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## It's here—March Makers Market is this Saturday!

Spring is here and so is the Crafters Club March Makers Market! We will be on hand **Saturday, March 22** at Cribari Center from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We are ready for spring with new products, new artists (and returning favorites!) and unique treasures that will look perfect in your home or make a great gift for someone special. It's never too early to shop for Mother's Day, graduations, Father's Day, weddings—just about any occasion is perfect for a hand-crafted work of art. Need cards? Then don't miss vendors like Kathleen Pennington with her exquisite cards and paper crafts. Forty tables of jewelry, woodworking, fabrics, home decorations, seasonal items, knitted and crocheted wear, ceramics, watercolors and fine art, jewel art, steampunk crafts, photography, children's items and *much* more! And stop by our Welcome Table for information on our club and how to become a member—and pick up a free gift (and cookies) as well! Get your shopping bags ready and we will see you on Saturday in Cribari Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Don't miss the fine paper crafts of Kathleen Pennington!

## Villages Concert Band to present spring concert this Sunday

By Pamela Pierson

The Villages Concert Band, part of the Villages Music Society, will greet the changing season with their spring concert this **Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium. Get your tickets at the door for \$20. Enjoy upbeat music from the saxophone section and location-inspired music for a light-hearted welcome to spring.

A piece called "Saxorella" by Dutch composer Wim Laseroms will feature our saxophone section. Then Liz Tan, our very own percussionist and saxophonist, will play a solo piece for alto saxophone and band called "Saxophobia." Listen for songs that evoke locations in the Midwest and in London: "Seagate Overture" by James Swearingen (named after Toledo, Ohio, known as the Gateway to the Sea), "Kensington Gardens Overture" (named for the park in London), and "Shenandoah" by Frank Ticheli (perhaps named after the Shenandoah River or Shenandoah Valley). Music by Glenn Miller and Georges Bizet add a change of pace to the playlist.

Our scholarship students will provide a "for-a-donation" bake sale to make your day. Burnt Almond Cake is a favorite. Enjoy baked goods at the concert or to take some for later. The students, from nearby schools, rehearse with band members on Tuesday evenings in the Auditorium and will join in presenting the related concert.

Besides Villagers, band members will include 6 to 8 scholarship students from nearby schools as well as musician friends from outside The Villages. Directing the band is Melson Varsovia. For more information on the Villages Concert Band, visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org).

## Art in the Park—celebrate our local creativity!



The Villages Arts & Crafts Association

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](mailto: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!

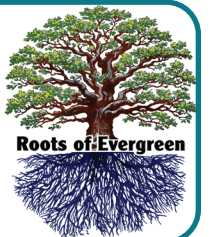
## Come to the Tennis Club Open House

By Betty Olsen

All Villagers are invited to the tennis courts on **Tuesday, March 25** at **1 p.m.** to learn about our Villages Tennis Club. Wear tennis shoes and we will have racquets for you to use. Whether you haven't played tennis in 30 years or just want to learn, we have a free 10-week Jump Start program for you to join. Brett Foreman, our resident pro will conduct the day's activities. There will be opportunity drawing prizes and strawberry shortcake.



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**Roots of Evergreen**



# 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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## ABOVE & BEYOND

A flyer for 'At the Movies' dropped into my tube recently. It was very professionally produced and was promoting what looked like an ambitious program for Villagers to attempt.

I bought tickets and want to say that the two-hour presentation was to a standard I had not expected or seen here before. I can't begin to imagine how much work went into the costumes, choreography, dancing and the AV was to a standard I have not seen before in The Villages. The large screen to help overcome the lack of a sloping auditorium was a brilliant way to let everyone see the nimble feet of the dancers and appreciate the wonderful costumes.

The program was diverse and ambitious, and everyone involved not only met the challenge but exceeded it!

It was an uplifting afternoon that set a new, high standard for future events. Congratulations to all involved!

— Tony Berg

A big "Thank you!" to my Cribari (and other) neighbors who helped with the Valentine's Day and Saint Patrick's Day decorations: Pete Cachlea, Richard Chapman, Louise Conners, Nancy Donally, Joyce Harper, Guy Hoover, Ruth Keiser, Liz Muzio, Michele Phillips, Debra Robb, Sheila Robinson, Richard Schramm, Orlando Vasquez.

A special thanks to Janelle Marines, our Chairperson, for her vote of confidence in having me take the lead on these projects.

We make a great team!

— Felece Wilson

On March 15, I celebrated my 90th birthday by hosting a gathering of 47 people at the Clubhouse. I used the services of "Banquet Events" for the facility and meals. Working with Albert Salcedo and Alex Saguindel was an absolute pleasure, their guidance and cooperation was outstanding.

The room was set up perfectly as expected, the bar was complete and the TV and podium were exactly positioned as requested.

We served three types of meals, Filet Mignon, Grilled Salmon or Pasta Primavera. Obviously, the Filet Mignon was the most popular. I can't count the number of comments I got from so many guests as to how wonderful their meal was. My wife and I had Filet Mignon and I can attest to how excellent it was. So Kudos to the folks in the kitchen.

Beside the bartender we had three servers to handle the table service and they were also super efficient and accommodating.

With all things considered, the availability of our Banquet facility is an outstanding convenience and my most sincerest thanks to all who made my event so special.

— Ben Vitcov

## IN MEMORIAM

**Lisa Yanfu Guo**

**February 13, 1965—March 8, 2025**

*(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)*

**Nancy Joanne Pierson**

**February 13, 1939—March 9, 2025**

*(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)*

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## *Homeowners' Corporation President's Message – Help keep The Villages a Firewise community* *Thursday, March 20, 2025*

Spring is here. Flowers are blooming and Villagers are ready to enjoy our outdoor amenities, including beautiful tennis and pickleball courts and a new bocce court complex. Our golf courses are refreshed with new bunkers where the sand is so beautifully white that it makes you want to bring out your sunglasses. I continue to be impressed when I drive into The Villages down Villages Parkway and view these outdoor amenities.

As your governing Board, spring is a time for us to look back at our goals and objectives and see what we need to complete before the new board takes office in June. It's also a time for us to set the goals for next year to keep continuity.

1) Working with the Club and Association boards to present a united front for our community is an ongoing commitment for us and one we are proud to say we are accomplishing.

2) We tried something new this year, having board directors serve as non-voting chairs of our two committees, Architectural Control, and the Estates District Advisory Committee. This action served its purpose this year to help in committee organization. We are, however, proposing for next year to give ourselves the option of appointing Board directors or committee members as chairs. Flexibility to make sure the committees meet the needs of the community, and the Board is our goal in determining chair appointments.

3) Community communication is a continual goal for us. We accomplish this through periodic emails updating homeowners on pertinent information, providing welcome letters to new residents and participating in New Resident Orientation. Today's social is a goal we've carried over for a few years now and are thrilled to finally be able to accomplish it.

4) Management did some great work on the budget this year separating the funds of the three corporations so that in the future when all the required legal steps are taken, homeowners will pay their fair share of Villages amenity expenses, but only their share. This has been a personal goal of mine as a Board director for several years, so I am excited to see this budget step made.

5) The goal we are carrying forward to next year that we couldn't accomplish this year is legal review and a membership vote on our governing documents. There have been unforeseen delays in this effort, but I am confident that the 2025-2026 Board will complete this project.

In closing, we are beginning the recruitment process to fill two vacancies on the Board. Advertising begins this month. I have served on the Board for three terms and though I am eligible to run for another term, I am stepping aside and encouraging others to consider serving on the Board. I've learned so much in my nine years, met many wonderful people, been challenged a lot, but it has been a rewarding volunteer experience. I look forward to seeing what the next directors can accomplish.

— *Teddy Morse, Homeowners' Corporation President*

## *Help keep The Villages a Firewise community*

By **Deb Gordon**

Have you noticed the people walking in your districts taking pictures and typing on iPads? Do you wonder what they are doing? Well, they are volunteer residents doing a fire safety assessment on each unit in the Villages so that we can retain our new recognition as a Firewise Community. If you'd like to volunteer to help and have 6 to 10 hours per week to do assessments (full training is provided), please fill out the application at [surveyMonkey.com/r/R6TMHPT](https://surveyMonkey.com/r/R6TMHPT).

On **Saturday, May 3**, we will be having a Wildfire Preparation event called "Ready, Set, Go!" in the Cribari Center. The focus will be on what residents can do now to be prepared should something happen; lots more information will be coming out on this soon. Hope to see you there.

Visit [tinyurl.com/wildfire-retrofit](https://tinyurl.com/wildfire-retrofit) for a very interesting CalFire resource that helps us see what we can do to help fire harden our homes. It explains terms like defensible space, zone 0 and gives a lot of other good information we should all know. While it is especially helpful to our single-family homeowners, it will help all of us to understand the work being done around the Villages for Firewise and our overall fire safety.

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## *Clubhouse receives capital replacement equipment— Clubhouse to be closed March 31 to April 4*

Since the end of December 2024, the Clubhouse kitchen has been without a fully operational stove and convection oven, holding for fiscal year Q4-scheduled replacements. For the Clubhouse, these are long overdue and much-needed appliances. These changes will not only help keep our kitchen and staff safe, but the improvements will enhance efficiency in our food preparation—you may even taste the difference!

To reduce future disruption, we are taking the opportunity to complete some additional yet less intrusive repairs and maintenance to further improve efficiency and enhance safety. We're installing necessary upgrades to several failed and faltering pieces of kitchen equipment. These products arrived earlier than anticipated and we're excited to begin this project now.

The renovation will take place **March 31 through April 4**. The Clubhouse will be closed during this time.

