market. Between the Cribari homes sold, taken off the market for the holidays or those to be rented, the quantity of homes for sale in the Cribari Village has come down to 8 active listings. Fewer homes competing for buyers will stabilize the prices, but the prices are now in a new lower range. Half of the Cribari homes for sale are under \$450K. As more buyers come into the market in February, and with less inventory to choose from, the prices should stabilize or even go up in Cribari. The future is hopeful for the wonderful Village of Cribari.

I just want to brag a bit about my seller’s home. I have sold a lot of homes in my career. There are few homes that I have had the pleasure of selling that are as well appointed, have a fabulous floor plan and an amazing location as my current listing in the Highland Village. Everything you need to have in a home that will take you deep into the future with little future work is here. Long-lasting materials like a concrete composite roof, wood interior floors and high-end appliances are features of this property. Couple that with new solar panels, new water heater and heat pump system and high-end newer appliances sets up the buyer for a home that does not need much future work. From beautiful wood built-ins, amazing custom bathrooms and kitchen, it has been remodeled in such a way as to stay in style for a long time. Maybe it is time for you to move up into this fabulous single-family detached home or tell family or friends that this rare opportunity awaits.



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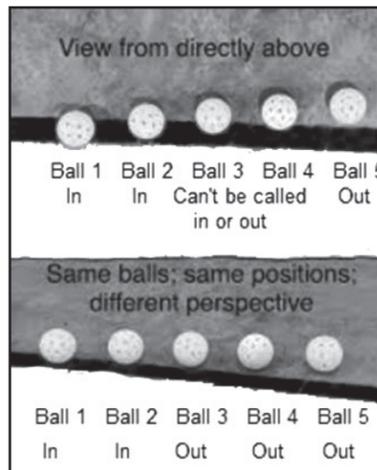
PICKLEBALL

Why Players See ‘In’ or ‘Out’ Differently on the Pickleball Court — Part 1

By Kim Silverman

Anyone who’s played just once on the pickleball court knows this: two players can watch the same ball land and walk away with two different calls. It’s not drama, it’s not bias—it’s geometry. Your angle dictates your truth.

This happens on any line—baseline, sideline, kitchen line, wherever. A ball can appear in or out simply because of where you’re standing. The sideline is an easy example, but the



principle is universal.

I’ll be the first to admit: I’ve made this mistake myself, so writing this article is just as much a reminder to me as it is to anyone reading it. And honestly, the more I watch matches, the more I see how often angle—not intent—is driving the disagreement.

The Scenario: A Ball Landing Near a Line

A shot drops close enough to a line that it could be touching or just missing it. One player sees a gap. Another sees contact. Neither is lying — they’re just seeing two different versions of the same moment.

Here’s what’s actually happening.

Player Closest to the Ball

This player has the most accurate angle because they’re almost perfectly aligned with the bounce. Their eyes are perpendicular to the line, so they can see whether the ball overlaps it or misses it by the smallest margin.

Their call: “Out,” if they see a gap.

Why: It’s like reading the measurement on a tape measure when you’re standing right above it—there’s no guesswork, and you always know the true answer. The person closest to the ball sees the bounce directly, without their view getting twisted by distance or angle, just as you’d trust your reading of numbers on a ruler when your eyes are right in front of it.

Opponent Across the Court (Diagonal View)

Now we get into distortion. From a diagonal angle, the ball tends to look like it overlaps the line even when it doesn’t. The court, the line, and the ball visually stack together.

Their call: “Looked in to me.”

Why: Imagine watching someone park a car from across the street at an angle—the car looks closer to the curb than it really is. Because the player’s view is diagonal, it’s like looking at distant train tracks that seem to touch in the distance, making the ball appear in contact with the line when it’s actually just an illusion created by perspective.

Player at the Kitchen Line or Midcourt

This player is farther away and not aligned with the landing spot. They can track the general location of the bounce, but not the exact point where the ball meets the court.

Their call: Often “in” or “I’m not sure.”

Why: It’s similar to trying to tell if a tiny piece of paper is in or out of a circle from across a room—details blur at a distance. The farther away you are, the harder it is to see small gaps, making it much harder to make an accurate call, just like trying to tell if a coin has landed on heads or tails from several feet away.

