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EPC Transition Committee moves to its March goal

On Monday, February 24, General Manager Theresa Ostrander, Public Safety Director Matt Hidalgo, and EPC representative Diane Finley worked in tandem with the Emergency Preparedness Transition Committee (EPTC) to hold an open forum for all 400 EPC volunteers. This 90-minute event gave leadership an opportunity to share the latest updates—new EPC Charter, announcement of the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator starting March 3 and reporting to Public Safety, as well as the many community outreach efforts that have become invaluable to the formation of The Villages future EPC Program. The message to volunteers—and the entire Villages community—that EPC continues to function exactly as it has until this new integrated program is established was amplified once again. Should an emergency take place, our EPC volunteers are ready for action.

The transition from an all-Villages volunteer program to one now led by the General Manager offers a stronger bridge between the volunteer community and Villages management, giving rise to a cohesive plan that can incorporate more training, local emergency agency involvement, and professional resources. EPTC is on track to present its recommendations to the Club Board on March 25 at the Board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Get Involved! The Villages continues to welcome volunteers. Please stop by Building B to inquire and fill out our intake form. Interested volunteers are welcome to join us for an open Q&A forum with EPC leadership on **Monday, March 24 from 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m.** at the Clubhouse.

Questions? Please reach out to GM Theresa Ostrander at tostrander@the-villages.com or Club Board Liaison Larry Versaw at larryversaw@gmail.com



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Tickets available soon for 'Live Love Sing' Voices concert

The VMS Voices are three weeks in to the Spring 2025 Season and on their way to performing their programs on **May 2 and 4**. The theme this season is "Live Love Sing," an uplifting program that is sure to connect the Villages community through music. Some of the songs you will enjoy are "What A Wonderful World," "You Raise Me Up," "Can't Buy Me Love" and a very interesting Madrigal version of the Spice Girls' "Wannabe," and a few others. The Voices promise to inspire with the ever popular sing-a-long portion of the program and to entertain with door prizes, raffle and baked goods.

The Voices are one of the groups under the umbrella of the Villages Music Society. The objective of the VMS is to provide the opportunity for residents of the Villages to sing in a choral group, play a musical instrument, dance to choreographed numbers for their own enjoyment, and for the enjoyment of the community and audiences alike. The Villages Music Society seeks to improve these skills through the development of our talents with the aim to provide high standards of performance with quality production, accuracy and beauty.

Tickets for "Live, Love, Sing" will be on sale at The Village Dancers recital, "At The Movies," **March 13 to 15**. The VMS Voices will be helping to manage the usher and ticket responsibilities for the "At the Movies" spring program, and will take the opportunity to begin ticket sales for the May 2 and May 4 performances. Come and enjoy the VMS Dancers and get your tickets to the Voices May concerts. Tickets are \$20 each. Simply charge to your house number. See you "At The Movies" and afterward at the ticket table for "Live, Love, and Sing!"



Get tickets for 'At The Movies' cinematic showcase!

A cinematic collaboration of dance, rhythm and artistic vocals awaits you at the "At The Movies" themed showcase. It's almost showtime! Come see the shows on **Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16 at 2:30 p.m.** here in our very own Cribari Auditorium.

Movie soundtracks you are sure to recognize from "Pretty Woman," "Old Time Rock & Roll" and "Goldfinger" along with performances by The Dancing Queens and The Bad Boys will take choreographic exploration to a new level!

The Bad Boys plan to bring an eye-popping performance of "It's Raining Men" from the 2012 movie "Magic Mike." The men's group has grown to seven members and bring a playful perspective to the stage. They are an appreciated and talented addition to The Village Dancers.

The ladies performance group or "Dancing Queens" will command attention with a never-before-seen tap dance, a high-energy medley of James Bond songs and a dash of sassy Rock & Roll dance.

As an added bonus: Villages bassist Roger Dahlberg and pianist Larry Broderick will perform live, 30 minutes before each show. Artistic dominance comes to the stage, as a first-time ever, collaborative.

For information on purchasing tickets, please text Kristel at 408-375-1760, or call 408-274-1882. In-person ticket sales will take place **Monday, March 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** in Cribari Lobby.

Should you require help getting to the Auditorium, please call VMA to arrange a free ride 408-238-4230.



The Bad Boys (left to right): Dari Tarabini, Jayme Dickson, Bill Swintek, Adrien Fournier.

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.

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All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words.

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

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

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.
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The Villages recognized as Firewise USA Community

The Villages is proud to be the first Firewise-recognized community—first and largest in San Jose! As part of that, we invite you to participate in the annual National Firewise Wildfire Preparation Day on **Saturday, May 3**. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Go!" focusing on individual preparedness for wildfire emergencies.



Shown left to right, back row: Captain Ryan Torchio, Public Safety Matt Hidalgo, Paramedic Read Weseman, Engineer Leandro Bonanno. Left to right, second row: Julie Wash, Firefighter Kaitlyn Skinner, Paul Belknap, Larry McNary, Patti Holderman, Firewise Project Leads Yasmeen Itani, Mary Tatum. Left to right, front row: Shel Schumaker, Deb Gordon, Debra Spencer, Villages General Manager Theresa Ostrander.

IN MEMORIAM

Patti Lee Hayes

May 2, 1956 — February 12, 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 Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

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POLICIES

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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 Barbara Clurman at 669-234-4180, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Villager display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

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Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9

Set your clocks forward one hour ("Spring forward!") when you go to bed on Saturday night.



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President's Message—February 25, 2025

Welcome everyone to the February Association Board of Directors meeting. A few weeks ago, the Governance Council received a presentation from management on the new technology in The Villages. We have moved from the age of The Flintstones to the age of The Jetsons. From reserves to budgeting to tee times to work orders, it is amazing the improvements we have had in a very short time. Yes, some of the transition was painful and maybe could have been done differently but the result is incredible, and I think it was worth it. And look: now we have our own app. The more I use it the more I like it.

I have a personal example of how this improvement has worked for me. A few weeks ago, at 9:23 a.m., I created a work order on MaintainX to trim some bushes that had overgrown my kitchen window and were blocking the light. I received an email confirming the request eight minutes later. Fourteen minutes after that my doorbell rang and it was a BellaVista employee confirming which bushes I wanted trimmed. Twenty-one minutes after that, I received email confirmation telling me the trimming was done. That's 43 minutes from creation to completion. Now as most advertisements will tell you, results like that cannot be guaranteed but I was really impressed with the response. Hopefully that level of service can continue for everyone.

The ABOD had a working session on February 13 regarding budgeting and priorities. I would like to thank the DACs for all their hard work and input into this process so far. It appears to me we are now getting squeezed on two sides and decisions are being forced upon us. We are required to do turf reduction by 2029 but on February 6 Governor Newsom signed an executive order requiring everyone to complete fire hardening in "Zone 0." Approximately 1.4 million acres are now being considered a high fire risk. I am unsure of the deadline for this work, as the regulations have yet to be released but it will likely be sooner as opposed to later. The CalFire fire zone maps are being updated and the Santa Clara County map was supposed to be released yesterday. Zone 0 is the space between 0 and 5 feet from any structure and is being characterized as "ember resistant zones." Considering the LA fires, which were the most devastating fires in California history, we will be voting on whether or not to make The Villages perimeter our budget priority this year. Our annual four acres of turf reduction for the coming year will be covered by The Club Board so as a community we will continue to make progress with our turf reduction.

Thank you all for being here and as usual, my phone, my email and my door are always open and available for questions or comments.

—Michael Schwerin, Villages Association President

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

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



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

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

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Club President's Message—February 25, 2025 Progress and Important Decisions for the Future of The Villages

The Villages has achieved major improvements in the last two years in staffing, operational and financial controls, cost cutting, and long-range planning. Visible improvements include the Clubhouse services and menu quality, and refurbished bocce courts, stables, and the golf course. Public Works now completes over 95% of work orders submitted in timely fashion. Not so visible, but equally important, the staff overhauled our hardware and software systems to improve managing operations, finances and reporting. Work in progress includes completing the new Member Portal, The Villager Online, improving membership services and implementing an effective marketing program that describes the unique characteristics of the Villages' community.

With Theresa Ostrander, our General Manager, the Villages three Boards completed a draft of a Strategic Plan for the years 2025 through 2028. The major observation in the Plan's draft is that our aging facilities have not been adequately maintained. We are not collecting adequate capital funds for repair or replacement of existing facilities. From the Strategic Plan's Executive Summary:

"The leadership and residents must strive to maintain and upgrade the physical plant that exists, so it can offer a relevant experience to the next generation of homeowners, or it will fail to attract new homeowners, which will cause property values to fall."

An example of projects that will need significant funding include the maintenance and repair of our underground utilities. The sanitary sewer, storm drains, water supply and other systems are owned and maintained by the Villages not the City of San Jose. The estimated cost to maintain these systems is \$20 million over the next 10 years. The Club Capital Budget for the next fiscal year, starting in July, will be based on maintaining, improving and protecting our existing Club assets—buildings, roads and utilities.

The next step in our strategic planning process begins with a detailed Member Satisfaction Survey starting with focus groups in May. These will be followed by a detailed online and printed survey. The results will guide policy and strategy to meet community needs and expectations for the future.

Thank you for your participation and support.

—Richard Zahner, 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 Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
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MANAGEMENT



FIREWISE USA
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Why the transition of EPC leadership to the GM's Office?

After a thorough assessment of EPC's charter, the organization's capabilities, and the magnitude of meeting the responsibility to safeguard and aid The Villages community of over 4,000 in the event of an emergency, the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) leaders, Club Board and (General Manager) GM's Office together concluded that the scope and burden cannot be successfully sustained with its current formation.

What happens to EPC during this transitional period?

To maintain stability during this transitional period, EPC continues to function exactly as it has until the new program is established, with the expectation that all volunteers remain in their current positions.

What will EPC transition to?

An Ad Hoc Emergency Preparedness Transition Committee (EPTC), comprised of EPC leadership, Club Board liaisons and representatives from the GM's Office, is carefully assessing the best program tailored to The Village's needs, whether that means a revamped EPC Charter, a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)-like model, or a custom-fit approach serving in a CERT capacity.

With its magnitude, does the GM's Office have staff to manage the new program?

Not currently. The General Manager added the position of an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to the management team. This person, working with Public Safety, will take on the responsibilities that the former EPC leadership did. A coordinator has been hired and began work Monday, March 3.

Who's part of the Ad Hoc Transition Committee?

The Ad Hoc Emergency Preparedness Transition Committee (EPTC) is comprised of:

- Club Board Liaisons – Larry Versaw and Michelle Breslin
- GM Office Representatives – Theresa Ostrander, Matt Hidalgo and Elizabeth Park
- EPC Leadership – Ray Blinde, Daniel Grim, Diane & Kyle Finley and Fran Schumaker

What's the goal of this effort to transition EPC under the GM's Office?

Simply stated, our goal remains clear—to establish a more resilient, effective response framework that prioritizes the well-being of all residents.

Where are we in creating our new emergency response program?

The Emergency Preparedness Transition Committee (EPTC) has completed its discovery phase and is putting the final touches on the Pen-to-Paper Phase, updating the Charter and consolidating findings to create a working draft of the Integrated Emergency Plan.

What are the next steps?

Once the working draft moves to final, the Integrated Emergency Plan proposal will be presented to the Club Board at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, slated for March 25.

How do I find out more?

There will be an all-Villages EPC volunteer Q&A forum on Monday, March 24 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Interested volunteers welcome!

In the meantime, if you have questions:

- GM Theresa Ostrander: tostrander@the-villages.com
- Club Board Liaison Larry Versaw: larryversaw@gmail.com
- Director of Public Safety Matt Hidalgo: mhidalgo@the-villages.com
- Diane Finley, EPC: epc.diane@gmail.com

National Firewise Wildfire Preparation Day is May 3

The Villages is proud to be the first Firewise-recognized community in San Jose! As part of our commitment to wildfire preparedness, we invite you to participate in National Firewise Wildfire Preparation Day on **Saturday, May 3**.

This annual event brings Firewise communities together across the country to enhance wildfire safety and preparedness. This year, our theme is "Ready, Set, Go!", focusing on individual preparedness for wildfire emergencies.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved!

Flippable Villager e-edition now available

The Communications team brings you—by popular demand—a new way to read your news online! Every first and third weeks we will send a flippable e-edition of The Villager. Look for it in your inbox on Thursdays.

Two ways to turn the pages:

- Click the outer corners of the pages.
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On the lower bar, you will find icons that allow you to zoom in and out, go full screen, search for an article—and more!

Zoom in and out Go full screen Search for an article



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The Member Portal Walkthrough

Explore the features of the Member Portal. Bring your questions about using the Member Portal and receive personal coaching with the Villages Communication Team and volunteers.

Thursday, March 27
2:30 - 4 p.m.

Oak & Sunset Rooms
in The Clubhouse



THE DACs

Highland DAC to meet March 13

The Highland DAC will meet **Thursday, March 13** in the Foothill Center at **6 p.m.**

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of April are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **Friday, March 21**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, April 3** at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Reminder: File for parcel tax exemption by May 31

If you wish to file for an exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel you must do so by May 31. You may do so if your Villages property is your principal residence, and you are at least age 65 or will be age 65 by July 1, 2025. If there are joint owners of your principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

If you had the exemption from the parcel tax for 2024/2025, your exemption has been automatically renewed by the School District. There is nothing more you need to do. This article is about new exemption requests.

If you would like to apply for the exemption for the 2025/2026 tax year, you may file online at www.eesd.org. Click on "Community" and then click "Senior Parcel Tax Exemption." You will need to upload documents to prove three things:

1. Proof of ownership: Your current property tax bill
2. Proof of residence: Your current PG&E bill
3. Proof of birth date: Your driver license, passport, or birth certificate

You may also apply in person for the exemption at the School District Office at 3188 Quimby Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 31. Contact: Casey Wink at LAblao@eesd.org or Patty Maciel at MMaciel@eesd.org to schedule an appointment. The phone number is 408-270-6822.

If you are new to The Villages and the address on your driver's license does not match your property tax statement, please schedule an appointment at the district office. Bring your Villager residency card and a second bill to substantiate your residency.

Also, if you do not yet have a property tax statement, take your escrow purchase statement and related papers to the district office. Before the appointment go to www.sccassessor.org and enter your address in the Property Record Search box. The district needs the assessor's parcel number for your application.

Not sure whether you have the exemption? Go to your last property tax bill. Look on the back page under the section labeled "Parcel Tax/Special Assessments." If a line item is "Evergreen Measure EE 2018 \$125" you are paying the tax. If you can't find this listing, it means you are currently exempt from the tax.