## *New barbecue menu introduced!*

To ease the inconvenience, Chef John is introducing a preview of our **Barbecue Menu on April 3**, serving the Patio and Bistro. Please come join us for some tasty grill favorites, with Chef John's special secrets to make it a Villager treat.

**Beginning April 4**, Food and Beverage will be in full operation during regular business hours. When you visit, we hope you take advantage of our drink and new menu specials!

### **Questions?**

Please contact [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com).

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES,**  
**MANAGEMENT** and **COMMUNITY**  
**NOTICES** on pages **4, 5, 6, 30 & 31**



## VMA Bingo & Dinner Wednesday April 9, 2025



### Reservations Now Open

No Host Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Two Course Served Dinner:

Assorted Rolls & Butter

Pork Loin Scallopini

*with Wild Mushrooms & Butter Caper Sauce*

Creamy Polenta & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:

Mocha Chocolate Cake

Veg Option: Stuffed Shell Pasta

*with Ricotta Cheese, Mozzarella & Marinara Sauce*

\$25 Plus Service Charge & Tax per guest

An Additional \$1 is Then Added for VMA

Come join us for Bingo & Dinner

Reservations can be made by calling 408-223-4688 or e-mail at [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com). Reservations for all size parties are accepted with a maximum of 8 guests per table. If you wish to organize a table of friends, only one person needs to call but must furnish the guest names and house numbers for all players. Bingo cards will be sold (three for \$5 or \$2 each) in the reception area starting at 5:30 p.m.

# MANAGEMENT

## 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

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Silver Creek Pilates

Experience the Health Benefits of Pilates Reformer, Tower, Stability Chair & More!

**Opening April 1, 2025**

**Grand Opening Specials on Sale Now!**

Offering Group and Private Sessions

Join us at our grand opening celebration on **Saturday, March 29th from 10:30am to 1:30pm**. Refreshments to be served. Enter our raffle by filling out the contact form at [www.silvercreekpilates.com](http://www.silvercreekpilates.com) or stop by our studio and fill out a raffle ticket.

Visit us at 2919 Villages Parkway, email us at [info@silvercreekpilates.com](mailto:info@silvercreekpilates.com) or call us at 408-290-4744

## Bulky Bins available April 1, 2 and 3—No foolin’!

Great news! Bulky Bin service is returning! Green Team is providing dumpsters at three community centers for disposal of bulk items on **Tuesday, April 1, Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday April 3**. The bins are available from the time they are delivered on Tuesday, April 1 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.) until they are picked up on Thursday, April 3 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

We kindly remind everyone to please follow the self-serve guidelines for bin use. Your cooperation is essential in keeping our Club facilities clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

### Important Reminders:

- No dumping of items outside the bins — all items must be placed inside the bin and pushed towards the back. Improper disposal leads to additional staff labor for refuse cleaning and hazardous waste removal, making our shared spaces look untidy.

- Restricted items—The following items are not allowed for disposal at these dumpsters:

- o Concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, oil
- o Televisions, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers and other appliances
- o Medical waste or hazardous materials such as paint, antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides
- o E-waste (examples include computers, monitors, chargers, keyboards, printers, laptops, and electrical components)

- **No garbage in bulky bins**—Garbage is strictly prohibited in the bulky bins. Contaminated boxes will not be removed from the premises until all garbage is removed.

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.

**The Three Bin Locations:** Cribari East parking lot, Cribari West parking lot and the Foothill Center parking lot.

Please contact Special Projects and Sustainability Director Mary Tatum if you have any questions—408-754-1334 or [mtatum@the-villages.com](mailto:mtatum@the-villages.com)

## Get ready for EVF’s shredding event on April 19

Tax season often leaves us with documents, receipts, and files that need to be disposed of securely. And that is why the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) has scheduled this year’s document shredding event for Saturday morning, **April 19, from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** in the Cribari East parking lot, right after the tax filing deadline.

Last year’s event set records as Villagers brought sacks and boxes full of paper by car, golf cart, and by hand. One advantage of the EVF event is that you can be confident that a professional shredding truck is safely destroying your documents on-site. The donation for this service is \$10 per box or bag (approximately 20 pounds), payable on the spot in cash or by check only, with checks made payable to EVF. Please make sure to exclude colored paper, folders, and other heavy materials.

Activities such as the shredding event generate funds to support The Evergreen Villages Foundation. For more information about the EVF, visit our website at [evfsj.org](http://evfsj.org). If you are interested in helping, you can become a Sustaining Member for as little as \$5 per month. One-time donations can also be made via the website at any time.



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## May 3—Ready, Set, Go at The Villages

The Villages is excited to participate in National Wildfire Preparedness Day on **Saturday, May 3!**

Join us for Ready, Set, Go—a community meeting focused on practical ways to stay prepared for emergencies like wildfires. For years, the EPC has emphasized that the first 72 hours of an emergency are up to each of us individually, so now is the perfect time to ensure you’re ready.

A panel of experts from the American Red Cross, the San Jose Fire Department, and the San Jose Office of Emergency Management will share their insights and tips. Plus, we’re honored to welcome Senator Dave Cortese, who will present commendations to The Villages Golf and Country Club’s Firewise/Fire Safety Committee for being San Jose’s first recognized Firewise community.

The event will be held at Cribari Auditorium from **10:30 a.m. to noon**, with time for audience questions. As a Firewise community, we must stay proactive in wildfire preparedness and continue improving our safety measures.

We hope to see you there.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## AG 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.

**Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)**

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

### *The Senior's secret to deducting charity donations*

Many Villagers no longer receive a tax deduction for their charitable donations because they take the standard deduction rather than itemizing deductions. For 2025 the standard deduction is \$15,000 for single taxpayers (\$16,500 if age 65) and \$27,700 for married filing jointly (\$30,000 if one taxpayer is age 65 and \$32,000 if both are age 65).

But charitable givers age 70 ½ or older have a way to get a tax benefit for their charitable donations while still using the standard deduction. It involves making donations directly from a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to one or more charities by using a smart move with a clunky name—Qualified Charitable Distribution—or QCD.

Yes, we know that the current Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age is 73. But for many of us lucky taxpayers, the age for QCDs is 70 ½.

Normally a withdrawal from a traditional IRA is taxable. However, a QCD of up to \$100,000 annually, when given to charity directly from your IRA, is not taxed as income.

Here's how an IRA QCD provides benefits to you. Mr. & Mrs. V are ages 73 and 74. Because they are 73 or older, they must withdraw a certain amount (RMD) every year from their traditional IRAs. This year their RMDs total \$40,000.

The couple usually contributes about \$10,000 to various charities. Rather than writing checks to these groups from their regular checking account, they can make their charitable donations from their IRAs and pay no tax on this \$10,000 withdrawal.

If they write checks to the charity from their personal account, they won't get any tax write-off because, based on their other deductions, they will be better off claiming the standard deduction of \$32,000.

Donating from their IRA gives them a better result. They will reduce their taxable IRA payout to \$30,000 and won't owe income tax on the \$10,000 in donations from their IRAs. While they won't get a charitable deduction of \$10,000, reducing their income by \$10,000 is even better.

Here's where it gets slightly tricky. The IRA charity donations must go directly from the IRA account to the charity. Our couple can do this in one of three ways.

1. Ask the trustee of their IRAs to submit the contributions directly to the charities. 2. Ask the trustee to send them the checks made out in the name of the charities, and they will forward them on. 3. Ask for a checking account for their IRA and they can write the check to the charity. This qualifies because the cash is transferring directly from the IRA account to charity and not into their personal account.

One warning if you make contributions from your IRA. Your form 1099-R for 2025 will show the total distribution from your IRA account during the year whether it went to you or to a charity. It is up to you to tell the IRS that it went to charity. Mr. & Mrs. V must label on their tax return that \$10,000 is a QCD and be sure they only pay tax on the remaining \$30,000 of their \$40,000 distributions. Keep this in mind, and don't forget to inform your tax preparer that you have made QCDs from your IRA accounts.

**SRS Question:**

### *Should you withhold tax from your Social Security benefits?*

Some Villagers have complained they owe taxes on their 2024 return because more of their Social Security was taxable.

Perhaps you are relying on withholding from your pension or IRA distribution to cover your annual income taxes. If you are still short when you file, having taxes withheld from SS benefits can help you avoid a surprise when the next tax season arrives.

To start withholding, go to [ssa.gov/manage-benefits/get-tax-form-10991042s](https://ssa.gov/manage-benefits/get-tax-form-10991042s), or call 1-800-772-1213 or 1-800-325-0778 if you are deaf or hard of hearing.

## 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

• The Villages Association All-Member Budget Board Meeting is **Friday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.** via Zoom

Meeting ID: 842 4598 3771; Passcode: 560561; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Association Board of Directors All-Member Budget Board meeting is **Friday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 835 2969 5065; Passcode: 282363; 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

• The Villages Golf & Country Club All-Member Budget Board Meeting is **Friday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 819 5693 1135; Passcode: 151893; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Golf & Country Club All-Member Budget Board Meeting is **Friday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 896 0995 3403; Passcode: 394661; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Homeowners

• The Villages Homeowners' Corporation All-Member Board Meeting is **Friday, March 28 at 3:15 p.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 873 5364 4043; Passcode: 182758; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Homeowners' Corporation All-Member Board Meeting is **Friday, April 18 at 3:15 p.m.** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 850 3663 5228; Passcode: 700609; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

• The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors FY 24/25 Quarterly Meeting is **Thursday, June 12 at 9 a.m.** (location TBD)

### *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.

**SRS Reminder:**

### *Property tax due April 10*

Don't forget that **Thursday, April 10** is the last date for paying your second installment of your Santa Clara County real estate tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

You may pay online at <https://payments.sccgov.org/propertytax/>. There is no fee for paying electronically. Just have your checkbook in front of you so you can record the routing and account number. Paying this way means you don't have to worry about your check getting lost in the mail. You will quickly receive a payment receipt by e-mail if you give them your e-address.