Partner of the Line Caller

Even though they’re on the same team, their view is still from a side angle. And from the side, the ball tends to appear like it’s touching the line because the line’s thickness visually collapses.

They’re seeing the top of the ball, not the bottom edge where the line call is determined. That’s what creates the illusion of contact.

Their call: Often “looked in.”

Why: Think about looking at a sidewalk chalk drawing from the side—it sometimes looks stretched out or squished, and you can’t see the real edges. From the side of the court, the thickness of the line and the position of the ball can appear shifted—much like how photos taken from the side distort the true shape—so it often looks like the ball touches the line, even if it’s not truly making contact.

(To be continued in the next Villager.)

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

February 2026 Golf Schedule

Saturday, February 14 – Men's Club President's Tournament 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m.

Monday, February 16 – President's Day Holiday – Open Play tee times starting at 7:30 a.m. – Driving Range open all day

Tuesday, February 24 - Tuesday, March 3 – Member Golf Trip to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico
Winter Golf Course Conditions – This time of year, the course conditions can change rapidly on a daily basis due to varying weather conditions. For a daily update on the status of the golf course conditions, please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408.223.4663. You can also phone the Pro Shop for the course conditions at 408.274.3220 x1 if the Maintenance Hotline is not functioning.

There is also a colored flag at the driving range indicating course conditions as such:

Green Flag – Golf course open with golf carts permitted anywhere

Red Flag – Golf course open with golf carts limited to cart paths only

Yellow Flag – Frost Delay – Golf course & practice areas temporarily closed until frost melts

Black Flag – Golf course & practice areas closed due to potentially dangerous and unplayable conditions

Also please be aware of wet areas roped off areas to cart traffic. You can still play your ball from a roped off wet area, but please do not drive your cart withing the roping.

And occasionally there could a hole or several holes closed to carts and cart path only due to saturated conditions. In those instances, there will be a sign at the tee indicating carts on path for those holes. Thank you for your cooperation!

Winter Rules – Preferred Lies – We are currently playing Preferred Lies defined as 6-inch relief, pick-clean-and place, no nearer the hole everywhere including the rough. If/when that condition changes, we will let you know.

Vineyard Practice Green – The Vineyard practice green in temporarily closed due to necessary sod removal to facilitate the repairs to the green on Hole #6. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your cooperation!

GC Quad Complimentary Drop-in Sessions Now Available

Complimentary 20-minute drop-in sessions now available with Assistant Professional Eric Hansen. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. / Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. / Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ball Fitting Now Available! Try any brand or style of golf ball or bring your own and we can compare ball brands and styles and see which ball goes the furthest for you.

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This will allow us to evaluate your equipment, your golf ball, perform a comparative analysis for club fittings and capture data for golf instruction and total game improvement.

Hole #11/#15 Lake Project – While the lake construction project on Holes #11 & #15 is in process, please play the entire area including the emptied lake as Ground Under Repair. You may take free relief defined as 1-clublength from the point of entry, no nearer the hole with no penalty.

Tips from the Pro – "Swingin" in the Rain – What a Glorious Feeling

Playing golf in wet, sloppy conditions poses challenges that we do not encounter during the warm summer months. Wet turf, cold and inclement weather, and changing course conditions all can have an adverse effect on our results on the golf course. Here are some tips for playing golf in wet, sloppy winter conditions.

Setup & Swing Adjustments

Grip Down: Shorten your grip on irons for better control and solid contact.

Ball Position: Play the ball slightly forward for more loft and a sweeping motion.

Steady Head: Limit lateral and vertical motion - this will help to hit the ball first.

Cruising Speed: Swing easy – take more club – swing at 75% for balance, control and solid ball contact

Focus on Carry: Aim for the ball to fly onto the green rather than rolling, as roll is reduced.