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

Get your tax refund ASAP

If you are receiving a refund on your income tax return, the safest, most accurate and fastest way to get your refund is to electronically file your return and choose direct deposit of your refund. Most people receive their refund within 21 days.

Expect an additional 60 to 90 days to receive your refund if you ask for a paper check.

Direct deposit means any tax refund is electronically deposited for free into your checking or savings account. This is the same electronic transfer system used to deposit nearly 98 percent of all Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits into millions of accounts. You trust it for your Social Security, why not trust it for your tax refund?

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 7, 11, 25, 26, 27 & 31

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

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

Club

• The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

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

Homeowners

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4 p.m. in Foothill Center.

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Executive Roundtable is March 26

There will be an Executive Roundtable meeting with the three Board presidents and General Manager Theresa Ostrander on **Wednesday, March 26 at 3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting will include a question and answer period.

Comcast/Xfinity virtual appointments

Deisy Gomez, The Villages Comcast/Xfinity Account Manager, is available for virtual appointments every Friday by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please use <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages> to make an appointment

Missed your Villager?

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RECREATION

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

Recreation is in Building D!

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

Sign up to see ‘Waitress’ at CMT San Jose!

Date/Time Friday, April 18, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Location San Jose	Cost \$95
Attendant TBA	Reg. Deadline March 31 at 4 p.m.	



Come enjoy Waitress at Children's Musical Theater San Jose and experience the magic of musical theater! CMT trains and inspires youth, fostering artistic excellence, inclusivity and personal growth. As the oldest performing arts organization in San Jose, CMT offers top-tier training for children ages 4-20. This is one of CMT's special Marquee productions. CMT Marquee productions feature professional and emerging artists from the Bay Area and beyond who donate their time to help CMT San Jose's artistic programming.

Activity Level: Light - Activity.
Register on the Member Portal or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Join Aqua Aerobics today!

Date/Time Thurs., March 27 - April 24 Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45	Location Foothill Pool	Reg. Deadline March 17 at 4 p.m.
Cost \$66	Instructor Bay Sports	

The Villages is offering both Beginner and Advanced Aqua Aerobics classes, providing low-impact, joint-friendly workouts for all fitness levels. The beginner class focuses on a slower pace with simple, repetitive exercises to build strength, endurance and mobility—ideal for those new to exercise or recovering from injury. The advanced class increases intensity with faster-paced movements, cardiovascular training and strength work, often incorporating equipment like water dumbbells and noodles for a more challenging workout.

**Activity Level: Beginner – Moderate
Advanced – Intense**

Register on the Member Portal or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Sew it goes—another day, another quilt!

The Patio Room in Cribari Center has introduced a new feature to support the Quilters in their artistic creations.

A newly installed quilt hanging system uses clips attached to a movable cord along the top of the wall. This design allows for greater flexibility in arranging and assembling quilts, making the creative process more efficient and versatile.



Villages pool closures: updates and next steps

Foothill Spa was temporarily closed February 17 after county inspectors found chemical levels outside the acceptable range. The issue was resolved quickly, and reopening occurred in less than 24 hours. Foothill Pool and spa remain open during regular hours (5 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Foothill Pool remains open for adults only.

Vineyard Pool and Spa are closed due to a fence height requirement mandated by the Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department. The Villages is developing engineering plans to bring the enclosure into compliance. Once the plans are approved by the county, the pool can reopen while modifications are made.

Montgomery Pool experienced a similar enclosure issue in late October. The Villages is following the same process to ensure compliance, working closely with county officials to meet all safety requirements ahead of reopening.

Pools and spas at Montgomery and Cribari are regularly closed for the season from Nov. 1 to March 30, and both are slated to reopen as usual April 1.

Management continues to focus on resident safety and regulatory compliance. Updates on pool status and reopening timelines will be provided as more information becomes available. For facility hours and open status, check the Member Portal's "Today at a Glance" feature (visit member.thevillagesgcc.com).

If you have questions, please contact recreation@the-villages.com.

See ‘Rose: A Mother’s Story’!

Date/Time Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m.- noon	Location Auditorium
Cost \$10	Reg. Deadline March 31 at 4 p.m.

Returning to The Villages is “Rose, A Mother’s Story.” Step into the world of Rose Kennedy, the matriarch of America’s most famous political family. This powerful performance brings her inspiring journey to life—her strength, resilience, and unwavering dedication to family and faith. See history through her eyes as she navigates triumphs and tragedies, shaping a legacy that endures today. Don’t miss this captivating portrayal of a woman who defined an era. Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating the life and legacy of Rose Kennedy!

Register on the Member Portal 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.

Registration is limited to residents only for the first two weeks.

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant’s ability to participate based on each individual’s physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

Employees are not permitted to provide physical assistance to participants. If personal assistance or a wheelchair is needed, the participant must arrange for a caregiver with paid reservation to accompany him/her.

Employees, residents and their guests represent the Villages Golf and Country Club off site. It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a dignified, cooperative and congenial manner.

Fitness Center has new stations for sanitizing equipment

We're making it easier to keep our fitness center fresh! Our fitness center now features brand-new cleaning stations stocked with disinfectant wipes and a built-in trash can. The stations are by the front entrance, on the north wall and on the west wall. Please wipe down equipment before and after use to help maintain a clean, safe environment for everyone. Let's work together to stay healthy and hygienic while reaching our fitness goals!



CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit villagesartsandcrafts.org
Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and every weekday afternoon, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Events

March 18: Free Art Film "Gustav Klimt: The Kiss." Tuesday, 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room.

April 12: Art in the Park, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Gazebo Park. For information contact Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com

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

All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.

March 18: "Paint Party Spring Flowers" with Nicole Alexander. Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m. \$45. Cribari Center Art Room.

March 25 and 28: "Mixed Media Collage" with Pat Remington. Tuesday and Friday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. \$40. Maximum: 8.

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 - 3 p.m. in Patio Room. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler Hike, TUESDAY, March 11 - Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) will lead a hike in Coyote Valley Open Space following the Arrowhead Loop Trail. The trailhead, parking and restroom are located at 550 Palm Ave in Morgan Hill. The trail is 4 miles long with sun and shade, has an elevation gain of about 700 feet, and offers great views of the Coyote Valley and the Diablo Mountain Range. The trail passes grasslands, serpentine rock outcroppings, California Oak/Bay trees and small creeks. Bring hats and water. Afterwards, there is an optional stop at Flames Coffee Shop in Santa Teresa Village. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. Roundtrip mileage is about 26 miles.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, March 12 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Larkspur Hill. We'll walk through the Villages gate to San Felipe Road where we'll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite the public safety gate at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, March 19 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, March 19 - John Zhang (952-200-4113) and Mimi Rong will lead a hike to Lake Elizabeth in Fremont. We will walk around the lake on very flat, paved road. Total hiking distance is a little more than 2 miles. There are many singing birds and water fowl in the area. Parking is free. Round trip mileage from The Villages to the park is about 50 miles. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 8:45. There are many parking lots around the lake. In order for us to be together as a group, please use the following address for your GPS: 40520 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538. This is the address of Aqua Adventure by the lake. We will park behind (not in front of) Aqua Adventure.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

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

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

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

May 6 - Quarterly Meeting - Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30 p.m.

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

Villages staff moves to new locations

The Villages staff moved to new locations in the Administrative Buildings, relocating Board Services, Clubhouse Catering & Events, Public Safety and Recreation Services.

Please visit these new locations for Villages services:

Building A

GM Office Management and Administrative Services
 Special Projects & Sustainability
 Accounting

Building B

Board Services
 Public Safety
 Communications (The Villager)

Building C

Member Services
 Clubhouse Catering & Events

Building D

Recreation Services

Business operations begin on **weekdays**, starting at **8:30 a.m.** to **noon** with a lunch hour from **noon** to **1 p.m.** and operations resuming from **1 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** with the exception of holidays.

Correction: The February 20 Villager erroneously listed Villages office hours ending at 4:30. The correct closing time for Villages offices is 4 p.m.

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

Villages Medical Auxiliary • Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



Register online at: vmavillages.vgcc.club or call: 408-238-4029

March Programs - Register at vmavillages.vgcc.club

Benefits of Acupuncture for Healthy Aging - Dr. long from Evergreen Natural Healing Arts will discuss the benefits of acupuncture and how modern research confirms what traditional Chinese medicine has known for over 3,000 years. Join us **Wednesday, March 12 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia room. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Hearing Aid Clean and Repair - Hearing Life will provide free clean and repairs for your hearing aids, **Tuesday, March 18** in Montgomery between 10 a.m. - noon. Please call the office at 408-238-4230 to make an appointment.

Healthy Hearing and Untreated Hearing Loss - Loretta Coyle from Hearing Life will provide the facts of hearing loss and the benefits of hearing aids in preventing cognitive decline on **Wednesday, March 26 at 11 a.m.** in the Sequoia room. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meetings take place on **Thursday, March 27 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all welcome.

Grief Support Group: A new Grief Share group led by The Villages' Pastor Bill Hayden began Monday, March 3 in Sequoia from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** and is running for 13 consecutive weeks. Next meeting is **Monday, March 10.** There will be a workbook as part of the group - cost is \$20. Please call the office with any questions at 408-238-4029.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct this monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen, and learn. **Thursday, March 20 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.

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
408-370-8553**

Soup of the Day



For the week of 3/10 to 3/16

Monday, March 10

Vegetable Lentil Soup

Tuesday, March 11

Minced Pork and Kimchi

Wednesday, March 12

Chicken with Kale and Quinoa

Thursday, March 13

Pork Posole

Friday, March 14

Clam Chowder

Saturday, March 15

Chef's Choice

Sunday, March 16

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

Restaurant Main Dining Room: Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

- **Patio Dining** reservations for the patio are for 6 or more persons.
- **The Bistro alcove** can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people.
- **The kitchen will still close at 8 p.m.**, last seating at the Bistro, Patio, curbside takeout and Restaurant main dining room is 7:30 p.m.
- **Bistro Bar closes at 9 p.m. Last call is at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dress code for the main dining room will be enforced. During summer months, dress shorts and dress sandals will be allowed.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

First, call in your order at 408-370-8553. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 15 percent Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price.**

Notice for our Curbside customers: Due to the increased volume of orders at dinnertime, we are recommending that you call and place your order between the times of 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will take your order and coordinate a pick-up time later that evening. While this is not required, it should help alleviate any wait times during the peak dinnertime hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ATTENTION CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS: New legislation prohibits "Take-out service" from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to customers unless they are requested. This is in effect now. Our staff will ask if customers need condiments such as ketchup, etc. or plastic utensils such as forks, etc. when taking orders.

We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!
Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

The Villages Golf & Country Club

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

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

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

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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 3/10 to 3/16

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 3/11 to Sunday 3/16

Tocilog: Filipino Style Pork, Two Fried Eggs, Garlic Rice and Grilled Tomato **\$22**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 3/10 to Sunday 3/16—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garlic Shrimp Japchae: Korean Style Sautéed Shrimp, Glass Noodles, Shiitake Mushroom, Bell Peppers, Spinach, Carrots, Green Onions, Sesame Oil **\$23**

Pork Belly Bao Buns: Three each, Slow Roasted Pork Belly, Pickled Daikon and Carrots, Cucumber, Sriracha Aioli on Mini Bao Buns **\$18**

Dinner Specials:

Thursday 3/11 to Sunday 3/16—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Chicken Breast Stuffed with Smoked Ham, Gruyère Cheese, Dijon Cream Sauce with Choice of Two Sides **\$29**

Classic Meat Lasagna: Layered with Béchamel, Ricotta, Marinara, Mozzarella, Parmesan served with Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Breadsticks **\$34**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Breakfast:
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sunday Breakfast:
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lunch:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bistro Menu:
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. *
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2

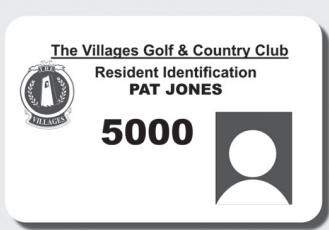
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

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



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.

Dinner For Two

Curbside Only—pre-order 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Same day pickup at 5 p.m.



Dinner For Two

Grilled Tri-Tip \$55 Whole Chicken Asada \$45

CURBSIDE ONLY
Pre-order 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For 5 p.m. same-day pickup

WHOLE CHICKEN ASADA \$45

- House salad with balsamic dressing
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Cilantro Lime Rice
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Corn Tortilla
- Pico De Gallo

GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

- House salad with balsamic dressing
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes
- Roasted Cremini Mushrooms
- Grilled Jumbo Asparagus
- Green Peppercorn Demi Glace



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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.