There is a 2.25 percent fee for paying with a credit or debit card rather than from your bank account.

If you pay with a paper check, your payment envelope needs to be postmarked by April 10.

### *Light Bulb Collection event to be held in conjunction with Battery Recycling*

The first joint community battery and light bulb drop off event was a huge success on February 28. Residents dropped off nearly 80 pounds of light bulbs and almost 160 pounds of batteries. Thank you for not placing them in your garbage or recycling bins.

Weather permitting, the next community light bulb collection will be **Friday, March 28** in conjunction with the battery collection event from **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** in the tennis courts parking lot.

Please look for details as to what is accepted and how items need to be prepared for drop off.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

As noted, the deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **March 31, 2025, at 9 a.m.** If, as of the published deadline for receiving nominations, the number of qualified candidates for election to the Board is not more than the number of directors to be elected, as determined by the Inspectors of Elections, and if all of the conditions of The Villages Association Election Rules Section 2.5 through 2.5.6 are met, then the qualified candidates may be declared elected by acclamation at an open meeting for which the agenda item reflects the name of each qualified candidate that will be seated by acclamation.



## 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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## NOTICE The Villages Association

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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and  
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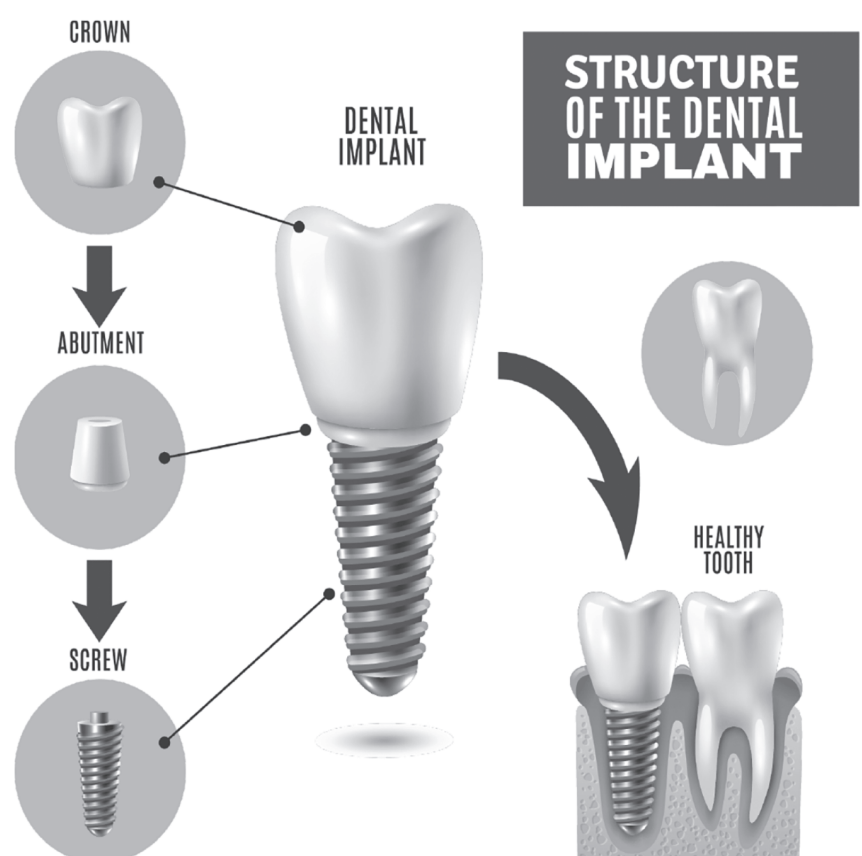
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# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com)

**To order  
Curbside  
Grab and Go,  
call  
408-370-8553**

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 3/24 to 3/30

- Monday, March 24**  
White Bean and Vegetable
- Tuesday, March 25**  
Coconut Thai Chicken Curry
- Wednesday, March 26**  
Pork and Beans
- Thursday, March 27**  
Chicken Noodle
- Friday, March 28**  
Clam Chowder
- Saturday, March 29**  
Chef's Choice
- Sunday, March 30**  
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](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://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](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com/menus)**

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 3/24 to 3/30

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 3/25 to Sunday 3/30

**Steak Tips Skillet:** Mushrooms, Bell Peppers, Onions with Country Potatoes and Two Fried Eggs **\$23**

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 3/24 to Sunday 3/30—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Hawaiian Grilled Teriyaki Chicken:** Marinated Thigh Meat, Grilled Pineapple Rings, Steamed White Rice, Macaroni Salad **\$24**

**Pesto Chicken Rigatoni:** With Crispy Pancetta, Grape Tomatoes, Basil, Parmesan Cheese in Pesto Cream Sauce **\$23**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 3/25 to Sunday 3/30—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Blackened Mahi-Mahi:** With Mango Salsa Relish, Coconut Rice and Seasonal Vegetables **\$33**

**Grilled Ribeye Steak:** 10-oz. Angus Beef with Truffle Butter, Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables **\$37**

## Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday	Tuesday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
<b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Bistro Menu</b> 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. *	<b>Breakfast:</b> 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. <b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. * <b>Dinner Menu:</b> 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *	<b>Saturday Breakfast:</b> 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. <b>Sunday Breakfast:</b> 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. * <b>Dinner Menu:</b> 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

\* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

**Main phone line: 408-223-4687**

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

**Online Reservations, please use the Member Portal  
Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)**



## Clubhouse to be closed March 31 to April 4

The Clubhouse kitchen will receive necessary upgrades to faltering pieces of kitchen equipment. Equipment and parts for the upgrades arrived earlier than anticipated and we're excited to begin this project now.

The renovation begins **March 31 through April 4**. The Clubhouse will be closed during this time.

## New barbeque menu introduced!

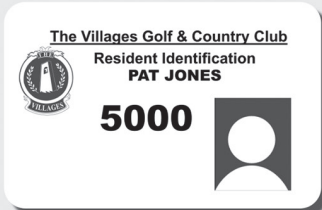
To ease the inconvenience, Chef John is introducing a preview of our **Barbeque Menu** on **April 3** at the Patio and in the Bistro. Treat yourself to some tasty grilled favorites with the Chef's special secrets.

Food and Beverage will be in full operation **beginning April 4** during regular business hours.

**Questions?** Please contact [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto: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.



## 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

## 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](http://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.

**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.



# RECREATION

The following events are sponsored by The Villages. For more information, please call 408-223-4643 or visit [news.thevillagesgcc.com/recreation](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com/recreation)

## 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.

## Explore wild wonders at the Oakland Zoo

**Date/Time**  
Wednesday, May 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Attendant**  
M. LeGrand

**Location**  
Oakland  
**Cost**  
\$149  
**Reg. Deadline**  
Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m.



Join us for an exciting day at the Oakland Zoo, where you'll get up close with amazing animals and explore beautiful habitats. After the adventure, relax and enjoy a delicious lunch at Lake Chalet, a stunning lakeside restaurant offering delicious food and breathtaking views. Lunch options include mushroom ravioli, lemon rosemary chicken, grilled salmon and braised short ribs! The bus will pick up all participants from the Cribari Center East Parking Lot.

Activity Level: Moderate  
Register starting Monday, March 24 on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/oakland-zoo-rec](http://tinyurl.com/oakland-zoo-rec) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## Sign up to see 'Waitress' at CMT San Jose!

**Date/Time**  
Friday, April 18, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Cost**  
\$95  
**Attendant**  
M. LeGrand

**Location**  
San Jose  
**Reg. Deadline**  
March 31 at 4 p.m.



Waitress features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles ("Brave," "Love Song"), and a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson. Nominated for four Tony Awards (including Best Musical), and cherished by audiences and critics, Waitress is inspired by Adrienne Shelly's

beloved film and offers a special recipe for finding happiness in unexpected places. Activity Level: Light - Activity.

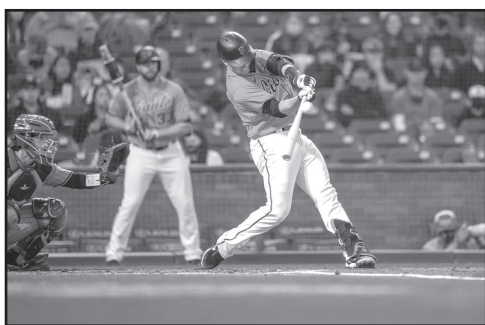
Register starting Monday, March 24 on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/sj-waitress](http://tinyurl.com/sj-waitress) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## Calling all SF Giants fans!

**Date/Time**  
Thursday, June 26, 10:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Cost**  
\$161  
**Attendant**  
M. LeGrand

**Location**  
San Francisco  
**Reg. Deadline**  
June 9 at 4 p.m.

Cheer on the San Francisco Giants for an exciting day of baseball while they play the Miami Marlins at Oracle Park! Experience the thrill of the game in the unbeatable ballpark atmosphere. Each ticket comes with a \$25 concession credit for participants to use



for whatever ballpark snack they desire! Whether you're a die-hard fan or just love a fun day out, this is the perfect way to enjoy America's favorite pastime. The bus will pick up all participants from the Cribari Center East Parking Lot.

Activity Level: Moderate

Register starting Monday, March 24 on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/sf-giants-baseball](http://tinyurl.com/sf-giants-baseball) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## Stroll through famed gardens at Filoli Gardens

**Date/Time**  
Thursday, May 22, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Attendant**  
M. LeGrand

**Location**  
Woodside  
**Cost**  
\$164  
**Reg. Deadline**  
Monday, May 5 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a delightful day at Filoli Gardens, where you'll stroll through breathtaking landscapes, lush gardens and a historic estate. After soaking in the beauty, we'll head to Nola in Palo Alto for a lively, New Orleans-inspired lunch filled with bold flavors and vibrant ambiance. This is the perfect way to enjoy nature, history and delicious cuisine! The bus will pick up all participants from the Cribari Center East Parking Lot.