Course Management & Strategy

Play to the Fat Side: Target the center of the green, avoiding trouble spots like bunkers and deep, wet rough

Club Up & Swing Soft: Take an extra club (or two) for approach shots but swing with less speed for better control

Short Game: Hit more low chips than pitches, high shots will stop short; and hit putts harder as they'll break less and need more speed

Equipment & Mentality

Loft up: Adjust your driver 1-2 degrees up so the ball will carry more – it won't roll as much in wet conditions

Warm & Dry: Dress warm especially your torso and head; Make sure your ball and clubface are dry with a towel

Stay Patient: Accept that scores may be higher during winter months, and focus on playing smart, not perfect.

Let us know if these tips help. Email ssteele@the-villages.com for a lesson!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore

Upcoming Events

I don't know what happened to January, but here is what's coming up in the first part of February...

Next Tournament: Presidents Day Tournament

Saturday, February 14, 2026

What: Presidents Day Cha-Cha-Cha Tournament. **MGC Members only. No guest or spouses.**

Format: Four-man teams, Cha-Cha-Cha 1BB, 2BB, 3BB Alternating as stated on scorecard.

Signup: January 31 through February 12. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team. Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

Temporary Handicap Adjustments

Are you aware that Patrick Barber, the Handicap/Membership Chairman, is capable of making temporary handicap adjustments for MGC members that are returning to golf, from accidents or surgery? Adjustments are discussed between the Saturday, Monday and Handicap chair—normal length is 30 days with the adjustment being 2-3 strokes. Please contact Patrick Barber.

Did you know...

The average number of ball marks made on greens per round is 8 per golfer. Assuming only 130 rounds are played each day on your course, your greens receive 1040 impressions daily, 31,000 per month or more than 374,400 per year. Are you wondering how to make a putt under these conditions.? Repair your pitch marks!

Even if you can't touch your toes, you can still bend over and fix a ball scar on the green.

Our new VMGC website is LIVE!

The Villages Men's Golf Club (VMGC) has joined the Villages Webmasters Guild. Utilizing their tools and services, we have successfully created a new website. The new website address is vmgc.vgcc.club. The old website address no longer works. Please save and use this new website address to get the latest news and information about our club.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **March 3, 2026**. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

If you haven't attended a meeting yet, we welcome you to join us, ask questions, and share your thoughts. We sincerely encourage more members to get involved. See you there!

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Presidents Day Tournament

When: Saturday, February 14, 2026

What: President's Day Cha-Cha-Cha Tournament

MGC Members *only*. No Guest or Spouses.

Format: 4 Man teams, Cha-Cha-Cha 1BB, 2BB, 3BB alternating as stated on scorecard

Signup: January 31 through February 12 –

Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 95% of February 12 Handicap Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

Tees: #4/3 Combo, or #3 based on Flight

Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun.

Scorecard: Golf Genius e-scoring. Turn in signed and attested scorecard to the Pro Shop as backup. This is a non-postable tournament.

Cost: \$52 – This includes green fees and sweeps Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

Tammy Ehle gets a hole in one!



On **January 19, 2026**, Tammy Ehle got a hole in one on the par 3 (short course) course.

On hole number 7, she used a 8 iron for a 95 yard hole in one. Her buddy Valerie Loebig was playing with her to witness the spectacular event! This is Tammy's first hole in one for her golfing career.

All invited to February Villages Golf Committee Meeting

The February VGC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10 at 3 p.m. at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are welcome to attend.

Pro Shop Hours of Operation

Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Flight One (Handicaps 12-16)

1. Pauline Robinson, 25
2. Teddy Morse, 26
3. Tie Judy Rogers and Meg Rogers, 27

BRIDGE

Wednesday, January 14

1. Neda Dorjath - Jonna Robinson
2. Bonnie Taylor - Maureen Waltho
3. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott

Friday, January 16

1. Ed Logg - Ann Leishman
2. Mary LeGrand - Carol Reid
3. Art Lind - T.R. Fu

Monday, January 19

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Sumi Minami - Maureen Waltho
3. Jane Michaels - Guest

Wednesday, January 21

- 1/2: Tied: Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels; Neda Dorjath - Lorrie Scott
3. Barbara Waldman - Mel Waldman

Friday, January 23:1.