Have a happy

St. Patrick's Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 1 p.m. Study Groups Club Board SEQ
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Ensemble CR
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
 6 p.m. Sunshine Dancers Practice A
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, March 8

6:45 a.m. Men Golf Coffee Station CH
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Rooted donation drive
 Cribari East Parking Lot
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ

Sunday, March 9

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal CR
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
 10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
 1 p.m. Table Tennis Club Social MC
 5 p.m. Korean Club Game Night FC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite SEQ

Monday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Nirvana Fitness CR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Search the Scriptures VC
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10:30 a.m. VMA: Grief Support Group SEQ
 1 p.m. Stitchery PR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 4 p.m. Jewish Community Board PR
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
 6 p.m. Villages Jewish Community FC
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9 a.m. Men Golf-Evergreen Cmte. MC
 10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 1 p.m. Bocce Board PR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Piano Open Studio A
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal MC
 2 p.m. Crafters Club VC
 3:30 p.m. Village Voices Board PR
 4 p.m. History of Israel SEQ
 5 p.m. VMS Board PR
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour CR
 5:30 p.m. VMS Dancers Board VR
 6 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Amateur Radio Club FC

Wednesday, March 12

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

10 a.m. Yoga A
 11 a.m. Study Groups: Folk Dance FC
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A
 1 p.m. VMA: Acupuncture SEQ
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 3 p.m. Cribari Social Cmte. SEQ
 3:30 p.m. EVF Board PR
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
 6 p.m. VMS Dancers Tech. Rhrl A
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 7 p.m. Foothill Garden Club SEQ
 7 p.m. Village Voices Rehearsal FC
 7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, March 13

9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9 a.m. SRS Tax Prep Service FC
 9 a.m. Men Member-Member Cmte. MC
 9 a.m. Pool Advisory Cmte. VR
 9:55 a.m. Chair Yoga CR
 10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club A
 10 a.m. Comms. Advisory Cmte. F
 11 a.m. Mat Pilates CR
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12:30 p.m. 18-H Women's Golf Lunch CH
 1 p.m. Chapel Bible Small Group SEQ
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. Villages Golf Cmte. MC
 4:30 p.m. Pickleball Club Board PR
 6 p.m. Highland DAC FC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Hiking Club: Game Night SEQ
 7 p.m. Chinese Club Board MC
 7 p.m. The Villages Folksters VC

Friday, March 14

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. St. Patrick's Bocce Bash BC
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
 5:30 p.m. Pickleball Club Party CH
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Dancers Talent Showcase A
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 9 a.m. Tennis: Prescott Tourney TS
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ
 1 p.m. Desi Club: Holi GP
 2:30 p.m. Dancers Talent Showcase A
 6 p.m. Korean Club Game/Dance VC

Sunday, March 16

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal CR
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
 10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
 2:30 p.m. Dancers Talent Showcase A
 5 p.m. Jewish Community: Purim FC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Monday, March 17

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

9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10:30 a.m. VMA: Grief Support Group SEQ
 1 p.m. Stitchery PR
 1 p.m. Flower Ladies Arr. Guild VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, March 18

9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
 10 a.m. VMA: Hearing Life MC
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Lay Board F
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Piano Open Studio A
 2 p.m. Arts&Crafts: Art Film CR
 2 p.m. Study Groups Club Board F
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal MC
 4 p.m. Sustainable Villages Club FC
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ
 6 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Camera Club VC

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Art Class: Watercolors AR
 10 a.m. Yoga A
 11 a.m. Friends of SJSU Luncheon CH
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A
 3 p.m. Macintosh Users Group SEQ
 3:30 p.m. Glen Arden DAC FC
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 A
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 7 p.m. Village Voices Rehearsal FC
 7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, March 20

9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9 a.m. SRS Tax Prep Service FC
 9:55 a.m. Chair Yoga CR
 10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club A
 10:30 a.m. VMA: Caregiver Support PR
 10:30 a.m. Ukulele Club SEQ
 11 a.m. Mat Pilates CR
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 11:30 a.m. Village Highland Social VC
 12:30 p.m. 18-H Women's Golf Lunch CH
 1 p.m. Chapel Bible Small Group SEQ
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Opera Lovers Movie MC
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. Senior Academy Board PR
 4 p.m. Homeowners' Board/Social FC
 5:15 p.m. Arts&Crafts: Paint Party AR
 6 p.m. Democratic Club VC
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Friday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Jewish Community: Shabbat FC
 7 p.m. VAT Matinee Audition VC

Calendar Highlights

Senior Academy 'Nostalgia Explained'

Tuesday, March 11 at 2 p.m. in Foothill Center.

Free Art Film 'Gustav Klimt'

Tuesday, March 18 in the Cribari Conference Room at 2 p.m.

Crafters Club Makers Market

Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium

Opera Lovers show 'Cosi...'

View "Cosi fan tutte" on Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m. in Montgomery Center

Global Village 'Resetting the Nervous System'

Thursday, March 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Foothill Center

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.

The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

The election for two director positions, each with a three-year term, will take place in May and June. The deadline for nominations for candidates for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates is **Monday, March 31, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

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 to the President (Michael Schwerin) or Secretary (Deborah Gordon) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

2025 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 jmeadows@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

This form and candidates' statements must be received no later than **March 31, 2025, at 9 a.m.** and may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Julia Meadows, Senior AGM/Chief of Staff, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or jmeadows@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.

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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

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More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES** and
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 26, 27 & 31

The Member Portal Walkthrough

Explore the features of the Member Portal. Bring your questions about using the Member Portal and receive personal coaching with the Villages Communication Team and volunteers.

Thursday, March 27
2:30 - 4 p.m.
Oak & Sunset Rooms
in The Clubhouse



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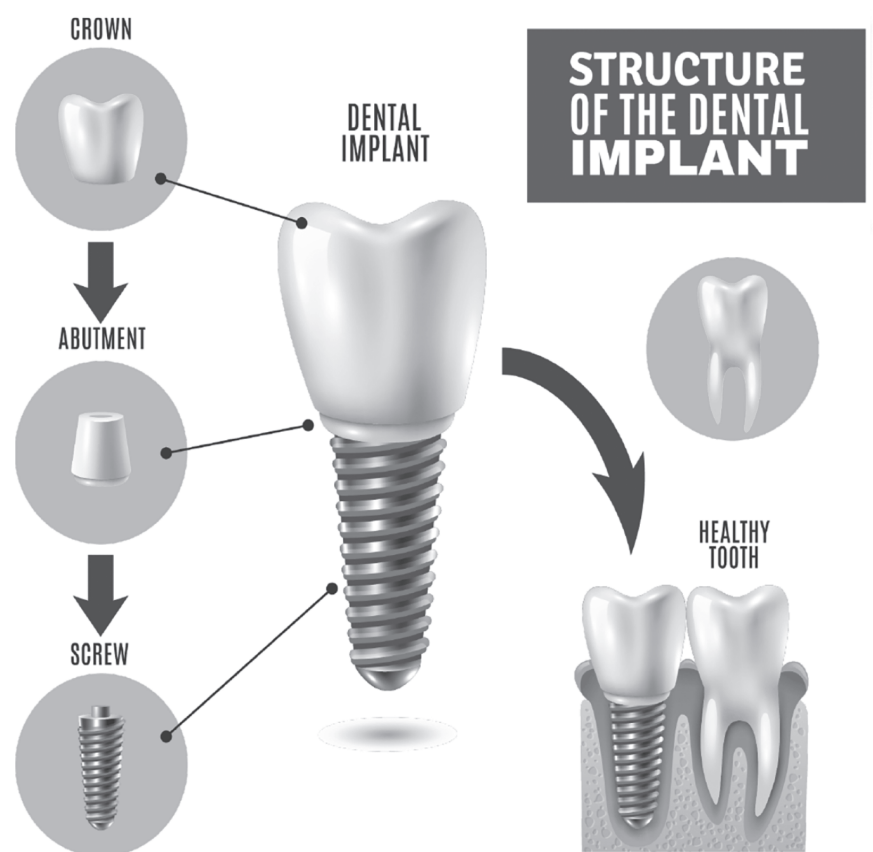
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CLUBS & EVENTS

You are invited! Game Night, March 10 at Foothill Center – 7 to 9 p.m.

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Bring your friends in the Villages
and your favorite games!

Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train,
Poker or a Board Game.

Enjoy a fun evening with your friends. Please nominate
someone from your table to bring a dessert to share.

Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408-440-4940 for
reservations and additional details. Space is limited and
reservations get priority.



Opera Lovers to show Mozart's comic opera 'Così fan tutte'

Please join The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers on **Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, when we will present "Così fan tutte, ossia La scuola degli amanti" (or "They all do it, or The School for Lovers") by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The story begins with the experimental philosopher Don Alfonso, who wants to overturn the perfect, formulaic worlds of two young men, Ferrando and Guglielmo. He bets them that both their fiancées would not stay faithful if tempted, and the challenge is accepted. Before long, the fiancées Fiordiligi and Dorabella (who are also sisters) discover that their lovers are leaving to "go to war," and suddenly two handsome strangers (Ferrando and Guglielmo in disguise, of course!) arrive on a mission of seduction. As Don Alfonso ups the ante and throws increasingly extreme situations at all four lovers, they begin to react emotionally and each character can't help but discover—and reveal—who they really are. Who will end up with whom?

In Mozart's time, it seems that flirtatiousness was encouraged and this opera often approaches the silliness of a farce. The disguises are never very realistic, which adds to the comedy, and all four lovers appear to be suffering from delusions! The mastermind (or perhaps manipulator is more accurate) is of course Don Alfonso.

This production by Patrice Chéreau takes a somewhat more serious approach, but the music is as glorious as ever, and we have Elina Garanča returning in a very different role from Carmen last month!

Please join us on March 20. No registration is required and the event is open to all Villagers. If you need any additional information in the meantime, please call Mary Stradner at 408-887-3293. Also, we recommend visiting VillagesMusicSociety.org for information about other musical events.

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



Join Hiking Club for Game Night



Have fun and make new friends
at the Hiking Club's Game Night
on **Thursday, March 13** from 7
to 9 p.m. in the Sequoia Room at
Cribari Center.

Bring your favorite board game or
cards to play with table-mates. Snacks will be provided, bring your
own beverage. No RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!

Macintosh Users Group to meet March 19

The Macintosh Users Group will
now be meeting in the Sequoia Room
at Cribari Center. We will have a hybrid
meeting at **3 p.m. on Wednesday, March
19**. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer,
if you wish to be sent email notices or the
link to join our Zoom meetings. Give Larry your address, phone
number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851
and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.



Ready for Spring Bling? Save date for March Makers Market



Come check out Susie
Henderson's sweet smelling
lavender products!

Are you ready for some Spring shopping? Then plan on attending the Crafters Club's March Makers Market on **Saturday, March 22** at Cribari Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.! What's a "Makers Market"? It's a fabulous sale showcasing artisans who craft one-of-a-kind treasures! People who create are "makers" and we have a plethora of talented makers here in The Villages. We have been busy crafting and creating and invite you to come by and see what we have for you this spring. You will find ceramics, jewelry, home decorations, quilts, totes, baby clothes, exquisite woodworking, books by Village authors, sweet smelling lavender items, crocheted treasures, paintings and much more! Our items make excellent gifts because each one is unique and nothing is mass produced. Mark your calendars and put on your shopping shoes and we will see you March 22 at Cribari Center!

Join Hermosa & Heights Irish Shenanigans

Attention Hermosa & Heights residents— come join us for our Irish St Patrick's Day Shenanigans (aka Party!) on **Saturday, March 22 from 5-8:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center. Wearing o' the Green encouraged. You'll have fun and laughter with the Irish Trivia and Limericks plus a photo opportunity with a Blarney Stone. You don't want to miss Irish music and ballads featuring Jason Herfurth!

You'll enjoy a catered meal including (of course!) corned beef and roasted cabbage plus baked chicken, veggies, rye bread, fruit and dessert (only \$27 per person). BYOB.

Email Kitty McKee (mckee66@sbcglobal.net) or call Helen Guerrero (408) 274-1691 with questions or to register. See you there!



Are you a 'Maker'?

Are you crafty and creative? Do you make stuff? Would you like the chance to join other creative "makers" in a club that encourages your imaginative efforts and provides opportunities for you to sell your work? Then the Villages Crafters Club is the place for you! Our club is full of talented residents who turn out exquisitely handcrafted items that we sell at three seasonal markets throughout the year here in the Villages.

Our next show is right around the corner on **Saturday, March 22** at Cribari Center. If you are interested in joining our club or seeing what we do, please come by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for more information on how to become a Villages Crafter! Or—you can contact president Barbara Osborne at gingergirlca@gmail.com or Tere Barbella at terebarbella@gmail.com. We are looking forward to meeting new "makers" and showcasing your work at our shows!



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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Bocce Bash

You're invited to our first themed Bocce Bash on **Friday, March 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.**

We'll be decorated and ready to have fun playing bocce and enjoying the company of old and new friends. Tom and Tricia Hunt, your hosts, will have a special surprise!

Just wear green and bring a dish to share it you'd like to eat, and your favorite drink.

You needn't be a member to attend, everyone is welcome!

Do you want to host a bash? Contact Tricia at triciahunt@me.com.



Come to Cat Club meeting to learn about The Dancing Cat animal rescue

Everyone is welcome to join the Villages Cat Club on **Monday, March 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.** at Vineyard Center for an inspiring talk about The Dancing Cat, a unique cat adoption lounge in downtown San Jose. The meeting will be Founders Ann Chaisson and Mary Rubin will share their journey into cat rescue and the story behind The Dancing Cat's creation. Learn what sets them apart from traditional shelters and how their welcoming space provides a special way for people to connect with cats, whether you're looking to adopt or simply enjoy feline companionship.



Join Cat Club members for their monthly meeting.

With a focus on adult cats, their mission is well aligned with our senior community's appreciation for mature, loving companions. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear from the founders and discover how The Dancing Cats is making a difference.

As always, bring something for the "leave something take something" table, which is *always free*.

Mark your calendar for **March 24 at Vineyard Center from 2 to 4 p.m.** Please RSVP by visiting <https://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club> or emailing villagescatclub5@gmail.com or texting Bette at 408-234-9798.

It's Lunch Buddies time again on March 26!



Join Lunch Buddies at the Clubhouse for another lovely lunch. If you're yearning for company and good conversation, if you want to get out of the house for a bit, or you're looking to make contact with others, this is the activity for you! Call the VMA office at 408 238-4230 to make your reservation for Lunch Buddies on **Wednesday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m.** Reservations must be made by **Monday, March 24 at noon**. And don't forget to ask for transportation if you need it.

Lunch served will continue to be a small salad, a half sandwich, ice cream for dessert, and either lemonade, iced tea, or coffee upon request. The price, however, has risen to \$12 to be charged to your house number.

As you know, prices have skyrocketed in every facet of our lives, and for Lunch Buddies too. While we wish this wasn't the case, food costs, especially, are much more than they were a year ago.

See you on March 26 for our first quarter lunch of 2025!

Dog Club to host CARDA Search & Rescue demo

The Dog Club invites Villagers to come **Saturday, April 5** to the Gazebo at 11 a.m. to listen and watch CARDA (California Rescue Dog Association) Search & Rescue demonstrate their skills. They will demonstrate how the canine teams work for wilderness air scent search. They will also explain how trailing dogs search for missing people. These highly qualified dogs assist law enforcement and other public safety agencies in search of missing people. CARDA members incur all costs including gas, vehicles, training, equipment, and dog expenses. They rely on donations from the communities to continue supplying this vital service.



Play bingo by night, bingo by day



The first evening Bingo of the year on February 19 sold out with more than 200 Villagers enjoying a meal and entertainment from Mr. Bingo himself, Mike Ramer. Payouts were high with so many in attendance. All money collected for game cards is paid out to the winners. The VMA benefits from the sale of drawing tickets sold for the fabulous baskets that are donated. Over \$900 was collected on February 19! The next

night bingo is **Wednesday, April 9**. Watch for reservation notifications!

Afternoon bingo is held the first Wednesday at Cribari Auditorium. No reservations are required; simply drop in! Doors open at 3 p.m. and the game begins at **3:30 p.m.** Coffee, tea, cookies and snacks are offered free of charge. The next one is **April 2**. Join us!