Activity Level: Moderate  
Register starting Monday, March 24 on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/filoli-gardens](http://tinyurl.com/filoli-gardens) or with Recreation Services in Building D.



## See 'A Beautiful Noise' —the Neil Diamond musical

**Date/Time**  
Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Attendant**  
M. LeGrand

**Location**  
San Francisco  
**Cost**  
\$250  
**Reg. Deadline**  
Monday, May 19 at 4 p.m.



Experience the energy and music of "A Beautiful Noise," the Neil Diamond musical that will have you singing along! After the show, enjoy a fantastic dinner at Rise Woodfire in San Mateo, known for its flavorful, wood-fired cuisine and warm ambiance. This is the perfect way to enjoy a day of entertainment and great food with friends.

The bus will pick up all participants from the Cribari Center East Parking Lot.

Activity Level: Moderate  
Register starting Monday, March 24 on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/neil-diamond-musical](http://tinyurl.com/neil-diamond-musical) 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.

## See 'Rose: A Mother's Story'



**Date/Time**

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. - noon

**Cost**

\$10

**Location**

Auditorium

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

## Discover underwater wonders in Monterey Bay

**Date/Time**

Wednesday, April 23, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Cost**

\$128

**Attendant**

M. LeGrand

**Location**

Monterey

**Reg. Deadline**

April 7 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a trip to the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium! Marvel at vibrant jellyfish, playful sea otters, and the iconic kelp forest teeming with marine life. Discover the aquarium's conservation efforts while soaking in breathtaking waterfront views. Afterward, enjoy lunch on your own and time to explore historic Cannery Row's charming shops, art galleries, and diverse dining options, including fresh seafood and more. We will meet in the Cribari East Parking Lot. Activity Level: Moderate Activity.



Register on the Member Portal at [tinyurl.com/mb-aquarium](http://tinyurl.com/mb-aquarium) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## Fitness Center has new sanitizing stations

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!

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# CLUB CALENDARS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at [villagesart-sandcrafts.org](http://villagesart-sandcrafts.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**

**April 7:** Monthly Meeting of Arts & Crafts, Monday 1:45 p in Cribari Conference Room. Guest Artist: Ukrainian palette knife artist Natalia Aandewiel.

**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](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)

**Art Classes—Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com).** All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.

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

**April 23 and 30 and May 7 - 14:** "Watercolor with Mixed Media" with Doug Canepa. Wednesday in the Cribari Center Art Room. \$70.

**May 6:** Free Tuesday Art Night Make 'n Take Diamond Art, 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art Room. All materials furnished, but must register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members only. For Open Studio hours and classes, go to [villagesceramics.com](http://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, Wednesday, March 26** - John and Sandy Petrin (530-927-7024/412-1744) will lead a hike along San Felipe Road, then up Larkspur Drive. We'll then go right along Bentley Ridge, then right on Hillstone, left on Byington and briefly to the right along Yerba Buena Drive to Starbucks and/or Le Boulanger for a coffee/snack break and good conversation. All will then head back over the creek and through Evergreen Park back to The Villages. Meet at the Cribari Bell at **8:30 a.m.** for an 8:45 departure.

**Rambler Lite - Wednesday, March 26** - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, April 2** - John Zhang (952-200-4113) and Mimi Rong will lead a hike to Coyote Hills Regional Park. The hike is 4 miles long on a flat, paved path with some gentle slope. We are expecting to see a great view of the Bay at the Dumbarton Bridge area and maybe have some good bird watching. Round trip to the Coyote Regional Park is about 50 miles. Parking will \$5 per car. We will meet at the Cribari bell at **8:30 a.m.** and leave at 8:45.

**Rambler Lite - Wednesday, April 2** - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

**Rambler Hike, Wednesday, April 9** - Joel Wiggins (612-240-7044) will lead a 4-mile rambler hike from the parking lot on Silver Creek Valley Rd (on the right just before HWY 101). We will hike north to the picnic area by Cottonwood Lake and take a break. Bring water and a snack. The roundtrip hike is 4 miles. There are restrooms in the parking lot and by the picnic tables where we take a break. We will meet at Cribari Center at **8:30 a.m.** and depart at 8:45. Roundtrip driving mileage is 9 miles. For those interested we will stop for coffee on the way back at New Seasons on Silver Creek Rd.

**Rambler Lite - Wednesday, April 9** - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Cribari starting at the west side. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

## RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on [villagesrvclub.org](http://villagesrvclub.org)

**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

**June 14** - Open House at the RV Storage Lot

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

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

**August 3** - Annual Barbecue

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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 Group: Line Dancing VC  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 7 p.m. Jewish Shabbat FC

## Saturday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC  
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Quilters PR  
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along MC  
 4:45 p.m. Study Group: Movie Group SEQ  
 5 p.m. Village Hermosa Social FC

## Sunday, March 23

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR  
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A  
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ  
 10 a.m. Community Chapel A  
 11:30 a.m. Global Villages: Retreat VC  
 2 p.m. Chinese Club Cooking Demo MC  
 2:30 p.m. Concert Band Performance A  
 7 p.m. Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite SEQ  
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

## Monday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Nirvana Fitness CR  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 10 a.m. VGC Six Clubs VR  
 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  
 2 p.m. Cat Club VC  
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A  
 5:30 p.m. Older Wine Lovers (OWLs) FC  
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

## Tuesday, March 25

9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 9:30 a.m. Association Board FC  
 10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR  
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A  
 1 p.m. Chapel Women's Fellowship CR  
 1 p.m. Tennis: Open House TS  
 1:30 p.m. Club Board FC  
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR  
 2 p.m. Piano Open Studio A  
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal VC  
 4 p.m. Study Groups: Israel SEQ  
 7 p.m. GV: Plant-based Diet MC  
 7 p.m. Tennis Club Board PR

## Wednesday, March 26

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. Study Group: Folk Dance FC  
 11 a.m. VMA: WelBe Health SEQ  
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A

2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR  
 2 p.m. Chinese Club Tech Talk VC  
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A  
 5 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 VC  
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR  
 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 27

9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 9 a.m. SRS Tax Prep Service FC  
 9:15 a.m. Hiking Club Board PR  
 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. VMA: Parkinson's Support F  
 11 a.m. Mat Pilates CR  
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A  
 1 p.m. Chapel Bible Small Group SEQ  
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC  
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR  
 2 p.m. Global Villages: Healing FC  
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR  
 4 p.m. Arts&Crafts Assoc. Board AR  
 4 p.m. 18-H Women's Golf Invit. PR  
 7 p.m. Catholic Choir Practice VC  
 7 p.m. The Villages Folksters FC  
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

## Friday, March 28

8 a.m. Tennis Club: USTA Match TS  
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC  
 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 VC  
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Ensemble CR  
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

## Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Hiking Trail Maint. Day FC  
 9 a.m. Tai Chi P  
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Quilters PR  
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ

## Sunday, March 30

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR  
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A  
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ  
 10 a.m. Community Chapel A  
 3 p.m. Villages Olivas Social FC  
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

## Monday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Nirvana Fitness CR  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 10 a.m. Association Rules Cmte. F  
 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

3 p.m. HBOD Arch. Control Cmte MC  
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A  
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 7 p.m. Hiking Club FC

## Tuesday, April 1

6 a.m. Bulky Bin Service Cribari  
 8 a.m. Tai Chi P  
 8:30 a.m. Men's Golf Exec. Cmte MC  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 11 a.m. 9-H Women's Golf Board FC  
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A  
 12 p.m. Comcast Appointments F  
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR  
 2 p.m. Piano Open Studio A  
 2 p.m. Veterans Club FC  
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal VC  
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ

## Wednesday, April 2

6 a.m. Bulky Bin Service Cribari  
 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  
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A  
 11:30 a.m. Dippy Dolphins MC  
 1 p.m. VMA: Clear Caption SEQ  
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR  
 3 p.m. VMA Bingo A  
 4 p.m. Club Technology Cmte. F  
 5 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 VC  
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 7 p.m. GV: Meditation&Wellness CR  
 7 p.m. Village Voices Rehearsal FC  
 7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

## Thursday, April 3

6 a.m. Bulky Bin Service Cribari  
 8 a.m. Tai Chi P  
 9 a.m. Association Arch. Cmte. MC  
 9 a.m. Men Golf: Mmbr/Mmbr Cmte VR  
 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  
 11 a.m. Mat Pilates CR  
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A  
 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  
 4:30 p.m. Italian Club Board PR  
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

## Friday, April 4

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 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 p.m. Hand Bell Ensemble CR  
 3:30 p.m. Study Group: Line Dancing VC  
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

## Calendar Highlights

### Senior Academy hosts SJ Mayor Matt Mahan

Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

### Vets Club hosts Myra Dytko on Ukraine

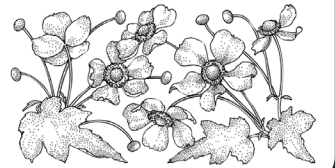
Tuesday, April 1 at 2 p.m. in Foothill Center.

### Trail Maintenance Day—volunteer

Meet up at Foothill Center and help out on **Saturday, March 29** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers must call in advance (see article).

### Global Village Healthy Eating Group

Session at Montgomery Center on **Tuesday, March 25** from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



## 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.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## 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.

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](mailto:villagescatclub5@gmail.com) or texting Bette at 408-234-9798.



Join Cat Club members for their monthly meeting.