1. Mary LeGrand - Jane Michaels
2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
3. Hank Koransky - Joel Koransky

Monday, January 26

1. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
2. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
3. Hank Koransky - Hanhi Min

Wednesday, January 28

1. Ed Logg - Mary LeGrand
2. Art Lind - Neda Dorjath
3. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

Friday, January 30

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
3. George Welch - Selma Chastaine

Flight Two (Handicaps 17-19)

1. Schinae Ogihara, 15
2. Tie Leslie Ingham and Jan Trusso, 23
3. Jan Ehrhardt, 24

Flight Three (Handicaps 20-24)

1. Mimi Steinhauer, 14
2. Fran Schumaker, 22
3. Suzanne Roberts, 26

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 14

Sylvia Rozewicz	188
Remy Pessah	191
Aloma Lazetera	222

Friday, January 16

Shirley Bellavance	182
Aloma Lazetera	252
Dennis Webb	337

Wednesday, January 21

Sylvia Rozewicz	136
Bassima Story	231
Sandy Gardiner	252
Maribeth Berlie	276

Friday, January 23

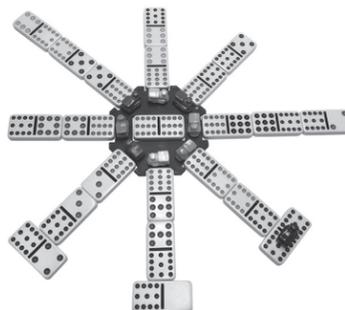
Eva Medeiros	145
Remy Pessah	172
Sylvia Rozewicz	192
Kitty Heston	221
Bassima Story	245

Wednesday, January 28

Bonnie Barrett	169
Shirley Bellavance	231
Bev Waller-Wharton	240
Joanne Robinson	246

Wednesday, January 30

Mo Ricketts	232
Marje Harper	234
Suzanne Fazzio	266
Remy Pessah	301



9 HOLE WOMEN

Tuesday, January 27

Back 9 Flight 1

Vicki Krattli
Kitty Ohtaka
Barb Nilsen
Renee Woolard

Back 9 Flight 2

Susan Sunseri
Diane Chaisson
Jean Shimada
Song Cho

Front 9 Flight 1

Valerie Dimmick
Emily Li
Jay Lee
Sheryl Driskell

Front 9 Flight 2

Margaret Davies-White
Andrea Alvarez
Cynthia Jackson
Maxine Amundson

18 HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, January 29

Flight One

Janelle Salvatierra -
Low Gross - 84
Lyn Strong - Low Net - 69

Flight Two

Bock He Kim - Low Gross - 100
Deborah Kaczmarek -
Low Net - 73

2 Tees Flight 1

Camille Giuliobarbari - Low Gross - 80
Low Net:
1. Marky Olsen - 69
2. Priscilla Piper - 70
3. Jay Lee - 71
4. Millie-Anne Schwerin - 73

2 Tees Flight 2

Joyce Mukuno - Low Gross - 98
Low Net:
1. Valerie Dimmick - 70
2. Suzanne Fazzio - 70
3. Linda Lutschan - 71
4. Betty Chase - 71

2 Tees Flight 3

Won Cha - Low Gross - 104
Low Net:
1. Maxine Amundson - 69
2. Patricia Sear - 70
3. Suzy Kim - 71
4. Kathleen Kyne - 71

RELIGION

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search The Scriptures is studying the Gospel of John



Come explore the powerful claims of Jesus as the Son of God! We meet at the Vineyard Center at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Presently we are delving into chapter 5 of the Gospel of John, exploring Jesus' divine claims and the witnesses He calls to validate His identity. All welcome! For more information, call Maggie Dahlman 480-553-7327

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Indiscriminate Love'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The word "commitment" is a scary word for many people, which is why commitment is a pledge, promise, obligation, dedication, or allegiance. In short, the resounding response to the word "commitment" is sacrifice. A person must be willing to give up something, love something, or someone.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have received marching orders from the highest authority to promote love toward others. **John 15:12 NLT:** "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." Jesus is not advising or suggesting that His disciples are to love one another. He is not making an optional request when He asks us to love one another. He speaks with ultimate and absolute authority when He says, "This is my commandment."