Montgomery Ladies Luncheon

Guests welcome!

Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers!

Get ready for an exciting presentation on container gardening with Master Gardener Sharon McCray! She will dive into the fabulous world of thrillers, fillers and spillers, and share her tips on how to create breathtaking container displays. Don't miss out on this chance to bring vibrant beauty to your gardening!

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Clubhouse Fairway Room
\$35 per Montgomery Resident
\$38 per Guest

Choice of

Vegetable Quiche, House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Chicken Crêpes, Saffron Risotto & French Green Beans
Taco Bowl with Angus Ground Beef
All entrees include Rolls & Butter and Dessert
Complimentary Mimosa

RSVP with entree choice by **March 18** to Celia Schiffner
montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com

Include names of all attendees (indicate who is a Montgomery resident and who is a guest), member number for payment, and phone number. No refunds after March 14.



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Global Village to host two-part CST series with Lisa Marie Lamb

The Global Village Community Club (GVCC) is proudly sponsoring a free two-part series with guest speaker, Lisa Marie Lamb. Part 1, a Healing Room Event, titled "Feel Freedom in your Mind, Body and Soul - Resetting the Nervous System" will be held **Thursday, March 27** from 2 to 4 p.m. in Foothill Center. Part 2, a GVCC Speaker Series event, is titled "CranioSacral Therapy and the Power of Deep Healing" and will be held **Wednesday, April 2** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room



Lisa Marie brings a wealth of knowledge in Reiki Healing, Massage, Advanced Neuromuscular Therapy, CranioSacral Therapy, and Holistic Health Consulting. With decades of experience in healing, movement, and mindfulness, she is passionate about guiding others toward deeper self-awareness, resilience, and inner wisdom.

In this two-part series, we will be exploring how to understand and reset the nervous system for greater physical, mental, and emotional balance. Lisa Marie will be sharing the benefits of CranioSacral Therapy (CST) and how this gentle, non-invasive treatment helps with pain relief and resilience, stress reduction and deep relaxation, emotional well-being and integration, and strengthens the immune system.

You must pre-register for these events as space is limited. Go to <https://www.kimsilvermantransformation.com/healing-room-registration> to register.

If you have questions, you can email Kim Silverman at kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com or text/call 408-827-8860.

Regular exercise can help prevent in-home falls and injuries



Regular exercise is essential to help prevent in-home falls and injuries, as we age. Proper exercise builds muscle strength for stability and confidence. Also, it enhances balance and coordination to prevent falls and improves flexibility to allow safe and painless movement. Join the Live Stronger and Longer (LSAL) Fitness Club Walking/Chair Dancing classes to help improve heart and circulatory functions, boost energy and mental alertness, and make it easier to live safely at home. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is free—Sign up in class!

Republican Club attends Riley Gaines presentation

By Mary Wagle

Members of the Villages Republican Club attended a presentation by Riley Gaines at Calvary Church in San Jose on February 6. As VIP guests, we were invited to meet her after her speech and have our photo taken with her.



Speaker Riley Gaines with Mary Wagle.

Gaines is known for being an outspoken advocate against trans women competing in the highest levels of women's swimming, stemming from her experience tying in a 200-yard NCAA freestyle race against transgender swimmer, Lia Thomas. Gaines has since put her graduate work in dentistry on hold to become a major spokesperson.

The Republican Club is planning some upcoming events, so please stay tuned for announcements.



Back row: Pam McCarthy, Jim Holt, Laura Swenson, Michelle McQuay, Joyce Kludt and Mickey Wagle. Front row: Sandy Tate, Cathy Pope and Republican Club President Mary Wagle.

Villages Study Group takes journey through time at Rosicrucian Museum



By Judy Rogers

On Saturday, March 1, the Local Trips Study Group embarked on an unforgettable visit to the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum in San Jose. Home to the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts in the United States, the museum showcases 4,000 years of history bringing the world of pharaohs, pyramids and mummies to life.

One of the highlights of the trip was a tour of a reconstructed tomb, offering an immersive glimpse into ancient burial practices. With earbuds on for a self-guided tour, the group explored a breathtaking array of treasure—from intricately crafted jewelry to life-size statues and well-preserved mummies.

It was a truly enriching experience, allowing everyone to step back in time and marvel at the resilience of a civilization that has withstood the test of millennia.

Life is a cabaret—come join us!

By B. Brown

"What good is sitting alone in your room all day? Come hear the music play.... Life is a cabaret old Chum; Come to the cabaret." —Liza Minelli singing 'Cabaret'

March style of dance is...well you guessed it, Cabaret! Please bring a hat with a brim to use as a prop.

The cabaret originated in France in the late 19th century as a small club. The word "cabaret" comes from the Dutch word *caberet* or *cabret*, which means "affordable accommodation."

Traditional Cabaret entertainment includes singing, dancing, comedy, and theater, with a Master of Ceremonies or Emcee acting as the host.

Dance, socialize and exercise with us every **Monday night at 5:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed. All are welcome. Each month brings a new dance theme, loads of fun and even a few new friends!

Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers. She can be reached at vms.dancers@gmail.com. Please see the Music Society website at <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3>. The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee to participants. While the weekly session is free; donations are welcomed.



Barbie Moore, Lynda McKinney and Bee Brown.

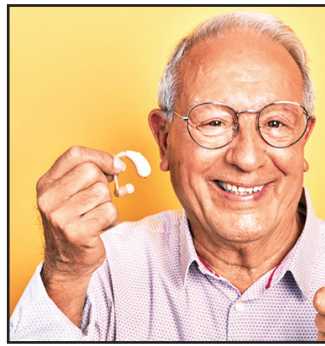
Senior Academy: 'Nostalgia Explained!'

When one thinks of technology, it's generally with an eye to the future. Where will technology take us next? But what if technology can help us look backward to days gone by, to yesteryear, to a fading memory of our past? What if it has political implications? And what is its role in our current lives can be explained?

Fortunately, it can. Professor Lawrence Quill, of the Political Science Department at San Jose State University, will explain how. In this Senior Academy lecture. Professor Quill, who has written a book, "Nostalgia and Political Theory," considers the importance of nostalgia to political history. He will examine the role of nostalgia in the ancient and modern world by considering how "the past," or the Golden Age, has influenced self and societal understanding.

He'll address whether current worldwide nationalist/populist movements are tied to nostalgia and whether we should be concerned. And he will explain how technologies like television, radio, film, the portable camera, radio, and now, social media, have given new life to nostalgia.

An unusual topic, yes? Join Senior Academy at **2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11** at Foothill Center. Reserve your spot on our website at VillagesSA.org.



VMA: Free screenings from Hearing Life

Hearing Life will, once again, be visiting Montgomery Center on **Tuesday, March 18** from **10 a.m. to noon**. Hearing Life offers free screenings, cleanings and repairs of your hearing devices! Hearing Life has been a constant over the last several years here at The Villages. Take advantage of their reliable services while you can. Call the VMA at 408-238-4230 to register!

Free art film: 'Gustav Klimt: Main Man of Austria's Art Nouveau'

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association is presenting an excellent film on the life and work of Gustav Klimt hosted by Marion Rose on **Tuesday, March 18** at **2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. His art is characterized by being bejeweled, decorative, sensual and powerfully erotic.

Klimt was part of the Viennese Secession, a group of German and Austrian artists that were moving art away from the traditional, much like the Impressionists did in Paris. He did not follow any of the trends of his times and was influenced by Greek and Egyptian themes, the avant garde of the turn of the century and learning the use of mosaics, frescoes and gold! His emphasis was on design and the line of beauty, breaking down barriers between art and craft.

This event is free to all Villagers and their guests. Popcorn will be served. An art-related door prize will be presented at the end of the film. This film runs for one hour and 20 minutes.



General Manager Theresa Ostrander volunteering on a previous on a Trail Maintenance Day.

Helpers needed for Trail Maintenance Day

Can you handle a shovel or a rake? Would you like to be part of a team to make our trails cleaner and safer? The Hiking Club's annual Trail Maintenance Day is **Saturday, March 29** from **8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Volunteer helpers will meet at Foothill Center at 8:30 a.m. that day where work parties will be formed. We'll start with a brief planning session and description of the work to be done. The Villages Maintenance Department will supply three "mules" and drivers to take us to the work sites on the trails and bring us back to Foothill Center by around noon. Tools will be provided, and work gloves, sturdy shoes/boots and bottled water are recommended. A free lunch will be served to the Volunteers at Foothill around noon.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with the trail work, please contact Jim Ware at 530-919-1246 or jamesware@outlook.com.

Let's be prepared for a great day of improving and celebrating our wonderful Villages trail system.

Sign up for Mixed Media Collage class



Please join Pat Remington for a fun step-by-step Mixed Media Collage class! Create hand painted papers in class. Choose a floral or treehouse image or bring your own image.

Pat has taught four classes for Villagers in Printing with a Press which have been very popular. Collage with Mixed Media will open up some creative windows for those students and for people interested in new techniques in collage.

A selection of acrylic paints, brushes, wood panels and medium will be provided.

This is a two-day class on **Tuesday, March 25** and **Friday, March 28** from **1 to 3 p.m.** The fee is \$40 and the class is limited to 8 students. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com soon for this very popular class.



The Villages Pickleball club would like to invite all Villagers to our fun Aloha Dinner/Dance on March 14! We hope you'll come!

Aloha

Pickleball Party Hawaiian Style

Get your Aloha shirt or muumuu on and join us for an evening of dinner and dancing with the popular band, Phil 'N The Blanks.

Friday, March 14 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse



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Hawaiian Pork Tenderloin - \$45
Macadamia Nut Crusted Sea Bass - \$49



Questions? Call/text Michelle McQuay at 408-858-8249 or email MichelleMcQuay.Villages@gmail.com
For more information or to register, visit our website, villagespickleball.vgcc.club
Final day for reservations is March 9.



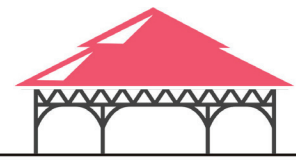
Art in the Park—a celebration of local creativity!

Join us for Art in the Park, a vibrant outdoor arts & crafts sale featuring over 35 talented artisans! Explore a stunning variety of ceramics, paintings, photography, jewelry, and more, all handcrafted by local artists. This event will take place **Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in Gazebo Park.

For more information, email dianefinley1@gmail.com.

As you browse the park, enjoy the delicious homemade treats for sale, including freshly baked cookies, coffee, water, and popcorn—perfect for a spring day in the park!

Admission is free! Invite your family and friends to join in the fun. Support local artists, find one-of-a-kind treasures, and soak up the creative atmosphere. Don't miss this opportunity to shop handmade and connect with the creative community. See you at Art in the Park!



ART in the PARK

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

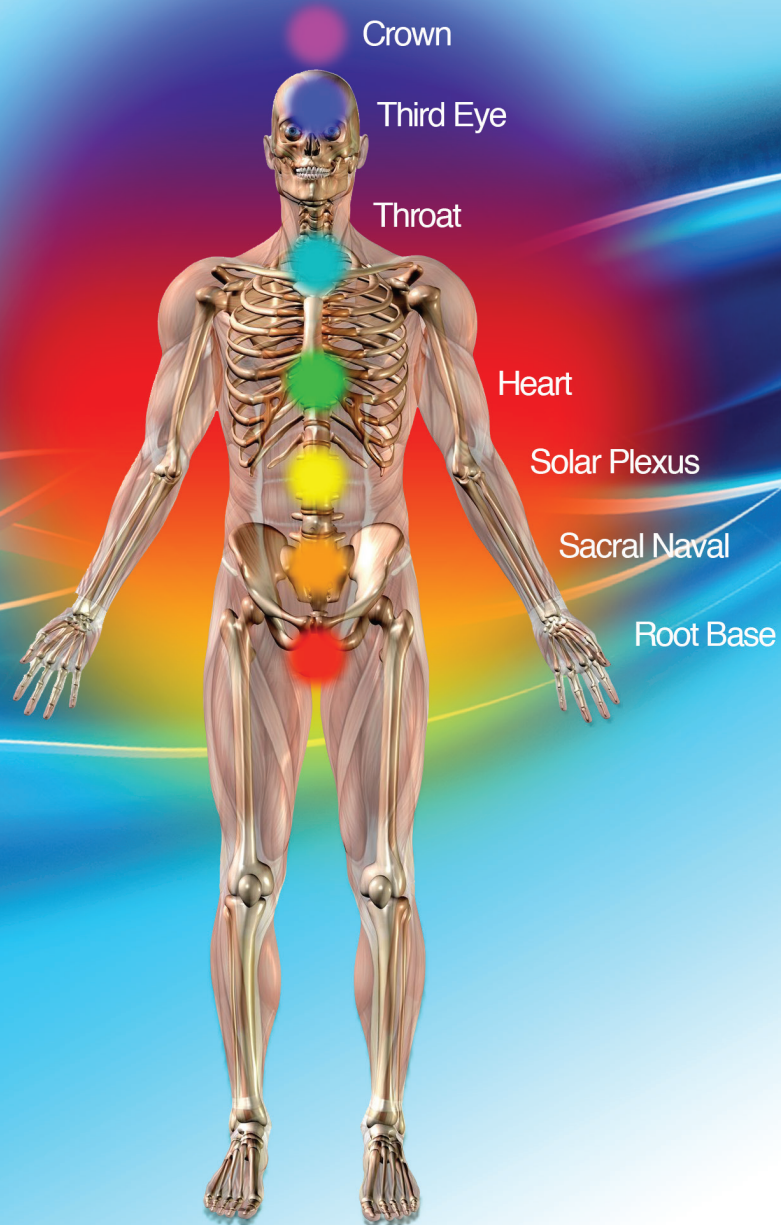
Did you know that the library has Consumer Reports? These magazines may be read in the library, but not checked out. Ask our volunteers for assistance.

Our latest recommendations:

"Stuart Woods' Golden Hour" by Brett Battles. Publisher's description: "Teddy Fay is ready to embark on the European press tour of Peter Barrington's latest film Storm's Eye, when he receives an unexpected visit from Lance Cabot, director of the CIA. Several CIA agents have been turning up dead. The commonality? They were all part of a mission Teddy was involved in: Golden Hour. Lance wants Teddy to use his trip as a cover to investigate who is behind these killings. From Venice and Budapest to their last stop at a film festival in Berlin, Teddy must dodge excited fans, enamored women, and a few too many assassins who seem dead set on tracking down Golden Hour agents."