## Join Global Village for Healthy Eating Group sessions

By Marie-Paule Wood

On **Tuesday, March 25**, Global Village will host the next Healthy Eating Group at Montgomery Center from **7 to 8:30 p.m.** The group gets together on the last **Tuesday of each month** at Montgomery Center. The cost for two sessions is \$10 (cash or check). RSVP for the March 25 event by emailing [globalvcclub@gmail.com](mailto:globalvcclub@gmail.com) and using "Healthy Eating" in the subject line.

I'm so excited to be a part of the Global Village Healthy Eating Group and to launch this series of monthly cooking demonstrations. For me, this is a perfect next chapter—a chance to share my passion for cooking (and baking!) while celebrating the joy that comes with trying new ingredients, experimenting with flavors, and most importantly, enjoying good food in good company.

I was born in the Loire Valley in France, where my lifelong love for food began—though, if I'm being honest, cooking started as a bit of an obligation. As the seventh of eight children, time in the kitchen wasn't always optional! But somewhere between peeling potatoes and stirring soups, I discovered the joy that comes from making something delicious and sharing it with others.

My love of adventure and freedom led my husband, two daughters, and me on a six-year sailing journey aboard our 50-foot catamaran, cruising from San Francisco to Chesapeake Bay. Along the way, I collected flavors and recipes from the places we visited, worked in restaurants in Honduras and Guatemala, and even gave a few cooking classes right on the boat.

When we returned to dry land, I went back to culinary school in the Loire Valley and continued my culinary journey through catering, teaching, and baking—especially baking. My home kitchen is often filled with the smell of fresh sourdough, scones, French tarts, and brioches—baking has become one of my greatest joys.

These monthly vegetarian cooking demonstrations are a wonderful way to share some of what I've learned with you. I'll be cooking on two tiny hot plates, so it's more of a watch-and-taste experience than hands-on, but you'll leave with recipes, tips, and fresh inspiration for your own kitchen.

Each month, we'll focus on seasonal ingredients and creative ways to bring fresh flavors to your table—and if you've ever stood at the Farmer's Market eyeing some unusual vegetable and wondering, "What do I do with that?" this class is for you.

In February, we found all kinds of delicious ways to cook with beans. This month, we'll brighten things up with Lemongrass, a fragrant herb that can instantly lift your cooking from the ordinary to something special.

I hope you'll join me — whether you're an experienced cook, a reluctant cook, or simply someone who loves to eat. And if you ever want to gather a few friends for a private cooking class in my home (or yours), feel free to ask. After all, good food is meant to be shared. Join us for a wonderful evening!



### Important Notice for Clubs and Organizations:

Because of electrical panel work in Cribari Center, events scheduled **April 1-4** in the Auditorium and other rooms may be subject to cancellation or reassignment to other venues. Please check The Villager Online for updated information.

## Volunteers, donations sought for Cribari holiday displays

Of the many surprises we enjoy as residents of The Villages, the holiday displays posted at our tree-lined entry are some of the most appreciated. Yet most people drive by with no idea of how these beautiful displays appear month after month. Well, the secret is the work of a small group of willing workers and planners who get together to plan and set up each display, and assure that the lights light and the structures withstand the wind and weather wherever they appear. In short, our beautiful holiday displays are the work of our Cribari residents for our Cribari community.

This year, as the same group prepares for this season of decorations, we find a need to assist the planners and workers with some new participants and offer new members of our community the opportunity to join our group by donating an hour or two in a friendly and satisfying participation as we assemble the holiday's decorative project.

Finally, even if you can't find time to participate in the actual setup of the displays, we hope you may decide to make donations to support the cost of lights or individual items to keep our displays bright and cheerful. The donations may be deposited in the container at each quarterly Cribari District Advisory Committee Meeting or contact Janelle Marines at 408-440-8858. The committee manages these funds for our use.

### Like to write? Join Storytellers group

The Storytellers is a small group of writing enthusiasts that meet once per week every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon**. We take turns reading something we've written such as a poem, a memoir chapter, or a short story. We may also read something we didn't write that we like to share with the group. This is a friendly home social setting and group. We do not critique. If you're interested in joining our group, please contact Marty Funcell at 408-933-8423.



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## Mayor Matt Mahan to speak at Clubhouse

By Arlene Versaw

Each year, Senior Academy showcases a prominent personality in its Harrington Event, a tribute to Richard Harrington, who launched the Senior Academy in 2002.

This year's speaker is none other than San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan who will share with us his current budget priorities and plans for the next four years. This event, on **Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.** in the Clubhouse, is free to all Villagers, but please register at VillagesSA.org or by calling Bev Murphy at 408-613-2499. Light refreshments will be served.

Mahan was elected to the mayor's office in 2023 after previously serving as a San Jose District Councilmember from 2021-2023. Harvard-educated, before taking public office, he was a tech entrepreneur.

Join us for an inside look at Mahan's vision for San Jose's future.



## 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. **Please note:** This event date or location might be affected by electrical repairs. Please check back with the club or view article on The Villager Online for latest updates.

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](mailto:kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com) or text/call 408-827-8860.

## Natalia Aandewiel to demo at Arts and Crafts membership meeting

By Michael Sunzeri

On **Monday, April 7** in the Cribari Conference Room at 1:45 p.m. we have a delightful artist and presentation for all of you at the Arts and Crafts membership meeting. All Villagers are welcomed. We will present Natalia Aandewiel, a Ukrainian trained artist. Natalia will demonstrate her Palette Knife painting which many of us do not practice. It will be an eye-opening experience.

Since the age of 10 she has aspired to follow the arts. Natalia graduated with honors from a special high school for gifted children in Kyiv, Ukraine. She is classically trained, and holds a master's degree in education with a concentration in Fine Arts. She also holds a master's degree from the National Academy of Art and Architecture in Kyiv.

Color, performance, motion and choreography have similar purposes and characteristics, and dance, music, and art meld for her. All this combined leads to its own art form. Further, she is trained in animation. She held her first personal exhibit of more than 50 artworks at the State Historical and Architectural Reserve in Uman, Ukraine.

Natalia was born in Odessa, Ukraine, a seaport, hence she is drawn to water, rocks and sky which make her feel alive. She said life is short, and after experiencing the facts of her personal life like war, loss of freedom, depression, difficult transitions, and personal health issues, Natalia finds art as a stability to help her cope with all that has molded her life. According to Natalia, art is a more than welcomed therapy.

Her life has been changed dramatically, of which we probably cannot comprehend but she is focused, experienced, driven, and Natalia has an engaging personality that will draw you in as she magically transforms a bland canvas into visual serenity.

Do join us for this engaging demonstration. You can see more of Natalia's artwork on her Instagram page and other media.



## Arts and Crafts to present Terri Ford pastels exhibit

By Michael Sunzeri

On Tuesday, April 8, Arts and Crafts will exhibit the vibrant pastel work of Villager Terri Ford. Some of us have never seen her art. Here is a chance to enjoy many pieces all at once in the Cribari Conference room, through July 15.

A native Californian and alumnus of the Academy of Art College, Terri realized a deep connection with pastels in 1987 and has worked with them since in studio and in plein air. Her paintings are representational, some impressionistic, others more realistic. Her greatest inspiration is capturing landscapes' ever changing light and conditions.

Her work has earned her top awards in many exhibitions and venues such as The National Arts Club in New York, The Butler Fine Art Museum, The Triton Museum of Art, Autry Museum, The Haggin Museum and more. She has received numerous excellence awards and soon, Pastel Laureate status from the Pastel Society of the West Coast. Ford's pastels have been featured in American Art Collector, American Artist, Fine Art Connoisseur, Pratique des Arts and in several coffee table books, including Art Journal America, Plein Air New Mexico and the French art book "40 Maitres de Pasteles." Her pastel paintings have gained national and international recognition, as proved by her achievement of Master Circle status in the International Association of Pastel Societies, and her subsequent acceptance of the Eminent Pastelist Award by the same group.

Ford is a Master Pastelist with The Pastel Society of America and "Distinguished Pastelist" with the Pastel Society of the West Coast and Pastel Society of New Mexico, and an artist member of the California Art Club. She was the "Invitee de Honor" of the Art du Pastel France in 2017. She is a popular instructor and jurist across the U.S. and abroad.

## Take a Beginning Ceramics class

Learn Ceramics with Deborah Strauss and Kathy Tanaka in May. Come join the fun and play with clay in the ceramics room. Learn the basics of hand-building, slab work, molds and glazes in this five-week class on **Thursdays starting May 8 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.** No experience necessary, we'll supply everything you need. Space is limited for this beginning ceramics class. For more information or to register for this class, visit our website at [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com) or email [villagesceramics@gmail.com](mailto:villagesceramics@gmail.com)



## ‘Music is Life’ —Roberta Wolfe shares joy of Village Voices

At the performances of the Spring 2025 program “Live Love Sing,” on **May 2** and **4**, Voices alto Roberta Wolfe will be sharing the gift of music with the Villages community as she has for over a decade. Music lifts Roberta up, and she loves music. In the past she had sung in the church choir and glee club, so shortly after she moved to The Villages, she joined Voices. In addition to sharing music with others, it was the no-audition invitation that encouraged Roberta to join the Voices. Little did she know that from that first day Roberta would begin an immediate and wonderful friendship with people such as Charlotte Lazar, a long-time Voices member—another benefit of becoming involved. Charlotte, who passed away in 2021, did the decor for Voices social functions and the staging decor for Voices performances. She invested



Roberta Wolfe

many hours and dollars, and donated her creative talents in contribution to Voices performances.