There is a difference between suggesting and commanding that we do as He desires. Jesus Christ has made it unmistakably clear that if we want to identify with Him and make His life a model for our own, we must be ready and willing to accept suffering, pain, and even death for the sake of others.

This is what it means to belong to Jesus Christ and to be His disciple. It means adopting a style of life in which we care so much about others that we are willing to sacrifice for them and give of ourselves.

Today, fewer individuals are willing to be faithful disciples of Christ because real love is costly. Jesus declares to His disciples that true love is not passive but active. To truly love someone comes with a **cost** attached to the relationship. You and I can't love someone while being selfish at the same time. Love crushes selfishness with sacrifice! It is no longer having it your way! Love accepts the brokenness of our humanity while applying grace that comes from God toward our imperfection.

When we ask God to give us more love for Him, He challenges us to love others, whether they respond or not. After all, He loves us, and still, some refuse to respond to His gift of Eternal Life.

I was called upon by a friend to visit a friend entering the final season of his life. The doctors had reached their limitations in caring for his afflictions. My friend thought I could offer some comfort and assurance for his transition, but he was not open to hearing his options. I could only pray that he finds peace with God and reconciliation with others.

John 15:14 NLT "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life 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.vgcc.club)

Happy Valentine's Day

Muslims in The Villages mark Ramadan with month-long fasting

By Hasan Z. Rahim, Villager

The month of Ramadan—the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk (no food or drink, not even water) to practice patience, humility, kindness, generosity and gratitude for God's blessings—begins February 18 this year and ends at sundown on March 19. The Evergreen Islamic Center (EIC), 6 miles from The Villages, at 2486 Ruby Avenue, is the mosque Muslims in the Evergreen area attend to pray, reflect on their lives and serve God and fellow Americans of all faiths.

The physical demands of thirst and hunger pale next to the spiritual demands of Ramadan, which is to renew and reaffirm our relationship with God and with His human and non-human Creation. The Quran—the Islamic Book of Divine Guidance—tells Muslims to fast so that we may acquire a heightened sense of God-consciousness. God-consciousness implies a combination of compassion, grace, love, moderation, patience and self-restraint. Refraining from sin and remembering God's blessings with gratitude and humility, we strive to connect with our Creator.

Ramadan is the month when we learn to talk less and listen more. We learn to manage our wants and feelings. We take a break from social media and shun material attachments. We strive to emerge from Ramadan as better versions of ourselves and resolve to remain so for the rest of the year until the next Ramadan. Since we are only human, it is not easy, but that is what we aspire to.

Ramadan is when Muslims are most charitable with their money and time. We remind ourselves of the thousands of homeless people and others suffering from various afflictions in the affluent Silicon Valley who need our help. There are many in this Valley for whom hunger is a daily reality. We try to reach out to them and bring peace and comfort into their lives. On the first Saturday of every month throughout the year, we distribute food at EIC to the needy members of our larger community.

In denying ourselves the elementary blessings of food and drink so readily available to many of us, we develop empathy for those who aren't as fortunate. When the body is hungry, we hear the soul's calling.

Ramadan compels us to look inward. "So, where are you going?" asks a verse in the Quran. Where, indeed, am I going with my life? Is it aligned with God's expectations of me, or am I going astray from a combination of ego, ingratitude, impatience, schadenfreude and other failings? Ramadan reminds us of our duties to God and to all human and sentient beings who share the Earth with us.

Ramadan comprises three stages, each spanning 10 days of the month. The first stage is to focus on God's mercy and reflect on His blessings. The second stage is to ask for God's forgiveness and to forgive those who may have wronged or hurt us. The third and final stage is to pray to God for our salvation.

Every Sunday during Ramadan, EIC will host the Iftar, breaking the fast at sunset, for the local community of all faiths. Anyone from The Villages who want to experience the Iftar—dinner is served afterward—may contact Hasan Z. Rahim at 408-613-5978 or email hasanzr@msn.com.

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Shabbat Services, Friday Nights - Cribari Auditorium: February 20, **Foothill Center:** March 20, May 15, June 19, July 17, October 16, November 20.