"Bellevue" by Robin Cook. Publisher's description: "23-year-old Michael 'Mitt' Fuller starts his surgical residency with great anticipation at the nearly 300-year-old, iconic Bellevue Hospital, following in the footsteps of four previous, celebrated Fuller generations. The pressure is on for this newly minted doctor, and to his advantage he's always had a secret sixth sense, a sensitivity to the nonphysical. But quickly one patient after another assigned to his care begin to die from mysterious causes. As he tries to juggle these inexplicable deaths with the demands of being a first-year resident, things rapidly spiral out of control."

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Of course, no performance of “Fiddler” would be complete without the famous bottle dance, and fortunately for us (and you), the Villages Dancers are going to bring that portion of the show to life right on the stage at Cribari.

Performances are **April 25 at 7:30 and April 26 and 27 at 2:30 p.m.**, all in Cribari Auditorium. Tickets go on sale in the Sequoia Room from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 19.



Camera Club to present wildlife photographer Joan Sparks



Please join the Villages Camera Club for an evening with wildlife and nature photographer Joan Sparks. Joan will focus her talk on challenges and pitfalls faced while on her adventures shooting wildlife, including camera settings, equipment used in the field and the emotional investment that goes into being a nature photographer. The program will take place on **Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center.

Joan’s work has been shown at Filoli, the California Coastal Commission and many other organizations around the Bay Area. She has been published in Birds and Bloom Magazine and several local newspapers. Joan is past president of several of the local photo clubs as well as having served on the Silicon Valley Open Studios Board of Directors. For the past nine years Joan has given wildlife lectures at local libraries, senior retirement communities and private clubs averaging eighty programs a year.

We invite anyone who wants to learn the “ins and outs” of wildlife photography to attend. If you are not a member of the Camera Club please contact Sy Gelman at s.gelman@ymail.com to be put on the guest list.

Learn Benefits of Acupuncture for Healthy Aging

We have all heard of acupuncture. What exactly is it, what benefits can it provide, and does it really work? Dr. Diana Long will speak to Villagers on **Wednesday, March 12 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room in Cribari, sponsored by the VMA. She will discuss the benefits of acupuncture and how modern research confirms what Traditional Chinese Medicine has known for over 3,000 years. Acupuncture is a powerful tool for enhancing longevity, vitality, and overall well-being. In her presentation, she will discuss how it can improve blood flow to the brain and body, relieve pain, boost mobility and flexibility, and reduce stress and anxiety naturally.

Dr. Long has over 20 years of clinical experience as a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She integrates her traditional and modern medical knowledge with her role as a Functional Medicine Clinician and Mindfulness Meditation Teacher. Dr. Long will answer questions you may have about acupuncture. She will also provide hands-on learning! You’ll discover simple acupressure techniques to ease pain, relieve sinus congestion, and calm anxiety—skills you can use anytime, anywhere. This presentation is bound to benefit us all.

Take Mah Jongg lessons in March

By Meril Smith

What is that game with the crazy tiles all about? What is a “bam,” “crak,” or “soap”? Ever wonder why so many people in The Villages play Mah Jongg on a regular basis? Now you can find out!

A new Mah Jongg class will begin in March. Judy Rogers is teaching a class of up to 10 people starting **Tuesday, March 11 at 1 p.m.** Groups meet once a week for eight weeks. Classes will be held at 8051 Chardonay Court (Hermosa Village). If you are interested, please contact Judy Rogers at 408-465-6776 or 408-223-9020 or email Judy.rogers488@gmail.com

Congressman Jimmy Panetta pays visit to The Villages



Panetta fills the house at Foothill Center.

Photo by Frank Langben

Foothill Center was the scene of a March 2 afternoon visit by 19th District Congressional Representative Jimmy Panetta. The 19th district spans the central coast from San Jose down to Paso Robles.

The purpose of the congressman’s special visit was to address questions and concerns from his Villages constituents.

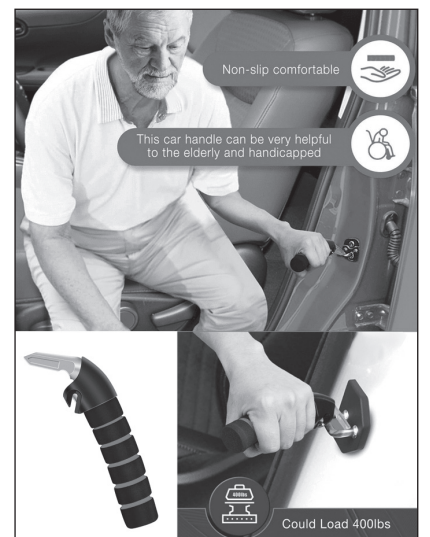
A capacity crowd attended the event.

VMA offers car assist handles for free to Villagers

The VMA is now providing a new piece of equipment that you may find useful—a car door latch handle/assist that is designed to help someone get into and out of a car more easily. It will work with most cars.

The car handle support assist is small and can be kept in a car door pocket. It also can be used to cut off the seat belt or break the window in an emergency.

If you would like one, the VMA office will provide them at no cost (optional \$10 donation). Simply stop by the VMA Office in Cribari, **Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The VMA Office worker will record your contact information and hand you one.



Friends of San Jose State University



invites you to a luncheon and presentation: **“The Future of Libraries in the Digital World”**

Michael Meth, Dean of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** Fairway Room 11:30 – 2 p.m.

What will become of bound books in our digital world? How will library services adapt to artificial intelligence? Come find out from an expert on the subject!

Lunch \$35 - Your Choice:

- Taco Bowl Salad w/Angus Ground Beef
 - California Salad w/romaine, avocado, tomato, walnuts
 - Napa Ginger Miso Salad w/grilled chicken
- All salads are served with dinner rolls and dessert and include coffee and tea service.

You and your guest’s lunch will be charged to your house. RSVP with lunch selections by March 12 to Sally Dubbin sallydubbin@gmail.com or call 408-531-9066

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EPISCOPAL

Villages Episcopal Chapel holds final service

By Leslie Bailey

The Episcopal Chapel at The Villages held its final service on **Sunday, February 23** at Montgomery Center. After 51 years the Episcopal community celebrated with a full house! Many guests from other parishes, the Villages community, retired priests, and friends from our home church, Trinity Cathedral, showed up to sing praises to God for the faithful servants of this Villages congregation. A special thanks to those from The Guadalupe Spanish congregation of Trinity Cathedral who came and celebrated with us and provided food for a fabulous brunch following the service.

Music was led by the beautiful Soprano voice of Natalie Lias, Senior Warden at Trinity Cathedral. The service was led by Rev. Mary Blessing with joy and enthusiasm. Retired Dean of Trinity Cathedral, The Very Rev. David Bird attended as well as our former Rector, Joel Miller. Another former Priest, now living in Florida, said it best in a note to the congregation: "Remember 2 Timothy: 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' You have done these things and more. This is a bittersweet moment; you have been a real blessing to the community around you."

As we bid farewell to this beloved chapel home, we will always remain a part of our cathedral's family. While the physical space may close, the love, faith and memories we have shared will continue to bind us together. This chapel has been a place of prayer, comfort and unity, and those blessings will live on in each of us. May the Praise go on!



Last altar for the Episcopal Chapel at Montgomery Center.



Left to right: Herb Rogers, Meg Rogers, Louise Lamp, Leslie Bailey, Jane Hink, Colette Johansen with 50 years of memorabilia and photos of the original Episcopal Chapel at The Villages.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Embracing the Challenges of Lent'

By Robert A. Dolci, M.Div., M.A.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us embrace the memory of how God delivered the Israelites from oppression and empowered Jesus to reject temptation related to hunger, power and irrational dependency on others. Also, let us be inspired by St. Paul to express our faith in thanksgiving and active service of others.

In the First Reading from **Deuteronomy (26:4-10)**, we're reminded of God's saving actions and God's delivering the Israelites into their own land, filled with abundance. We also heard that God moved the Israelites to express gratitude to God by offering the first fruits of their harvest. Just as God demonstrated merciful care via saving acts in the past, we believe that God continues to do so in our present day.

In the Gospel, **St. Luke (4:1-13)** reveals that Jesus, filled with the Spirit, rejected temptations relevant to his time and ours. Do we hunger for perishable things, power or fame, or dependency more on others than God? Let us be inspired by Luke's faith-filled testimony and let us open ourselves to greater faith and reliance on God's work in us.

In the Second Reading, **St. Paul (Rom. 10:8-13)** tells us that there's no separation of the heart (our interior spirituality) and the mouth (our exterior actions) because our loving actions flow from our inner expression of our faith. What's more, this applies to all peoples!

So, during this Lent, let us actively seek to deepen our faithful dependence on God through prayer and let us express that faith in thankful worship and loving care/service of others.

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"Finding Hope in the Desert,"
March 15 from 10 a.m. – noon
Speaker: Fr. Saju Joseph

Fridays in Lent (from March 14)
6 p.m. Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Lenten Reflection
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Villages Jewish Community 2025 Activity Schedule

Services/Programs

Shabbat Services – Foothill Center – 7 p.m.
Third Friday night of the following months: January, February, March, May, June, July, October & November

Jewish Holidays

Purim Party March 16
Passover Seder April 16

High Holidays – Foothill Center

Rosh Hashanah	
Erev Rosh Hashanah	September 22
Morning Service	September 23
Tashlich	September 23
Yom Kippur	
Erev Yom Kippur	October 1
Morning Service	October 2
Yizkor & Neilah	October 2
Break the Fast	October 2
Chanukkah Party	December 17

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'One Body...Many Parts'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The human body is incredible by any standard. From time to time, when I think about the human body made from the earth's dust, it's mind-altering! In the Holy Bible, according to the Genesis account, humanity was created from the dust of the earth. It wasn't until God gave man the breath of life that he became a living soul... to live eternally.

Psalms 139:14 NIV: *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.*

We know our bodies never stop changing. We reach our highest peak physically and intellectually, and the decline begins, ending in death. Due to the marvel of modern medical achievements and technology, we can receive organs from humans, animals, or artificial parts to extend our quality of life. If we could sustain perfect health, fitness, and youthful looks, there would be no end to the lines of people signing up! Eventually, the body would come to a complete stop due to the elements working against the body externally and internally.

On the other hand, the soul never dies, and for many people, there is very little concern or effort placed upon the soul of man. Well, should we be concerned about what happens after we have lived our lives pursuing desires for happiness and pleasure? As the saying goes, "When you are dead, you are dead, and nothing matters after that."

If the soul lives forever, where does it go after death? As a person with a relationship with Christ, my soul goes to God. 2 Corinthians 5:8 AKJV, *we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.* Those who accept a relationship with Christ will be reunited with Him with a new body in heaven forever. Sad to say, those who refused His love, sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection... reject God's gift of forgiveness and redemption. Any place outside of the eternal presence of God is Hell. One day, there will be a literal Hell prepared for Satan and his followers.

Whenever there is a life-and-death situation, we can, in some situations, receive an organ transplant to sustain our lives. If we

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SPORTS NEWS



WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

February Captain's Trophy Day had to be moved because of the rainy weather earlier in the month but that said, it was a beautiful day on Tuesday and the scores were indicative of how much we enjoy playing in the warm sunshine. Sixty-five ladies finished the first round on the front nine with all eight holes played with the new bunkers on display.

Our February Captain's Trophy winner shot five under par for eight holes, very amazing for sure. Congratulations to Barbara Weisend.

Many of the ladies played well after a long hiatus from the front nine. All nine holes will be ready next week. Our flight winners for Tuesday were:

Flight One: Kitty Ohtaka, Gail Tuft, Patti Bell, Vicki Krattli, Jean Shimada, Marky Olsen, Jay Lee, and Susan Sunzeri.

Flight Two: Barbara Weisend, Diane Flanigan, Gloria Lowry, Song Cho, Emily Li, Anka Hoek, Sylvia Rozewicz and Alice Glazer.



**Captain's Trophy Winner
Barbara Weisend**

Thursday was the annual 18/9 Mixer and it was extremely successful as the field was full and the friendship amazing. Thank you to Gisele Barber, Susan Anderson, and Millie Anne Schwerin for making it such a magnificent event. Remember March usually comes in like a lion but leaves like a lamb.

Tuesday, March 11, 8:45 a.m.

Swingers Golf / Sweeps /

Monday, March 17, 8:45 a.m.

Swingers Golf / No Sweeps

Tuesday, March 25, 8:45 a.m.

Swingers Golf / Sweeps /

Tuesday, April 1, 8:45 a.m.

Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Captain's Trophy

TABLE TENNIS

By Peter Groot

Table Tennis Club membership is now 220. Officers for 2025 are Albert Chan, President; Peter Groot, Vice President; Gary Margoles, Treasurer; Kevin Prest, Secretary.

We have a new member, Rick Yalung, who moved into Montgomery in December. He came to our Sunday, February 23rd session for Advanced Players. He is now the #1 player in The Villages, having beaten Paul Spisar and Jimmy Zhang. He can attack with a lot of spin on forehand and backhand.

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BOCCE NEWS

By Betty Hall

The Bocce Club just finished three big tasks for early 2025: Our February Boot Camps, the follow up Beginner mixer tournament and new referee training. The boot camps and the beginner

mixer, both coordinated by Tom Hunt, involved close to 50 novice bocce players. In the boot camps, Tom was assisted by experienced and skilled bocce player volunteers. The "mini" tournament was designed to allow these novice bocce players to try out their newly acquired skills. They got lots of practice time on the courts. The newest bocce club members were assisted in joining the other 620+



bocce members by our busy membership chair, Jeanne-Anne Whitacre (jawhitacre@live.com).

These new bocce members are finishing and joining just in time to join the first big tournament of 2025, The Spring Mixer starting **March 10**. And also just in time are our newly minted referees. Kerry Besmehn is the bocce referee coordinator and she spent a few hours on Saturday, February 22 giving interested bocce members all the ins and outs of being a referee. Our referees are



a vital part of any bocce tournament. Most tournaments have 32-38 teams playing for six weeks, two games each meeting. Each bocce game requires a referee who determines who wins the points and decides close calls. These games are 40 minutes each and there are two games played, three days a week for six weeks. So a huge number of referees are required to make these tournaments function and move along well. Thank you, Tom, for the new bocce members and thank you, Kerry, for these new and vital referees.

You can now show your fondness for Bocce by getting some of the 2025 bocce apparel going on sale March 1. Check it out on the bocce website or contact Karen Peters at karen03@swbell.net

More information about bocce events such as bashes, apparel and tournaments can be found on the club website, villagesbocce.vgcc.club

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

Gisele Barber, Susan Anderson and Millie Anne Schwerin put on a delightful, Step-Aside Mixer for the combined 18 Hole and 9 Hole Clubs. Happy smiles around the lunch tables came from the friendly team format, the great scores and the beautiful weather.