Roberta enjoys sharing music with the community and with her family. She acknowledges the talented contribution of Voices Director Catherine Ellacer and Pianist Tammy Welsh who get the most out of the group, that they take a new crop of Voices every season from all new music to performance-ready, from thinking “How will we ever get through all of this music?” to standing in front of the community and seeing the joy on the faces of the audience as they connect with the music. Roberta also volunteers her time as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Villages Music Society, the organization under whose auspices the Voices are able to provide a live choral experience for the community. Roberta wants you to know that if you miss this, you will really be missing out. Please join us **May 2 and 4 at 2:30 p.m.** (doors open at 2 p.m. each time) for our Spring 2025 program “Live Love Sing,”



Charlotte Lazar

an uplifting selection of music that will leave you inspired and renewed. Tickets are on sale now. Contact one of the Voices, or go to [villagesmusicsociety.org/voices](http://villagesmusicsociety.org/voices)

## Join LSAL Fitness Club to help reduce stress



Exercise triggers the release of hormones that elevate mood, reduce stress, and significantly boost emotional well-being. The Live Stronger and Longer (LSAL) Walking/Chair Dancing class can help you strengthen and improve balance and cognitive functions, achieve fitness goals, and make new friends. Let us help you feel, look, and move better to maintain your independence. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet **Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*. Sign up in class.

**Please note:** Current repairs in Cribari may affect the first week of classes in April. Please check with club for updates.

## Myra Dytko to speak at Villages Veterans meeting



Mira Dytko in Lviv, Ukraine in August 2023.

On **Tuesday, April 1 at 2 p.m.**, The Villages Veterans Club will have its monthly meeting in Foot-hill Center. All Members and Villagers are welcome to attend. U.S. Marine coffee and cookies will be available. The speaker will be Villager Mira Dytko, who will talk about her native Ukraine and its history, especially its relationship with Russia and the current war. Following her talk, she will entertain questions from the audience.

Mrs. Dyko was born in the city of Lviv, located in western Ukraine.

Her parents were farmers who suffered during the German invasion in WWII. For a while, three German soldiers occupied their home and even a Russian soldier wounded her mother. Mira attended Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Russia and earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geophysics. She then earned her Master’s and a Ph.D. in Geology (Stratigraphy and Paleontology) at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Lviv. After immigrating to Canada, she took some post-graduate courses in Science and Technology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She then married an American and ended up in California. Unfortunately, soon after moving to The Villages, he passed away. She has a daughter that has served in the U.S. Army and now lives nearby. Mira has worked in the Tech industry as a Technical Writer and Manager here in Silicon Valley for several companies in addition to taking courses through San Jose State and UC Santa Cruz.

She still has relatives in Ukraine and tries to return periodically to visit and bring things that are in need there. She has dual citizenship which allows her more flexibility in her travel. The last time she was there she was close to where Russian artillery shells were landing. She has been able to keep regular contact with relatives and friends in Ukraine, so she will also be providing their perception of the current status.

## News from the Riding Club

By Jane Derow

Welcome City Girl, a striking Oldenburg mare, to The Villages barn! This elegant beauty, standing tall and proud, is settling in wonderfully and preparing for her 20th birthday celebration with her new equine companions on March 30. City Girl is owned by Dove Butler, a new resident of Sonata, who brings a wealth of equestrian experience to our community. Dove’s passion for breeding and showing horses spans more than 35 years, resulting in a lineage of champions. Among them is City Girl, who earned the prestigious title of “Champion Mare” at the GAIG/USDFBC Region 7 Championships at Rancho Murieta, California in 2011.



City Girl winning “Champion Mare” title.

The Oldenburg breed boasts a rich history, tracing its origins back to the 17th century. Count Anton Günther von Oldenburg’s vision of blending robust working horses with refined stallions from Spain, Italy, and the Orient laid the groundwork for these magnificent animals. This careful breeding produced powerful and elegant carriage horses, highly prized by European nobility and merchants.

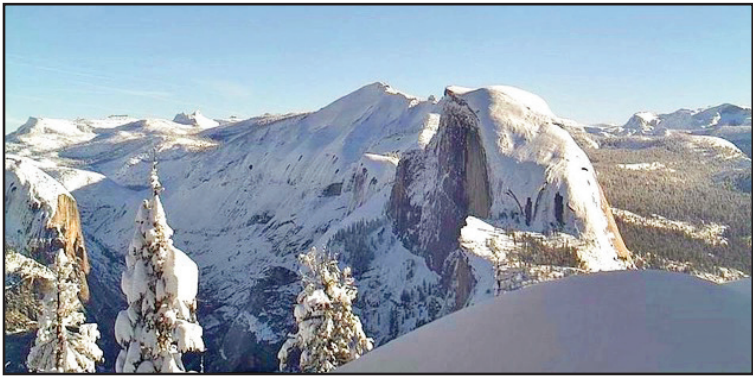
Known for their calm demeanor and people-oriented nature, Oldenburgs are truly exceptional horses. City Girl perfectly embodies these traits. She’s gentle, affectionate, and particularly fond of children.

Next time you’re at the barn, be sure to stop by and say hello – she’d love to meet you!



City Girl at two weeks old.

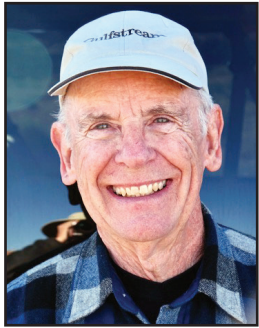
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## Take visual tour of Yosemite with Jerry Gililand

Jerry Gililand will take us on a visual tour of four scenic locations in Yosemite National Park: the ancient giant sequoias of Mariposa Grove, Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows. In his youth, Jerry worked three summers at Yosemite. In his over 200 visits, he has hiked every trail and has conquered Half Dome multiple times.

Jerry is familiar to many Villagers as he has exhibited and sold his photographs at multiple Villages art shows. Jerry recently returned to living in The Villages as he missed the people.



The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

## 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!

## VMA to present 'Your Health, Hearing & Untreated Hearing Loss'

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Programs

Dinner bubbled with laughter and lively conversation. All leaned in—except for my friend who kept saying, “What did they say? I missed it.” For those with untreated hearing loss, social gatherings—and just ordinary chit-chat—can be gut-wrenching. Loretta (Lori) Coyle, a licensed hearing aid dispenser, will present “Your Health, Hearing, and Untreated Hearing Loss” on **Wednesday, March 26** in Sequoia, from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. A frequent visitor to The Villages, Lori provides complimentary hearing screenings and Hearing Aid Cleaning and repair in Montgomery Center every other month. “I believe that changing people’s lives by helping them hear better is a most rewarding service,” said Lori, who has a background in healthcare. In her one-hour talk, Lori will cover:

- Reasons to check your hearing • Facts about hearing loss
- Relationship between the brain and the ear
- Impacts of untreated hearing loss physical, emotionally, socially, and cognitively
- Relation of hearing loss and cognitive decline • Benefits of wearing hearing aids

Research shows that people wait an average of seven years before they seek meaningful help for hearing loss that they are aware they are experiencing. Regardless of the reason—pride, stigma, perceived cost, denial, if you have untreated hearing loss, you are locking yourself into a smaller life with each passing day. Liberate yourself and your loved ones. Get the facts. Register for a complimentary screening available on site and at Lori’s office. Enjoy social gatherings, friendly chatter, and family banter with gusto.

The first step is signing up for the “Sign up for Your Health, Hearing, and Untreated Hearing Loss” workshop. Visit <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club> and click on “Register for Programs” and follow prompts. Or call the office at 408-238-4029.



Lori Coyle

## 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.



## Bingo: afternoon date change

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. **Note:** The afternoon Bingo scheduled for **April 2** has been cancelled. The next one will be held on May 7.



## 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**



## 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.



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

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 jameswware@outlook.com.

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

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday—one week before publication

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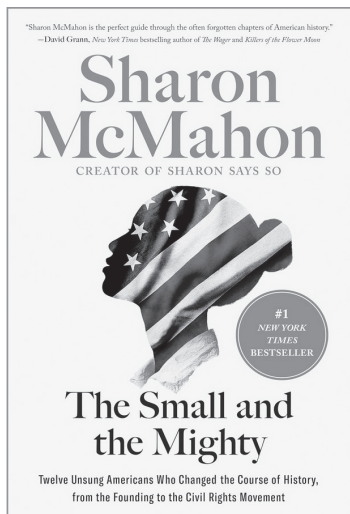
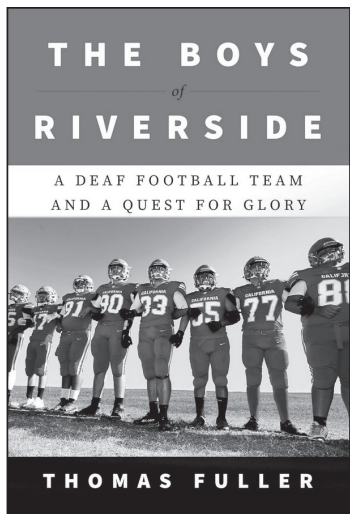
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## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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



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:

**"The Boys of Riverside" by Thomas Fuller.** Publisher's description: "In November 2021, an obscure email from the California Department of Education landed in New York Times reporter, Thomas Fuller's, inbox. The football team at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, a state-run school with only 168 high school students, was having an undefeated season. After years of covering war, wildfires, pandemic, and mass shootings, Fuller was captivated by the story of this group of high school boys. It was uplifting. During the gloom of the pandemic, it was a happy story. It was a sports story but not an ordinary one, built on the chemistry between a group of underestimated boys and their superhero advocate coach, Keith Adams, a deaf former athlete himself. The team, and Adams, tackled the many stereotypes and seemed to be succeeding. 'The Boys of Riverside' looks back at the historic 2021 and 2022 seasons in which the California School for the Deaf chased history."