March 1 - Purim: - 5 p.m. at Foothill Center

April 1 - Passover - 7 p.m. at the Fairway Room/Clubhouse

June 7 - Build a Bagel: Sunday, 10 a.m. at Foothill Center

August 16 - Membership Appreciation Brunch: Sunday, 10 a.m. at Foothill Center

September 11 - Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, 7 p.m. at Foothill Center

September 12 - Rosh Hashanah Saturday, 10 a.m. at Foothill Center

September 20 - Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre - Monday, 7 p.m. at Foothill Center

September 21 - Yom Kippur-Monday, 10 a.m. at Foothill Center

September 21 - Break the Fast - Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Foothill Center

November 8 - VJC Golden Jubilee- at 5 p.m. at the Fairway Room

December 6 - Chanukah Party, Sunday, 5 p.m. at Foothill Center (**Note:** location correction)

December 25 - VJC Fun Day Friday, Sequoia Room - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

VJC Board Meetings: Second Monday of the month, 10 a.m. at Montgomery Center. Except on October 12 and December 14 at the Cribari Conference room.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'A Recipe for Living a Life of Gratitude, Passion and Joy'

By Marcos Herrera

The collection of readings for the fifth Sunday in ordinary time provides a recipe for living a life overflowing with gratitude, passion and hope. It's a recipe to help us experience the kingdom of God on earth and prepares us for our future in Heaven. All we need to do is follow it!

Start out with a foundation of faith in the power of God, not on human wisdom, to provide all our needs. Pray, reflect, discuss, whatever you need to do to become closer to God.

Next, share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked.

Then, listen for an answer from the Lord, hopefully you will hear him say: "Here I am!" then

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

A high-level map and up-to-date outline of the vendor's various activities for February will be distributed weekly through FastNews and is currently available on the member portal. The schedule reflects days for mowing, com-bined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

• Hard Pruning

o The annual hard pruning of specific plants is in progress through the winter season by BellaVista. This is a common maintenance practice that will continue through March, possibly April.

- What is hard pruning? "Hard pruning is a horticultural technique that involves strategic plant re-duction by removing a large portion of its branches, stems, and/or foliage. It is typically done to rejuvenate a plant, control its size, or promote healthier and more vigorous growth. Hard pruning typically involves the strategic removal of 50%-75% of the plant's overall size, sometimes down to just a few inches from the ground, depending on the species."

o For more information on plant types, the purpose of hard pruning, and photo examples, visit the Public Works tab on the member portal.

• Pest Control

o Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels will occur on:

- Tuesday, 2/10 in Village Valle Vista, Village Glen Arden, and Village Highland.
- Monday, 2/16 in Village Olivas, Village Del Lago, and Village The Heights.
- Tuesday, 2/24 in Village Montgomery, Village Del Lago, and Village Sonata.
- Monday, 3/2 in Village Verano, Village Cribari, and Village Fairways.

o (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))

• SavATree is scheduled to be working at:

The tree maintenance inventory maps and the tree maintenance plan are now available on The Villages member portal.

o Village Fairways, Village The Heights, and Village Sonata on 2/9.

o Village Montgomery on 2/10 and 2/23.

o Village Olivas on 2/11.

o Village Glen Arden on 2/12.

o Village Del Lago and Village Valle Vista on 2/16.

o Village Verano on 2/17.

o The Estates on 2/23.

o Village Cribari on 2/24 and 3/4.

o Village Highland on 2/25.

• Mulching

o No new mulch will be placed within zone zero of community centers or within zone zero of homes within The Villages. The Landscape and Firewise Committees are discussing which alternative material will be used there instead.

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.

• Sewer Replacement in Montgomery

o A planned sewer replacement is scheduled for February 9 through February 20 at specific units on Montgomery Court. The affected residents have already been notified.

Club Maintenance

• SavATree Club Maintenance Schedule

o SavATree will be doing general maintenance on certain club properties on 2/11, 2/18, 2/19, 2/26, 3/2, and 3/3.

• Ceramics Room Closure for Remodel

o The Villages staff has begun moving the furniture back into the Ceramics Room so that the space is ready to be used by the week of 2/9.

• Foothill Center Closure for the month of February

o Foothill Center is closed the full month of February for video/audio enhancements.