The Flight 3 winners were Karen Carlson, Bev Rees, Judy Owen and Donna Quartaro. Flight 2 winners included Diana Flanigan, Bev Poellot, Gloria Lowry and Jan Kiernan. Flight 1 winners were Priscilla Piper, Janet Gonzales, Kay Gray and Marie LeBlanc. Closest to the Pin on Hole 4 were Judy Rodriguez and Judy Steinburg with Mazie Rice and Andrea Alvarez on Hole 6.

Our Charity Tournament will support UCSF Melanoma Research and registration is already open on Cobalt. Sign up as a foursome or individually and plan to buy a team advantage on four holes...the flyer and rules sheet will be emailed soon.

The 18 Hole ladies are delighted to welcome new member, Lisa Smith. Lisa is a new Villager, still working at Google, and plans to play with our Saturday group whenever she can't play on Thursday.



New member Lisa Smith

The beautiful bunker project is ramping up for a speedy completion. How many holes and which holes can be played will be updated on a daily basis through the month of March. Please check your email daily for any updates!

Upcoming Special Events

- March 6 - Captain's Trophy and General Meeting
- March 13 - Charity Tournament
- March 20 - Casual Shotgun with no sweeps due to aeration
- March 15 - Saturday Tournament
- March 27 - Guest Day - Open to any lady with an 18 hole handicap

PICKLEBALL

A big **thank you** to everyone who made our Villages Pickleball Rating Clinic on Saturday, February 15 a fantastic day on the courts! The event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of:

Karen Ruth for organizing the clinic with such detail and care, laying the groundwork for a successful event!

Anahid Gregg for running the show and keeping everything on schedule.

Huge thanks to our awesome raters—**David Wong, Stan Evert, Steve Simler, and Donna Quartaro**—for stepping up to learn the ropes and help provide player ratings for future matchups!

Kim Silverman for suiting up and being ready to jump in as a stand-in if needed—always a team player!

The clinic, held from 1:30 to 5 p.m., served up perfect weather with sunny skies and no wind—just what we ordered! A total of 24 players rotated through in six groups of four, warming up on Court 3 for 30 minutes before heading to Court 2 for their official ratings. With USAPA Pickleball Ambassador **Sreekumar Vadakeppat (Sree)** leading the charge, players were rated over two games each, giving their all under the watchful eyes of not one, but five raters!

A special shoutout to our four club volunteers—David, Stan, Steve, and Donna—who trained as raters during the event. Their dedication means we'll be able to rate more players in the future and help our club compete at the level we know we can.

Why did we host this clinic? After a tough showing in our last tournament against Silver Creek Golf & Country Club, we realized proper ratings were the key to more balanced pairings and stronger performances. And from what we saw today—our club is already on the rise!

Many players arrived a little nervous, but they quickly found their rhythm and played their hearts out!

For those who played on Saturday, you should have received your final ratings on Monday. If you did not receive them, please contact Anahid. For other club members, more information is coming soon on how you, too, can get rated by our newly trained club volunteers.

Our visiting Pickleball Ambassador, Sree, had this to say about our club: "The Villages Pickleball Club is an awesome community of players who embody the spirit of pickleball to the fullest extent. I loved the energy, camaraderie, and socially upbeat players' temperament who are the testimony of why Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports. I enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of the rating clinic and wish all players the best of luck in their pickleball journey to continuously improve their skills while keep up their health and spirits."

We're proud of everyone who participated and can't wait to see how these ratings help us build stronger teams for future tournaments!

Meet Sherry Benz, Pickleball Club Treasurer

By Sherry Benz



I moved to The Villages in 2007 and rented a condo in Cribari. This was at the end of my two-career life—25 years as a physical therapist and 18 years as a commercial property manager. My friend, and future husband Dennis Cullen, also rented in Cribari. Lo' and behold, as things happen in The Villages, we were married in 2009 and moved to our home in Olivas.

I had mutual friends through tennis and, when I moved to The Villages, they welcomed me warmly. Tennis had been my primary sport with well over 450 USTA matches under my belt...at least until I met Pickleball. I will never forget my first attempt during one of the exhibitions and the countless "whiffs" that I made. But, I kept at it and now I love the sport. Tennis is still an important sport and I play 2-3 times a week, trying not to get the two sports mixed up.

The Pickleball Club is made up of some remarkable people, those who you just want to spend time with. I love seeing players improving their skills over time (makes it a challenge to keep up!) The friendships and laughter have kept my therapy bills to a minimum!

My favorite shot that I can effectively hit is a volley. My favorite shot that I cannot effectively hit is a "dink," but there is no better cure than practice.

I served as tournament director along with Michelle McQuay for two years and wanted to continue serving, so I volunteered to be the treasurer. It's an easy job for me and keeps me involved.

"Life is good; pickleball makes it better."

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

March 8 is the St. Patrick's Day Tournament – 2 BB Net (with Shamrock Ball), four-man, shotgun 8 a.m. Teams, flighted, optional Pot O' Gold cash pool - coffee/donuts shotgun at 8 a.m.

April 12 is Spring Open - Stableford, 2BB, 4-Man Teams, Flighted. Coffee/Donuts – Shotgun-8 a.m.

2025 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Member/ Member—The first MGC Major of the year will be the 2025 Member /Member. This is scheduled for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of May. This is limited to 48 teams. This always fills up and continues to be one of the favorite events of the year. Pencil this on your calendars and start working on your trash talking and your putting. You're gonna want to be your best for this one.

2025 Evergreen Invitational—This year's Evergreen Invitational scheduled for July 10-12. This is a MGC Major so, plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! The next meeting will be held on March 11 at the Montgomery Center at 9 a.m. Try and make it if you can. There are a number of positions still to be filled and new members are always welcome. Should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to **Bill Johnston, the 2025 Evergreen Chairman** at wljandeaj1944@gmail.com

Home & Home 2025—Wow it's here again and right around the corner! Our first event of 2025 will be at The Villages on April 8. We will host **Almaden CC, Oakhurst, Blackhawk and Green Hills.**

These are always special events. New friendships are made, beverages are enjoyed, old jokes are repeated, golf balls are passed out to the winners, and everyone has a great time! We're certainly looking forward to another outstanding season. We currently have room for 10 more members, which is our cut-off point. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Michael Tuft**, Captain for The Villages Senior Home & Away at 408-509-6224 or tuftma@gmail.com

Golf Thoughts: Remember when you got into the Jameson's the night before the St. Patrick's Day Tournament, and you thought it would be a tremendous idea to decorate the cart? Well, you only have yourself to blame when it comes time to clean it.

Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify **Donald Chaisson** at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager and on the Men's Club website.

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 4, 2025.**

Also, remember to visit our website at villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's 18 Hole Golf Club information. Kyle Finley does a great job with the website, keeping us up to date with all of the latest information we need to know regarding the club.



TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Prescott Tournament on Saturday, March 15. This is a way of having fun playing tennis and hanging with friends while donating to a great organization, the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA). Your registration fee is a tax-deductible donation as the VMA is recognized as a 501©3 organization.

We would love you to play, but if you can't, please feel free to donate through our tournament. We would love to raise a huge donation from the Tennis Club. Also, spectators are welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Prescott Tournament was founded in honor of Phil Prescott who helped raise funds to build courts 5 & 6. In addition, Phil was also a big supporter of VMA. So now is the time to register. Several emails have been sent to all members with a link to the registration page. Just a click of your mouse or a tap to your phone will do the job. Play time is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nancy Domingo and her wonderful food committee have planned a yummy menu for the occasion. I was privy to her committee notes, so start drooling. Menu: Belgian waffles, pancakes, sausages, bacon, eggs, fruit, spaghetti, veggie quiche, orange juice and coffee.

And it is not too late either to sign-up for the Villages Tennis League (VTL) which begins middle to late March. Contact Roy Pennington at rpenn1700@aol.com.

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New **PING G440** Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids...used by Viktor Hovland, Tony Finau and Sahith Theegala

New **Callaway Elye** Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids...used by Xander Schauffele, John Rahm and Rose Zhang

Take your game to the next level with new 2025 technology to maximize your distance and accuracy!

Also coming soon – the new Taylor Made Qi35!

Upcoming Golf Club Fitting Days

Cobra - Sunday, March 9 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Come try the new Cobra Dark Speed Adapt with their new patented FutureFit33 hosel adapter with 33 adjustment options to dial in your ball flight. If you hit too low, too high, too far left or too far right, the new Cobra DS Adapt clubs can transform your ball flight to that high, straight, low spin shot that will maximize your distance and accuracy. The DS Adapt also boasts the fastest speed clubhead Cobra has ever made.

Callaway - Friday, March 14 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Come try Callaway's new Elyte Driver, woods and irons. The Elyte is up to 8 yards longer with even more forgiveness than ever. The refined shaping promotes increased speed, while a new AI 10x Face is engineered to optimize spin and speed. And a revolutionary Thermoforged Carbon Crown is built to redefine mass properties in a driver. You have to hit it to believe it! You will be surprised how long and straight this club is.

You must call the Pro Shop to book an appointment for all fitting days. Staff professionals will be there to help you determine the best club(s) to maximize your performance and lower your scores.

And remember many manufacturers allow you to trade in your old equipment for credit toward your new equipment.

Bunker Renovation Project

Hole #9 is re-opened. The Par-3 Course is re-opened. As of Saturday, March 1 – Holes 10, 11, 12, 15 & 18 are *closed* on the 18-Hole Course. So 5 Holes closed. The project is being expedited so that we can reopen in April and not affect our major planned events in late April and early May. To accomplish this, there will be times that we deviate from the original plan of only 3-holes closed at one time.

Residents and guests will be permitted to play extra holes starting on Hole #1 to accommodate an 18-hole round.

On Holes #6, #7, #9 on the 18-Hole Course and Holes #1, #3, #5 on the Par-3 Course the bunkers and the surrounding new sod are roped off as Ground Under Repair. If your ball comes to rest in any of these areas, please do not play from within the marked GUR, but instead take relief at your nearest point, no nearer the hole with no penalty.

We appreciate your cooperation. Let us know if you have any questions.

March Golf Schedule

Saturday, March 8 – Men's Club St. Patrick's Tournament 8am Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 – 18-Hole Women's Saturday Cha, Cha, Cha Tournament – 8 a.m. Tee Times

Saturday, March 22 – Korean Club 12 p.m. tee times

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 9. The last tee time each day will move to 5 p.m. On Mondays the shotgun will move to 12 p.m. and the Driving Range will stay open until 3 p.m. On Tuesdays the Swingers 9-Hole Shotgun will move to 8:45 a.m.

Spring Aeration in March—We will be aerating the greens on the 18-Hole course on Monday, March 17 and Tuesday, March 18.

Nine holes on the Front 9 will be available at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 17.

The Swingers will have a 9 a.m. Shotgun on Monday, March 17 on the Front 9.

The Shonis will play the Par-3 Course at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 17.

Both Golf Courses, Pro Shop, Driving Range and all practice greens will be closed on Tuesday, March 18.

The Par 3 Course will be *closed* on Wednesday, March 19 for greens aeration.

New Local Rule – Please be Advised

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

Tips from the Pro—Newer is Better!

2025 is an astounding year for new golf clubs. The new technology in this year's equip-

ment is unequivocally the best it has been in years. If your clubs are more than 3 years old, you are at a significant disadvantage...Here's why:

1. Shafts – Today's shafts are better than former generation shafts because they use higher quality materials, more advanced design features, and are manufactured to tighter tolerances, resulting in greater stability, consistency in performance, and often a better feel, especially for golfers seeking maximum control and distance potential. Modern shafts incorporate cutting-edge materials like high-performance carbon fiber composites with unique resin systems, allowing for better stiffness profiles and improved energy transfer at impact. Modern shafts have more options than ever, especially weight profiles with new lighter weight shafts weighing as low as 35-grams for those who have slower swing speeds and are looking for more distance.

2. Clubheads -

Larger sweet spot: The new clubs now all have AI enhanced clubfaces with better performance throughout the clubface including a much larger hitting area on the face, meaning even slightly off-center strikes still generate good ball speed and distance compared to older clubs where mis-hits resulted in significant loss of distance and accuracy.

Advanced materials: Newer clubs use lighter and stronger materials like high-quality titanium, and lighter-weight carbon, allowing for more efficient weight distribution and better club head design for optimal launch and spin.

Center of gravity: By strategically placing the center of gravity lower and further back in the club head, modern clubs promote a higher MOI resulting in higher launch angles, lower spin and better ball flight consistency, adding up to longer and straighter shots.

Adjustable features: Most new drivers come with adjustable weights and hosel settings, allowing golfers to customize launch and spin to suit their swing and playing conditions in more ways than ever.

Aerodynamic design: Modern driver heads are designed with aerodynamics in mind to reduce drag and promote faster club head speed at impact. **Let me know how these tips work. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

Show Bocce pride with our new apparel

The 2025 Bocce apparel is now here and available for sale starting March 1 through May 15. Want to show your "bocce-tude"? There are visors, ball caps and now beanies. Remember it can still be a little cool up at the courts in the mornings and late afternoons.



And your new headgear can be paired up with a long sleeved or short sleeved polo short. Or a fleece jacket that may also come in handy. All of these items, except the hats, are in various colors but remember the bocce club official color is black. And everything will show the world that you're a bocce aficionado as it will sport this logo

Apparel samples can be viewed at the first Bocce Bash on March 7 as well as at the St Patrick's bash on March 14 up at the courts. Karen Peters is coordinating the apparel sales and she will also have some samples at the Kick off brunch on March 2.

You can view all the apparel, check out colors, sizes and prices and then order on the Bocce website at villagesbocce.vgcc.club. If you still have questions after checking out the information on the website, you can reach out to Karen at Karen03@swbell.net.

So get your bocce "outfits" and wear it proudly.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

This has been a rough winter to get the Pinseekers out to the golf course. Of the 10 Fridays since Christmas we have only had a full field for competition on four of those days. Not that a couple of the other Fridays weren't playable, but the actual days of Atmospheric Rivers added to the days that the weather warnings scared

away many of our players, keeping our play very limited. This is the third season that we have not had what we typically expect in our San Jose winter.

We have managed to get enough members to the tee box on the last two Fridays of February to reclaim most of our tee slots and resume hitting that little white (or yellow, or orange, or

green) ball down the fairway and eventually watch it fall into the cup.