**"The Small and Mighty" by Sharon McMahon.** Publisher's description: "In 'The Small and the Mighty,' Sharon McMahon proves that the most remarkable Americans are often ordinary people who didn't make it into the textbooks. Not the presidents, but the telephone operators. Not the aristocrats, but the schoolteachers. Through meticulous research, she discovers history's unsung characters and brings their rich, riveting stories to light for the first time. You'll meet a woman astride a white horse riding down Pennsylvania Ave, a young boy detained at a Japanese incarceration camp, a formerly enslaved woman on a mission to reunite with her daughter, a poet on a train, and a teacher who learns to work with her enemies. More than one thing is bombed, and multiple people surprisingly become rich. Some rich with money, and some wealthy with things that matter more."

## VMA: Chat over Cookies & See What Your Phone Says

By Barbara F. Zahner, Health Programs

"Sorry, could you repeat that number?"

Try as you might, you miss numbers, dates, moments, and messages in your phone calls. Elli Tehrani, specialist for Clear Captions, wants to treat you to cookies and conversation about a free service (for those who qualify) that offers real-time captioning as you speak on the telephone. This service is free for those who qualify. With this feature on your cell and home phone, you can:

- Stay connected and read (and re-read) the words of your loved ones.
- Have clearer phone conversations catching every word.
- Maintain your independence and not need help with phone calls.

In short in real time, you will see what you and your caller say over the phone. You will also have an emergency weather alert system from FEMA.

ClearCaptions is free for customers who are qualified through Title IV of the Americans for Disability Act. These laws were created so people with hearing loss disabilities can access their phone calls. Telephone companies and internet providers contribute to the fund to help service providers such as ClearCaptions make this service available to you.

Ready to learn more and enjoy cookies and conversation? Join Elli Tehrani on **Wednesday, April 2** in the Sequoia Room from **1 to 2 p.m.** This event is sponsored by the VMA.

Elli needs to know how many dozens of cookies to bring. Reserve your spot now, either online at <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club> and clicking on "Register for Programs" or by calling the VMA office at 408-238-4029.



## Join the Folksters—a group of villagers who enjoy folk music

By Harriet Fernandez

Do you recall the folk singing era of the '50s and '60s? And did you enjoy The Kingston Trio, John Denver, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell—to name just a few?

There is a group here in The Villages called The Folksters that has been around for more than 15 years! We have instrumentalists who sing and lead us, and many who just sing along and even some who just come to listen and enjoy! Singing talent and ability is definitely not required, just the desire to relax and enjoy the songs of the Folk Singing Era. We are a very casual and welcoming group, and no "singing talent or ability" is necessary.

So, consider stopping by and seeing if you might enjoy joining us. We welcome all instrumentalists and singers. We have a song book with more than 60 songs and we just go around the room and choose songs to sing. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. for about 90 minutes. Usually we meet at the Vineyard Center except a few times when this locale is not available. We all sit around a large square table. Song books are available to use and borrow. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center.

Any questions? Contact me at 408-440-2381 or [harriet@sequoia-partners.com](mailto:harriet@sequoia-partners.com)



## Join Community Chapel Hymn Sing



If you enjoy singing Christian hymns and especially Easter hymns, be sure to come to the Villages Community Chapel Hymn Sing on **Sunday evening, April 6 at 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. You will join other singers and are encouraged to request your favorite hymns from the hymnals which will be provided. In addition to enjoying and sharing a musical evening, you are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments at the conclusion of the singing. Plan to bring a friend and get an early start on Holy Week music.

## Calling all Bakers!

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association needs your cookies. Please donate two dozen (or more) homemade cookies for fundraiser cookie sale at Art in the Park. If you're a baker, make your best cookies (not cupcakes or brownies) and bring them to Vineyard Center on **Friday, April 11 between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** We will package them in cute cellophane bags and sell them at Art in the Park on Saturday, April 12. The Villages Arts & Crafts Association is a non-profit organization that supports the Arts in The Villages. Your cookies will help support the free events hosted by the club. Please and thank you in advance. For more information, contact Suzanne Ferris [sferris@stanford.edu](mailto:sferris@stanford.edu)



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Active	8738 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,305	2	2 1	\$1,698,000	25		\$736.66	
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Active	8673 French Oak Drive	1,675	2	2 0	\$975,000	CS		\$582.09	
Active	3123 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,855	2	2 0	\$975,000	4		\$525.61	
Active	6155 Montgomery Place	1,520	2	2 0	\$950,000	27		\$625.00	
Active	8067 Winery Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$879,888	4		\$560.08	
Active	6142 Montgomery Place	1,307	2	2 0	\$850,000	8		\$650.34	
Active	7510 Deveron Court	1,509	2	2 0	\$819,000	CS		\$542.74	
Active	8461 Traminer Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$799,999	59		\$486.03	
Active	7835 Prestwick Circle	1,265	2	2 0	\$799,990	16		\$632.40	
Active	7219 Via Sendero	1,588	2	2 0	\$785,000	9		\$494.33	
Active	7314 VIA LAGUNA	1,781	2	2 0	\$757,000	CS		\$425.04	
Active	8408 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,497	2	2 0	\$749,889	54		\$500.93	
Active	8009 Pinot Noir Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$728,888	35		\$442.82	
Active	7248 Via Mimosa	1,386	2	2 0	\$718,400	46		\$518.33	
Active	5302 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$525,000	25		\$429.27	
Active	5437 Cribari Green	1,240	2	2 0	\$520,000	15		\$419.35	
Active	5183 Cribari Knolls	1,223	2	2 0	\$519,000	64		\$424.37	
Active	5189 Cribari Hills	1,223	2	2 0	\$515,000	2		\$421.10	
Active	5324 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$498,888	5		\$407.92	
Active	5429 Cribari Court	947	1	1 0	\$478,888	2		\$505.69	
Active	5461 Cribari Green	947	1	1 0	\$475,000	4		\$501.58	
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Sold	8457 Traminer Court	1,497	2	2 0	\$649,000	79	\$649,000	\$433.53	2/21/2025
Sold	7574 Portree Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$690,000	60	\$680,000	\$450.63	2/7/2025
Sold	8112 Cabernet Court	1,365	2	2 0	\$655,000	2	\$690,000	\$505.49	2/21/2025
Sold	7334 Via Laguna	1,442	2	2 0	\$724,988	16	\$715,000	\$495.84	2/28/2025
Sold	7684 Galloway Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$779,000	20	\$755,000	\$500.33	2/7/2025
Sold	8097 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$824,950	27	\$800,000	\$443.70	2/28/2025
Sold	6047 Montgomery Bend	1,616	2	2 0	\$925,000	6	\$965,000	\$597.15	2/14/2025
Sold	8708 Lomas Azules Place	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,300,000	52	\$1,200,000	\$587.37	2/4/2025

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	22 ↓ from 24	1,482	\$798,901	21 ↓		\$527 ↓
Cont/Pend	16 ↑ from 7	1,463	\$771,893	16 ↓		\$523 ↓
Sold	9 ↓ from 10	1,556	\$786,326	30 ↓	\$775,889	\$494 ↑

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## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

### 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

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



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., March 24 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

### Villages Religious Services

#### Weekly:

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

#### Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. <b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7 p.m. <b>Jewish Shabbat</b>	Foothill
	Next date: TBA	
	Contact: Bob Lapidus	408-693-9498
	Judy London	650-469-9624

**Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!**

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

*‘You may never know... until you know’*

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There are people you meet who appear to be happy all the time. Their smiles seem to light up the room, and if you are having a challenging day, you begin to think less of your situation. To look at them, you would never realize they are under duress because of their health, family, or the grief of a loved one.

By observation only, you would never know the pain that has helped shape their lives and given them a reason to look at life differently than the average person. We may meet them on the golf course, in the bistro, at the market, or even at a church service. If you ask them what their secret and positive attitude is, the answer would be that they are happy just to be alive.

Let's not forget others who seem to be living life constantly looking in the rearview mirror and seldom looking for reasons to approach life on the upside. Perhaps you have met or know someone who is struggling to get a handle on life's challenges. They stand out wherever they go because the weight of their struggles is written on their face. We understand that living in a broken world, we will sometimes face tremendous challenges.

While the cost of kindness is never devalued, there are always opportunities to be kind. Kindness is a spiritual discipline; we are never left alone without a chance to be kind to someone.

One day, while sitting in the Bistro, a lady struggled to put her arm into her coat sleeve while talking to the gentleman with her, trying to get his walker. A person near them went over to help her with her coat. Shocked and pleasantly surprised, she turned around, smiled, and said, "Thanks."

You and I can help others see the light at the end of the tunnel by taking advantage of opportunities to be kind. After all, the day may come when you need kindness from others.

Ephesians 4:32 TLB: *"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ."*

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](http://www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)

## Join Community Chapel Hymn Sing

If you enjoy singing Christian hymns and especially Easter hymns, be sure to come to the Villages Community Chapel Hymn Sing on **Sunday evening, April 6 at 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. You will join other singers and are encouraged to request your favorite hymns from the hymnals which will be provided. In addition to enjoying and sharing a musical evening, you are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments at the conclusion of the singing. Plan to bring a friend and get an early start on Holy Week music.



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### The Story of St. Patrick

By Msgr. Eugene O'Donnell

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain around 390 AD. He was the son of Calpornius, a deacon and grandson of a priest. When he was 16, he was captured by a raiding party from Ireland and was taken there as a slave. He spent six years in captivity in harsh conditions until he heard a voice telling him that ship was ready to take him to freedom.



He landed in Gaul, present day France, and spent 28 days journeying through that country before coming to safety, probably in Auxerre, south of Paris, where Bishop Germanus resided.