• Montgomery Pool Fencing Project

o The Montgomery pool fence replacement is TBD. For a more recent update on the schedule or pro-gress, check the weekly Public Works FastNews newsletters.

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

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 FastNews. 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.

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

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To report or get info about an outage call PG&E's 24-hour Outage Information Center at 1-800-743-5002.

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

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



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

The PUZ-LER



Okay, okay, so last week's puzzle was a creampuff using a quote from *Gone With The Wind*. Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn spoken by Clark Gable in the role of Rhett Butler. I did not outsmart Lois Bookman, Eileen Skinner, Lucy Pousho, Bill Tibbs, Larry Rosene, Peter Groot, Judy Gergurich, Jerry Juracich, Donna Beck, Sheldon Tragish,

Jeff Buckingham, Carol Hoffman, Jayme Dickson, Larry Broderick, Neda Dorjath, Jan Mahoney, Judy Rodriguez, Bill Rodman, Harriet Fernandez, Don Fernandez, Mike Gilbert, Ken Cole and several others who failed to give me a name. I hope you are all proud of yourselves.

How are your language skills? What very common word in the English language is almost always pronounced incorrectly?

I am sitting at home, right now, waiting for a response in an email to me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com. Be sure to put puzzle in the subject line and include your name in the text. No name, no recognition.

Thought for the day: If you have a red wine stain in your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

Slice of Humor



Even if a bear wears socks and shoes,
he still has bear feet!

Catholic Community...

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light shall rise from you since you are a just person! Others can hopefully see the light in you because of your good deeds which glorify the father.

If we are the salt of the earth, we cannot lie idle as so many unfortunate things happen to our brothers and sisters all around the world. By putting ourselves into action we can make sure that we do not lose our "taste!"

Speaking for myself, I need to make sure I am considering the relationship between faith/spirituality and service. If my spirituality thrives, I expect my desire to do more service will come naturally. Similarly, the more solidarity I have with the poor and oppressed the deeper my faith should become. I try to reflect on my daily life to assure that I am in an appropriate balance between faith and service.

I find that daily reflection and discussions with a spiritual director help me keep the balance and maintain my "taste" and hopefully provide light to others.

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(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

What's New for Seniors in 2026

For those of you receiving Social Security benefits the cost-of-living adjustment in 2026 is 2.8%, so you got a raise beginning in January, admittedly one that just about keeps pace with the official rate of inflation. That amounts to a \$56-a-month increase over the 2025 average Social Security payment of \$2,015 for all retirees.

For those still working and paying into the system, the annual limit of earnings on which you will pay taxes has been raised to \$184,500 from \$176,100.

However, the Medicare Part A inpatient hospital deductible that beneficiaries pay if admitted to the hospital will be \$1,736 in 2026, an increase of \$60 from \$1,676 in 2025. The Part A inpatient hospital deductible covers beneficiaries' share of costs for the first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period. In 2026, beneficiaries must pay a coinsurance amount of \$434 per day for the 61st through 90th day of a hospitalization (up from \$419 in 2025) in a benefit period and \$868 per day for lifetime reserve days (\$838 in 2025). For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily coinsurance for days 21 through 100 of extended care services in a benefit period will be \$217 in 2026 (\$209.50 in 2025).

At the same time the annual premium for Part B coverage that provides for outpatient hospital services, some home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other services not covered by the hospital coverage of Medicare Part A has also increased. The 2026 premium for Part B has risen to \$202.90 for 2026, an increase of \$17.90 from the 2025 premium of \$185.

Other costs and deductibles are going up and there are also increases to the premium surcharges for higher-income earners. It's a good idea to check the Medicare site at medicare.gov. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (as about half of all recipients are), check your plan.

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.

SRS announcement:

IRS mileage rates for 2026

Do you use your automobile for business use? The standard mileage rate for business is **72.5** cents-a-mile for 2026. This is an increase of 2.5 cents from the 2025 rate. The mileage rate for deductible medical mileage expense is **20.5** cents-a-mile, down 0.5 cents from 2025. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at **14** cents a mile. This has been the rate since 1997.

The rates apply to fully electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.