On February 21, our leader board finished with Martin Hoek on top with a Net 35; second spot was snatched by Jack Bindon at net four strokes over par; Mario Silva and Richard Henderson tied for the third position with a net five strokes over par.

On February 28, as a definite change in the weather made sweaters and coats sit in the back of our carts, our top finisher was Will Ector at two under par for a Net

34; coming in second at a net two strokes over par, Richard Henderson; and, for the second consecutive week, a two-man tie for the third spot, Mario Silva and Mike Falarski each posted a net three over par. This day was a special treat for us as, with the bunker rehabilitation project passing the halfway point, we played for the first time on the Front Nine since before Thanksgiving. Also, as a group, our gross scores dropped from a group average of 55 strokes on February 21, to a group average of 50 on February 28. Consider-

ing a group playing handicap average of 14. As the weather continues to improve, let's hope our handicaps do the same.

Once again, we invite all Villager men to join us on a Friday afternoon for nine holes of a game that we love. If you want to join us contact Jim White at whit3744@pacbell.net. While we take our play seriously, the prime objective of our golf outings is to hit it straight, avoid three putts, as best you can, and *have fun!*

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, February 19

Dennis Webb	184
Kitty Heston	255
Gjo Bennett	317
Maribeth Berlie	348

Wednesday, January 26

Kitty Heston	206
Sandy Gardiner	256
Bev Waller-Wharton	268
Audrey Osuna	341

Friday, February 21

Sylvia Rozewicz	148
Maribeth Berlie	294
Sandy Gardiner	295

Friday, January 28

Sylvia Rozewicz	179
Eva Medeiros	232
Sandy Gardiner	332

BRIDGE

Monday, February 17:

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Jane Michaels - Guest
3. Jan Kiernan
- Hank Koransky

Wednesday, February 19:

1. Hanhi Min - Guest
2. Art Lind - Lorrie Scott
3. Hank Koransky
- Jane Michaels

Friday, February 21:

1. Tied: Joe Henry
- Bonnie Taylor;
Hanhi Min - Guest
2. Tied: Carol Reid
- Bash Singh;
Hank Koransky
- Jane Michaels

Monday, February 24:

1. Bosh Singh
- Bonnie Taylor
2. Mary LeGrand
- Jonna Robinson
3. Hank Koransky
- Jane Michaels

Wednesday, February 26:

1. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
2. Art Lind - Guest
3. Jane Michaels - Guest

Friday, February 28:

1. Hank Koransky
- Jane Michaels
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor

18-HOLE WOMEN

**Thursday, February 27
Team event mixer
with 9 Hole Women**

Flight One

1. Priscilla Piper, Janet Gonzales, Kay Gray, and Marie LeBlanc
2. Anka Hoek, Dianne Doughty, Suzanne Fazzio, and Bock Kim
3. Valerie Dimmick, Jean Beattie, Vicki Krattli, and Sue Park

Flight Two

1. Diana Flanigan, Bev Poellot, Gloria Lowry, and Janis Kiernan
2. Jane Hong, Helen Varenkamp, Judy Fry, and Mary Jo O'Neill
3. Susan Sunzeri, Loanne Rube, Emily Li, and Lyn Strong

Flight Three

1. Karen Carlson, Bev Rees, Judy Owen, and Donna Quartaro
2. Diane Chaisson, SusieQ Conklin, Barb Weisend, and Chris Leisy
3. Joyce Mukuno, Marky Olsen, Gloria Landry, and Jay Lee

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Real Estate

50/50 Active listings to pending sales. The market is rolling now.

As of this writing, homes are being purchased faster than homes coming onto the market for sale. At this writing there are 20 active listings and 20 pending sales. Less for sale as more are being purchased and taken off the market. With some larger homes, remodeled homes and homes in favorable locations, multiple offers are happening with little competition. We have now shifted into more of a sellers' market. If more homes do not start showing up on the market and the buyers continue to show up, we will be in a full-blown sellers' market.

So, what is causing buyers to show up now? What could be happening is that the mortgage rates have slowly lowered without much fanfare. The news headlines are busy with other stories at the moment, and the rates did not drop quickly, so there has not been a lot of hoopla about lower rates. Buyers will be notified by their hungry loan brokers, that they can afford more house. With that news, I believe buyers have started to head for the open houses. As the weather gets warmer and the rates stay lower, look out, buyers will be out in droves.

It is really starting to move outside The Village gates as well. I have sold 2 homes outside of The Villages in February. I had fun partnering with an agent-Tom-on selling a home in Morgan Hill. Tom has a very deadpan demeanor most of the time. Tom manned the first weekend of open houses. When I asked him how it went, his response was very different than normal. He was very excited that there were sooo many buyers. It was exciting just to hear the excitement in his voice. I am sure that this will be an exciting spring season.

If you are thinking of selling soon and would like information about your home specifically, call me.



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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 March can be found on *The Online Villager* at: news.thevillagesgcc.com. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material. Bella Vista has also provided hard pruning maps which show the locations of different plant material to be hard pruned.

- The hard pruning of grasses throughout all districts will occur the week of 3/10/25

-The aeration of lawns and turf fertilization throughout all the districts is scheduled the week of 3/17/25, weather permitting.

-Broadleaf application throughout all districts continues throughout the community. 4-speed XT (EPA#228-590) is being applied directly to invasive plant material and is not being sprayed completely on the grass. Rather, it is a spot treatment. We have posted signage at the entrances to the villages and in areas where the treatment has been sprayed and we are asking that no one walk on the grass nor have their pets on the grass until the treatment has dried. Thank you for your assistance. (4-speed XT (EPA#228-590))

-For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal and click on the pesticides button for pest control or landscape.

- **Pest Control**

-Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Village Glen Arden, Village Highland and Village Valle Vista—will occur on 3/10. (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))

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- **Watering Schedule**

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

Club 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.

• **Clubhouse**—The Bistro water feature has been inspected for a leak. Public Works & Recreation Services are currently creating a plan to perform a repair.

• **Beta Site**—Management installing a bench at the corner of Village Parkway and Village Fairway. This will complete the project.

• **Community Pool Closures**—Concerns have circulated regarding recent pool closures this past week. The Villages Golf & Country Club management is addressing these issues and working to resolve them quickly.

Foothill Spa was temporarily closed February 17 after county inspectors found chemical levels outside the acceptable range. The issue was resolved quickly, and reopening occurred in less than 24 hours. Foothill Pool and Spa remain open during regular hours (5 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Foothill Pool remains open for adults only.

Vineyard Pool and Spa are closed due to a fence height requirement mandated by the Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department. The Villages is developing engineering plans to bring the enclosure into compliance. Once the plans are approved by the county, the pool can reopen while modifications are made.

Montgomery Pool experienced a similar enclosure issue in late October. The Villages is following the same process to ensure compliance, working closely with county officials to meet all safety requirements ahead of reopening. Pools and spas at Montgomery and Cribari are regularly closed for the season from November 1 to March 30, and both are slated to reopen as usual April 1. Management continues to focus on resident safety and regulatory compliance. Updates on pool status and reopening timelines will be provided as more information becomes available. For facility hours and open status, check the Member Portal's "Today at a Glance" feature (<https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/>).

Association Maintenance

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

• **Village Cribari**—Environmental roofing has made great progress. Building 2 (units 5508-5513) is fully completed. Building 1 (units 5514-5517) needs some additional material to be added. Building 3 (units 5501-5507) has all repairs completed. The vendor needs to add some additional material at this location. The vendor is also awaiting bids for the replacement of two (2) skylights at Building 3.

• **Village Heights**—Construction work continues at 8480 Grenache. You may observe some additional vendor traffic in that area. Thank you for your patience while the project is completed. Please contact Public Works should you have any questions.

• **Village Montgomery**—On February 19, the City of San Jose visited the sinkhole project site. On February 28, A&B construction added soil to the area, removed and reinstalled plant material and irrigation, added bark material and added soil. Lastly, the vendor compacted the new and existing soil. The project was completed.

• **Village Valle Vista**—A leaking backflow (located at 9025 Village View Drive) has been approved for replacement. Management is coordinating the repair and schedule with Salcido's Backflow Services.

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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

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

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

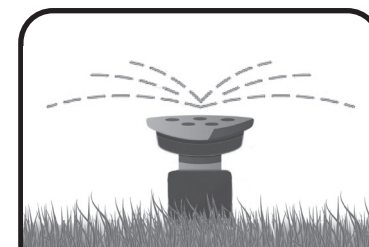
You can report an outage, learn about future planned outages, get outage updates and take a look at the outage map for your locality on the PG&E website at: pge.com

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.

Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse or household member

As a friendly reminder, if you experience the passing of a household member or spouse, please add the Public Safety Administration to the list of places to notify of the passing. You may contact us at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: mhidalgo@the-villages.com.



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

Drain After Rain to Prevent Mosquitoes

Recent rainfall throughout much of California has created puddles and stagnant water. With the temperature warming up in many parts of the state, this combination can create the perfect situation for mosquitoes to breed. We encourage you to “drain after the rain” to prevent mosquito-breeding sites.

After rainfall, drain standing water from common backyard sources such as buckets, flowerpots, bird baths, old tires and other small containers. Think an item is too small for mosquitoes to breed in? Think again—newer, invasive mosquito species in California need only a bottle cap worth of water to develop in. Clean all gutters and downspouts as leaves, twigs, seeds, and other organic matter can block water flow. Your efforts to eliminate sources of standing water now will mean less mosquitoes later in the season!



The West Nile virus is mainly spread by the Culex mosquito

Mosquitoes are a public health threat because they are capable of transmitting debilitating diseases such as West Nile Virus, Zika, dengue and chikungunya. Protect yourself from mosquitoes by wearing an effective repellent and staying indoors when they are most active.

To learn more about mosquitoes and their management, visit the resources listed below at: <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=61720>

- * Pest Notes: Mosquitoes fact sheet:
<https://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7451.html>
- Mosquito Management for Ponds, Fountains, and Water Gardens:
<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=14396>
- Invasive Pest Spotlight: Aedes Mosquitoes:
<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=59917>
- Invasive Pest Spotlight: West Nile Virus:
<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=59289>

Contact your local mosquito and vector control program to inquire about their services and how you can help reduce mosquito populations in your area.

Association Elections Rules...

(Continued from page 11)

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.

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To follow is the link to the entire The Villages Association Election Rules: <https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/static/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Updated-Election-Rules.pdf>

The PUZ-LER



Last week we were challenged to make two odd numbers, 7 and 11, into even numbers without using a mathematical formula. Well, it seems we fooled almost everybody. 7 and 11 or seven and eleven can be made even by removing the “s” and the “el”. Those that weren’t fooled were Bill Tibbs, Larry Broderick and Fred Mathis. Move to the front of the class.

It looks like we have to go back to being easy. Try this on for size:

Which of the following words in the following set do not conceptionally belong? Triangle, square, cube, circle, octagon and pentagon.

Well? Email your answer to Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com. Be sure to include your full name and put PUZ-LER in the subject line.

Slice of Humor



Thought for the day: You can tune a piano but you can’t tuna fish.

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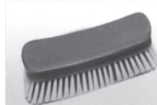
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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Member Notice: Proposed Changes to Club Rules Attachment D, Rule 1.30 The Pulse and The Villager and Rule 1.32 The Villages Website

At the January 28, 2025, monthly Board meeting, the Club Board approved for 30-day member notice proposed changes to Club Rules Attachment D, Rule 1.30 The Pulse and The Villager and Rule 1.32 The Villages Website prior to formal approval consideration at the March 25, 2025, monthly meeting.

The proposed changes and comments received were discussed at the February 25 Board meeting. The Board approved to continue to publish proposed changes with a text modification to Rule 1.30 The Pulse and The Villager removing the following text from 1.30.D, *which includes a last week of the month submission with a first week of the month submission making the potential acceptance of both letters sequential.*

Response to the proposed rule changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the March 25 board meeting, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meetings, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meetings.

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Attachment D

The proposed revision to Attachment D modifies the time period to provide notice of proposed rules changes to members/residents from 30 days to 21 days. Changing the notice period not only aligns the notice period with that for proposed Club Board policy changes but also facilitates more timely approval consideration of proposed changes. Currently, depending on the date of the board meeting, which is held on the last Tuesday of each month, it can sometimes take up to two months for the Board to review and approve proposed changes. By reducing the notice period to 21 days, the process can be streamlined, ensuring that proposals are considered more efficiently and in a timelier manner.

ATTACHMENT D

Club Rules

1. Procedure:

A request to add, delete, or change a rule may be submitted to the General Manager by Management, or any resident, committee, or group of residents. The General Manager will transmit the request, with or without recommendations to the Rules Committee. The Committee will evaluate the request for need, appropriateness, and impact on existing rules. The Board may initiate requests directly to the Rules Committee for rule additions, deletions or changes. The Committee will present its recommended rule changes at a Board of Directors meeting.

The Board shall provide written notice of a proposed rule change to the members/residents at least ~~30~~ 21 days before making the rule change. The notice shall include the text of the proposed rule change, a description of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule change and a request for member/resident comment on the proposed change. Notice is not required under this paragraph if the Board determines that an immediate rule change is necessary to address an emergency, such as an imminent threat to public health or safety or imminent risk of substantial economic loss to the Club (See Emergency Process below.)

Delivery of the above notice may be made to the rule change requester and members/residents by one or more of the following methods: Personal delivery, mail, a periodical such as The Villager, an information TV channel or as recorded in our governing documents. Email or fax may be used only if the recipient has agreed. Included in the notice will be an announcement of the date and time of a meeting, at which the Board will consider the proposal along with oral and written comments from residents. Response to the proposed rule change may be made by one or more of the following methods:

- A. Participation in the discussion of the change at the Club Board of Directors Board meeting at which the proposed rule change will be considered
- B. Via email with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven (7) days prior to the Club Board of Directors Board meeting
- C. Via written comments to the General Manager's offices delivered at least seven (7) days prior to the Club Board of Directors Board meeting

2. Emergency Process

If the Board determines that an immediate Rule change is required to address an imminent threat to public health or safety or an imminent risk of substantial financial loss to the Club, it may make an emergency rule change. No previous notice is required.

3. Trial Period

A trial period of no longer than six (6) months may be used to test a proposed rule change prior to the Board approving a permanent change. The Board will assign responsibility for evaluating the proposed rule and define the evaluation criteria. The proposed rule change and its trial period must be published in The

Villager for two (2) consecutive weeks before the trial period may begin. During the trial period, enforcement will be the same as for permanent rules. After completion of the trial period, the Board may (a) propose the rule (with or without) changes for publication and ~~30~~ 21-day notification, (b) conduct a public hearing, (c) extend the trial period, or (d) reject the change.

Rule 1.30 The Pulse and The Villager

The purpose of the revision to Rule 1.30 is to bring the content of the rule current. Since the writing of Rule 1.30, The Villages has:

- launched the Member Portal and The Villager Online
- clarified the process of rejection
- formalized the Pulse submission parameters
- hired a Communications AGM to make appropriate edits to existing content

1. The Pulse

A Villages "Pulse" letter serves as a vehicle for residents and non-resident owners to express opinions, ~~or and~~ to make suggestions or comments.

~~Pulse letters submission can be done through the Member Portal. The Villager Online submission form, email to the Managing Editor, or mail addressed to the may be submitted online via the Resident's Portal or emailed to the editor of The Villager, deposited in the Communications Advisory Committee mailbox in Building B or mailed to The Communications Advisory Committee (CAC), at 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose CA 95135, or personally delivered to Building B. To submit letters, follow the guidelines in the Pulse column published weekly in The Villager print edition and The Villager Online.~~

The Communications Advisory Committee CAC will review letters submitted for publication subject to the following:

A. Each letter must include the sender's name, address, phone number, date, and a word count of no more than 200 words. The word count should be furnished by the author in the letter.

B. Each letter will deal with only one specific topic related to life in The Villages.

C. Each letter will be reviewed for proper content. The Committee will reject letters containing:

1) Statements that cannot be substantiated by the submitter of the letter if ~~CAC or Publisher questions~~ the veracity of the statements, ~~is questioned by the committee.~~

2) Language insulting to individuals or to groups. Insulting language can take several forms from profanity, to name calling, humiliation, ~~and disrespect to even concealed contempt, to inadvertent indifference or disregard. Insulting language or phraseology is most likely to appear in letters where the writers are angry or complaining.~~ Letters should stick to facts and opinions and avoid personal attacks.

3) Political opinions or endorsements pertaining to any candidate election in The Villages.

4) Partisan political opinions or endorsements pertaining to any election or ballot measure external to The Villages.

5) ~~Recommendation or criticism of~~ any product or service other than from clubs and organizations within The Villages.

6) Language that discriminates with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, which may be deemed offensive.

7) Any website link.

8) Any personal name or contact information included in the published letter, e.g., phone number, address, email.

D. Only one Pulse letter per calendar month, per person is allowed. An author may not queue letters for publication.

E. Pulse letters are reviewed using the following process:

1) Each pulse letter shall be reviewed by two members of the CAC, reviewing the letter together using the criteria stated above.

2) An author who is also a CAC member may not review their own letter. In which case, an alternate CAC reviewer will review the letter.

3) Pulse letter reviewers who reject letters will inform the author of the reason(s) for rejection and work with the author to revise the letter.

4) Pulse letter reviewers may recommend a Publisher's Comment.

5) If a letter is accepted by the CAC reviewers, but rejected by the Publisher, then the Publisher must inform the CAC Chair and the CBOD liaison of the decision and the reason(s) for rejection. The Publisher, CAC Chair, and the CBOD liaison will then work together to resolve the Publisher's reason(s) for rejection, involving the author and original CAC reviewers if necessary.

F. The Publisher may add a Publisher's Comment to a letter, but such Publisher's Comment must be reviewed and approved by the CAC CBOD Liaison.

F.G. ~~A Pulse letter will always be published in The Villager online but will only be included in the printed version if submitted within the appropriate time frame. The Villager Online will archive the Pulse letter after one (1) week of its initial online publication.~~

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Changes to Club Rule 1.30...

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2. The Villager

The Villager is a newspaper, published weekly online, and in print every first (1st) and third (3rd) weeks of every month, is published by the Club Board for Villages members residents. It has been designated by each Board as the authorized means of providing legal notice to residents and owners of record. The General Manager is the Publisher. ~~The Board of Directors authorize The Villager editors are authorized by the Board of Directors to exercise editorial judgment using the following guidelines:~~

A. No copy or advertisement will be accepted from any source that expresses partisan political opinions or endorsements pertaining to any election or ballot measure external to The Villages.

B. No copy will be accepted that:

- 1) Is tactless or of questionable taste
- 2) May be injurious to personal reputations
- 3) Contains the intent to ridicule or shame a person
- 4) Expresses partisan political opinions or endorsements
- 5) Promotes religious or ethnic bias, plagiarizes - which includes using Artificial Intelligence (AI) content to generate a significant portion of an article - or uses language that discriminates with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation that may be deemed offensive.
- 6) ~~Plagiarizes~~
- 7) ~~Uses language that discriminates with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation that may be deemed offensive.~~

C. Advertising of patent medicine, medical "cure-all" or any other medical articles will not be permitted.

D. Political advertising and/or endorsements will not be accepted. Candidates for Boards of Directors may advertise as permitted by Club Policy CPo 112.

E. Advertisements for the sale, lease, or rental of Villages property will be accepted.

F. Advertisements for the sale, lease, or rental of real property outside The Villages will not be accepted from non-residents, except for retirement homes, life-care facilities, etc. However, ~~a resident member owners are allowed to may advertise any property they own owned outside The Villages property.~~

G. A resident's death may be published under the heading "In Memoriam." It will be limited to the resident's name, date of birth, and date of death. A memorial service held in The Villages, open to all residents, may announce the place, date, and time of service. Paid obituaries or death notices are allowed in The Villager. A family member, executor, or a designated resident may provide such information.

H. Contributing writers providing editorial copy on behalf of their designated organizations, committee, or board are to include only information in reference to the organization's activities, membership, and events.

I. Articles may not promote expenditure of Villages funds without stating such expenditures have not been approved by the relevant board if that is the case.

Rule 1.32 The Villages Website

The purpose of revision to Rule 1.32 is to bring the content of the rule current. Since the writing of Rule 1.32, The Villages has:

- Launched the Member Portal and Member mobile app, which now allows members to post a profile image. This image has a specific purpose and guidelines for proper use.

1.32 THE VILLAGES WEBSITE

The Villages Golf and Country Club Public Website, Member Portal and Member App are is a Club Board approved means of providing information online about Tthe Villages.

The Villages Public website address is www.thevillagesgcc.com. The website, portal and app are is owned by the Club, and the General Manager is delegated the responsibility of its operation.

The Member Portal, password protected for registered members only, can be found at https://member.thevillagesgcc.com. Launched in August of 2024, the Portal and App offer members the ability to post a Profile image associated to their Membership. This increased social media functionality is owned by the Club and is managed by the General Manager.

The purpose of socializing a Profile image is for Villagers to recognize members as they interact with other members within The Villages community. To this end, the Profile image selected and displayed in any Villages Golf and Country Club-managed technology software such as , websites, portals, and apps will:

- Be a current photo of member
- Represent a pleasant state, will not be offensive
- Be recognizable as the member identified with the Profile account
- Be properly clothed, if other than a facial photo is selected

Proposed Changes to VGCC (Club) Board Policies CPo 204 Rules Committee and CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee

At the February 25, 2025, monthly Board meeting, the Board approved for 21-day member notice proposed changes to VGCC Board Policy CPo 204 Rules Committee and CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee prior to formal approval consideration at the March 25, 2025, monthly meeting.

Response to the proposed policy changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the March 25, 2025, board meeting, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meeting, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meeting.

CPo 204 Rules Committee:

The purpose of the proposed changes are to enhance transparency, efficiency, and alignment with governance best practices. The proposed changes aim to:

- Clearly define the process by which the Rules Committee reviews rule changes, ensuring that it operates under the direction of the Board or General Manager rather than independently initiating rule reviews.
- Align the Committee's responsibilities with established procedural requirements, including proper notice, trial periods, and public hearings.
- Reinforce that rule change proposals may come from residents, management, or the Board, ensuring a structured and equitable review process.
- Improve documentation and transparency by requiring the Committee to maintain clear records of recommendations and their rationale.
- Reintroduce term limits on committee membership to promote consistency across all committees.

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TITLE: Rules Committee

POLICY NUMBER: CPo 204

THE VILLAGES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB RULES COMMITTEE CHARTER

Objective: Provide advice to the Board on all rules-related matters.

Committee: The Villages Golf and Country Club Rules Committee

Responsible to: The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

Composition: Voting Members: Five to seven (5-7) resident owners in good standing appointed by the Board of Directors.

Non-Voting Members: The number of associate members shall be determined by the committee with approval of the Board. Associate members can actively participate in committee discussions but do not have a vote.

Board Liaison (non-voting)

Staff Support: General Manager or his/her designee (non-voting)

Terms:

Each Appointee shall serve two-year staggered terms, from January 1 through December 31. There must be a one-year break in service after two consecutive terms before reappointment. A replacement appointee will complete the term of the resident being replaced.

Chair: ~~Selected by committee.~~ Appointed by the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities:

1. To review annually all existing Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) rules.
2. To ensure that Club Rules are consistent with Club Policies and Bylaws.
3. To conduct public hearings as defined in The VGCC Rules.
4. To review proposed rule changes and make recommendations for additions, deletions, or modifications. in accordance with Attachment D and Rule CPo 202, including: Awaiting formal direction from the Board or General Manager before initiating reviews; Evaluating proposals from residents, management, or the Board; Ensuring compliance with procedural requirements (e.g., public notice, trial periods, hearings); and Maintaining comprehensive records and rationale for all recommendations.

CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee

The purpose of the proposed changes is to reinstate term limits on committee membership to promote consistency across all committees, update communication media to include The Villager Online and FastNews, and clarify that the committee will be responsible for Candidate's Night and the Candidate's Questions in The Villager and that the Board as elected representatives with fiduciary responsibility should maintain oversight.

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OBITUARY

Patti Lee Hayes

May 2, 1956 – February 12, 2025

68 years old, born May 2, 1956 in Regina, Saskatchewan, died on February 12, 2025 in San Jose, CA from complications due to COPD.

She is survived by her father and mother, Ron and Lois Hayes, her 3 brothers, 3 nephews and 4 nieces, and 2 grandnephews.

She graduated from ASU in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in education. She played collegiate softball (4 year scholarship) and was the Arizona State women's dart champion. She also played golf on the Women's Mini-Tour.

Patti loved playing golf here at The Villages. She was very active in the Women's 18 Hole Golf Club for many years and was Club Champion in 2013 and 2017.

A Celebration of Life is being arranged with details to follow.



Chapel...

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have a relationship with Jesus Christ, we are promised, after death, a perfect body that will last throughout eternity.

Please celebrate the Good Life with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium this 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 www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club

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Changes to Club Policy CPo 207...

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TITLE: Communications Advisory Committee POLICY No.: CPo 207

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of the Communications Advisory Committee is to advise the Club Board regarding each of the community's internal communication media.

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: None.

Committee: Communications Advisory Committee

Responsible to: Club Board of Directors

Composition: Voting Members: Five to seven (5-7) resident owners in good standing appointed by the Board of Directors.

Non-Voting Members: The number of associate members shall be determined by the committee with the approval of the Board. Associate members can actively participate in committee discussions but do not have a vote.

Board Liaison (non-voting)

Staff Support: Community Activities Director, Ex-officio member - Senior Staff member assigned by the General Manager

Editor, *The Villager*, ex-officio member

Member Term: Two-year staggered terms by Board appointment, from January 1 through December 31. There must be a one year break in service after two consecutive terms before reappointment. A vacancy prior to completion of a term will be filled by appointment by the Board for the remainder of the vacant term.

Officers: The committee shall elect a chairperson from one of its own voting members.

Subcommittees: The committee may appoint subcommittees, as it deems necessary to perform its appointed tasks.

Meetings: The committee shall meet at least quarterly or as required to fulfill its responsibilities.

Responsibilities:

1. The committee shall review "Pulse Letters" submitted by members and residents for publication in *The Villager*, to ensure conformity with the publication requirements set forth in VGCC Rule 1.30 - The Villager and the Pulse.

2. The committee shall advise the Club Board on all aspects of content, format, editing, and publishing for each of the Community's internal communication

media (e.g., *The Villager*, *The Villager Online*, the cable channels, the Website and *FastNews Lane*) with the objective of promoting open, accurate, and timely reporting of community information, events, and news to the members, residents, and visitors.

3. The Committee shall advise the Club Board of ways to use the Community's communications media to engage residents in discussions of important and timely issues that affect community life.

4. The committee may provide advice and recommendations to the Club Board regarding special interest or controversial topics to the readership.

5. The committee shall provide the Club Board written minutes for all committee meetings.

6. Associate Members must review Pulse Letters in the company of an experienced Committee Member until trained, and shall participate in Committee Meetings, but will have no vote.

7. Candidates' Night: The committee will be responsible for one or more Candidate's Night(s). The process of the Candidate's Night(s) will be the responsibility of the Committee who will function independently of the Board.

8. Candidates' Questions in Villager. The committee will be responsible for the Candidate's Questions in the Villager. The committee will prepare questions for the candidates, and will function independently of the Board.

8.

Hard copies of the documents are available in Business Administration Building A

Classified ad copy is due by Monday by 4 p.m.

The Villager Classified Ad Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fill out your ad here. Be sure to include contact information. Phone numbers, email addresses, websites, and symbols (&, +, @, etc.) are counted as one word. Hyphenated words are counted as two words. Please print clearly. See top of page for pricing information and specific details for your ad. For more information, please contact Mia at advertising@the-villages.com or 408-223-2657.

Select Category:

- REAL ESTATE
- NOTICES
- PERSONALS
- CARS & CARTS
- HELP WANTED
- WANTED
- ITEMS FOR SALE
- FREE STUFF
- OBITUARIES
- LOST & FOUND
- SERVICES
 - Appliances
 - Automotive Repair
 - Senior Care Facilities
 - Senior In-Home Care
 - Computers
 - Electrical
 - Landscape
 - Errands/Odd Jobs
 - Health & Beauty
 - Heating & A/C
 - Flooring
 - Remodeling

- OTHER CATEGORY
(Please specify)
- VILLAGES BUSINESS DIRECTORY
(Must fit in two lines)

Additional Options:

- Single Line Box
(\$15 in addition to ad)
- Premium Box / Placement
(\$20 in addition to ad)
- Housecleaning
- Legal/Professional
- Plumbing
- Moving/Storage
- Painting
- Pet Care
- Repair/Handyperson
- Window Cleaning
- Tax/Finance/Insurance
- Transportation

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