The *What I Love About The Villages* column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)

If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to: editorial@the-villages.com or submit it online at: vlgcc.com/submit-article.

What I Love About The Villages

Volunteer for service on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury

Santa Clara County residents are encouraged to apply for service on the Civil Grand Jury. The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury investigates the operations of the various offices, departments, and agencies of local government and is responsible for three functions: 1. Acting as a civil watchdog agency, 2. reviewing resident complaints, and 3. filing accusations.

Grand Jury service calls for diligence, objectivity and courage. Those who are called to serve on the Civil Grand Jury are part of an independent arm of the Judicial Branch. They voluntarily enter this service with interest and curiosity in learning more about the administration and operation of the government in the county in which they live, in order to function as an investigatory body.

Service on the Civil Grand Jury requires a time commitment of approximately 25 hours per week. This can vary based on a juror's involvement in committees and investigations. Each panel serves on a fiscal year basis. The exact schedule is determined by the Civil Grand Jury and includes the option for hybrid work. Civil Grand Jurors receive a per diem payment for official grand jury business, as well as a mileage reimbursement. Training, support and supplies are also provided by the court and county. Requirements include being a citizen of the United States at least 18 years of age; a resident of Santa Clara County for at least one year before being selected; being of sound mind and with sound judgment and good character; and having a command of the English language. Prospective jurors shall not have been convicted of a felony, shall not have served on a grand jury for at least one year, not hold public office nor be currently serving as a trial juror.

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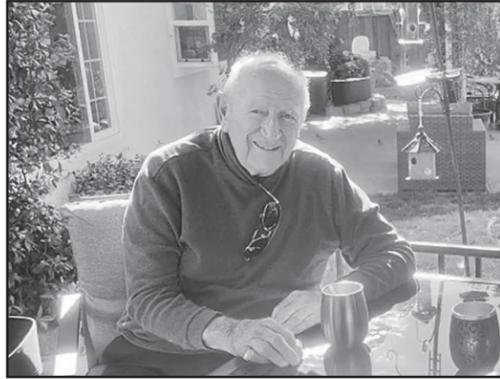
VALENTINE'S GREETINGS



OBITUARY

William "Bill" Payne Beardsley

March 7, 1926 — December 7, 2025



William "Bill" Payne Beardsley passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion, and quiet strength. Born and raised in New Rockford, North Dakota, Bill carried his Midwestern warmth and steadiness with him throughout his life.

A graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Pharmacy, Class of 1950, Bill dedicated his career to caring for others. He later became the respected owner of Bill's College Pharmacy and went on to serve as President of the Pharmaceutical Association of Santa Clara, a role in which

his integrity and calm leadership earned deep admiration.

Bill was the beloved husband of Dorothy M. Beardsley, with whom he shared 79 years of unwavering devotion and companionship. Their bond was deep, steady, and beautifully enduring. He was a devoted father to Lloyd William Beardsley and Scott Keith Beardsley, a proud grandfather to Vincent and Leza Beardsley, and a loving great-grandfather to Gianna Williams—each of whom brought him immense joy.

Outside of work and family, Bill embraced life with a gentle enthusiasm. He was a longtime member of the SIRS #38 with the Village Concert Band, where music remained an enduring passion. He also loved the game of golf and was recognized as Player of the Year in 2000 by The Villages Men's Golf Club. Whether enjoying a perfectly made martini, sharing a dance with Dottie, or quietly supporting the people he loved, Bill brought joy and steadiness to every moment.

Bill will be remembered for his kindness, his devotion to family, his thoughtful nature, and the love he poured into a life well lived. His impact will continue through the many hearts he touched and he will be greatly missed.

Planning an estate, moving or garage sale?

Residents, or those working on the behalf of residents, are required to contact the Member Services office at 408-754-1333 or memberservices@the-villages.com for a permit before conducting a sale at The Villages. All sales on Villages property are subject to Association Rule 2.02 Residence Use and Occupancy Restrictions.

Homeowner Rule 3.2.10, Estate and Garage Sales states:

3.2.10 Estate and garage sales are permitted subject to the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Sales period may not exceed two days.

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

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

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

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



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