Patrick wrote two pieces, one was his Confessions, the other a letter to Coroticus, and from them we get Patrick's account of his life. He does not tell us how he was trained to be a priest, and how he was ordained a bishop. But the church was established to a degree within the Roman Empire at that time and he could have received preparation in a number of places, including with Germanus.

At home, in Britain, he heard a voice calling him to Ireland. "We ask you, boy, come and walk once more among us." Patrick answered this call and spent the rest of his days preaching the gospel to the Irish outside the Roman Empire,

He faced many challenges from druids and brehons who had their own spheres of power, from local chieftains, from lawless robbers who took him captive. He had to learn Gaelic. Despite the obstacles, like St. Paul, he continued his work and baptized thousands of converts during his lifetime until his death in 461AD.

He is associated with many places in Ireland: Croagh Patrick, in Mayo, where there is an annual pilgrimage, Armagh, where he was Bishop. He was buried in Downpatrick, and he is associated with Lough Derg, a place of penance and pilgrimage, and other places including Glastonbury in Somerset, England.

Patrick was an apostle to the Irish, bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to them by preaching and example. They accepted the faith, practiced it and integrated it into their lives and culture. They also shared it with other peoples, in Britain, Europe and throughout the world.

Patrick planted a seed that has grown into a large tree where the birds of the air come to build their nests in places near and far. We remember St. Patrick especially on March 17.

# SPORTS NEWS

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Chris Leisy

Rain, rain go away, please come back some other day. That's exactly what has been happening this week. Thursday was our annual Charity Day. It was cancelled due to rain, wind and hail. The Charity this year was for UCSF Melanoma and Skin Cancer—something that is close to all of us. We had lunch in spite of the rain. Maggie Putnam from UCSF joined us and shared the importance of this research. Our very generous group donated \$3370. Thank you, Holly Macgowan and Diana Hallock for all your hard work.

March 15 was our inaugural 2025 Saturday Tournament. Due to the weather, Mary Wagle decided for us to play 9 holes. We will see the results next week. Afterward everyone will go to Diana Hallock's house for a baked potato bar and Mary's homemade chili.

Next big event is guest day on March 27. It is not too late to find a guest and join the fun. You can consider asking your invitational guest. April 3 is Captain Trophy Day. We will be resuming our 8:30 a.m. tee time when bunkers are complete. Now it's time to sign up for Beat the Pro. It is on April 17.

Everyone is getting excited about this year's 2025 invitational, Viva Las Villages. Mazie Rice, Co Captain, and her team are working hard. The dates are June 18-20. Applications are now available.

Hope the rain stops soon so we can enjoy playing golf on our beautiful golf course.

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

What a gorgeous golf day last Tuesday. Hope you all had your sunscreen on when you were out there in this "strange" yellow stuff...lol. Good thing we golfed Tuesday because the rain is coming again.

So today, March 11, was half of our birthday games. Happy birthday to Joyce Baptiste, Dee Garfinkle and Karen Rooney. Since they got to drop their worst hole score, they all aced their flights. Happy Birthday again, Shonis.

We had a guest golfer today, Colleen Bone and hopefully she had a good time and will be back for some more Shoni golf.

We also had three qualifiers today: Game 2 for Marie Colaizzi and Linda McChesney. Game 1 for Linda Foster who also joined us today.

Putting for Pesos winners today were Manoli Kelly and Meg Rogers. Congratulations and look for that extra dollar in your June sweeps envelope.

The Birdie pot was all new today and Marty Blinde took all those quarters home when she birdied hole #5. Nice golfing, Marty.

Congratulations to our newest American citizen, Sabrina Malcolmson.

## PICKLEBALL

Did you make it to the Pickleball Aloha Party? We had an amazing time on Friday night, with a stellar turnout, incredible food, and many of us danced the night away! We heard that some people were not quite up to par playing on Saturday morning... they had too much fun and sore feet from staying on the dance floor all night!



Michelle McQuay organized an incredible evening. The menu was delicious, the Clubhouse outdid themselves. The decorations were phenomenal, thanks in no small part to her excellent team consisting of Diane & Kyle Finley, Tina Parsley, Arthur & Cindy Yu, Sharon & Reggie Smith, and Anita Curren. They transformed the Clubhouse into an island paradise, what a transformation! Our MC for the night was Anahid Gregg, who tried her best to fill Michelle's shoes.

Music was provided by Phil 'N the Blanks, and the dance floor was crowded with people getting down all night. After the early birds left, the crowds may have thinned out, but many dancers stayed strong until the end.

All in all, a wonderful time was had. Make sure to put this event on your calendar for next year – every year Michelle manages to outdo herself, we can't wait to see what's planned next!

We've uploaded a few photos, but make sure to check back next week since there will be many more added. Did you take photos? Please send them to pickleballvgcc@gmail.com so we can include them! Please visit <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/> and click on Photos in the toolbar to view the photo gallery!



Maggie Putnam from UCSF presenting this year's charity cause—Melanoma and Skin Cancer.

## TENNIS TALK

### All Villagers invited to Tennis Club Open House

By Sherry Benz

The Tennis Club's Open House is right around the corner, open to all Villagers, and you won't want to miss it! Join us on the courts **Tuesday, March 25** from **1 to 3:30 p.m.** for an afternoon of exciting activity planned by our Villages Tennis Professional, Brett Foreman. He describes it as "Tennis Olympics with a Carnival Theme." Not sure if there will be medals or stuffed animals, but you'll have fun trying! Come shod in tennis shoes. Racquets are available. There will be games, prizes, and the traditional strawberry shortcake. No reservations needed. No cost. If you have questions, contact Betty Olsen ([betty\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:betty_olsen@yahoo.com) or 801-361-5591) or Michael Castle ([mcastle152@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcastle152@sbcglobal.net) or 516-554-4796).

Jump Start kicks off at the Open House. It's the perfect program for anyone from a beginner to a "rustie." Thanks to our Villager "experts," Mike and Gail Tuft, Roy Pennington, and Peggy Seidel, who are returning to help you improve your skills. They are some of the best players in our club and have a wealth of information to share. Jump Start will meet on successive Tuesday afternoons beginning April 1 from 5 to 6 p.m. Don't have a racquet? No worry, we have racquets donated by our members and we would love to give you one. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, and meet others at your playing level and... all at no charge. If you have questions, contact Sherry Benz ([sabenz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sabenz@sbcglobal.net) or 408-887-5497).

The VTL (Villagers Tennis League) kicked off on March 19. Thanks to Jim Murphy, Roy Pennington and Peggy Seidel for organizing this mixed doubles program. It is such fun to be on the court with lots of different players. If you are interested, it's not too late. Call Roy Pennington (505-410-3449 or [rpenn1700@aol.com](mailto:rpenn1700@aol.com)).

Betty Olsen's 65/7.0 team is underway. Our next home match on **Friday, March 21 at 10:45 a.m.** is a make-up due to rain against Imperial Tennis Club from Aptos. Come cheer us on!

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**Saturdays 10 a.m.- 11 a.m.++**

\$40 per Clinic per person.

Sign up for one or two clinics or all six...as many or as few as you want. Limited to the first eight (8) students per class.

**April 12 - Chipping & Pitching**

Get it Close to the Hole

**April 19 - Greenside Sand Bunkers**

Get the Ball Out in ONE Shot Every Time

**April 26 - Putting**

Master Lag Putts, Short Putts and Everything in Between

**May 10 - Specialty Short Shots**

High Lob, Downhill, Uphill, Thick Rough Conducted on the Par-3 Course

**May 17 - Full Swing**

Flush it Off the Fairway – Irons, Hybrids & Fairway Woods

**May 24 - Driver**

Hit it Long and Straight Off the Tee – GC Quad to measure your distance

Together we can accomplish your new year's resolution to improve your golf game in 2025! Sign up in the Pro Shop Now



# SCOREBOARD

## BRIDGE

**Monday, March 3:**

1. Alan Waltho  
- Maureen Waltho
2. Hanhi Min  
- Jonna Robinson
3. Mary LeGrand  
- Selma Chastaine

**Wednesday, March 5:**

1. Art Lind  
- Jonna Robinson
2. Donna Ericson  
- Lorrie Scott
3. Alan Waltho  
- Maureen Waltho

**Friday, March 7:**

1. Ed Logg  
- Jonna Robinson
2. Mary LeGrand – Guest
3. Lorrie Scott - Guest

**Monday, March 10:**

1. Art Lind - Hanhi Min;  
Jan Kiernan  
- Sumi Minami
3. Donna Erickson  
- Mary LeGrand

**Friday, March 14:**

1. Lorrie Scott – Guest
2. Hanhi Min  
- George Welch
3. Carol Reid  
- Bash Singh

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Wednesday, March 5**

Eva Medeiros	134
Sylvia Rozewicz	221
Maribeth Berlie	262
Shirley Bellavance	266

**Friday, March 7**

Shirley Bellavance	175
Beverly Wharton	248
Bonnie Barrett	277
Kitty Heston	284

**Wednesday, March 12**

Shirley Bellavance	194
Maribeth Berlie	251
Bev Waller-Wharton	252
Sylvia Rozewicz	253

**Friday, March 14**

Sylvia Rozewicz	155
Kitty Heston	235
Remy Pessah	236

## SHONIS



**Tuesday, March 11**

All Nets

**Flight One:**

1. Joyce Baptiste	17
2. Marty Blinde	19
3. Betty Hall	24

**Flight Two:**

1. Karen Rooney	19
2. Schinae Ogihara	24
3. Peggy White	25

**Flight Three:**

1. Dee Garfinkle	16
2. Leslie Ingham	21
3. MaryAnn Haggerty	27

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## BOCCE NEWS



### Spring Round Robin Tournament Ready, Set, Roll!



Dates: May 12 - June 20  
Playoff Dates: June 23 & 24  
Championship Match: June 25  
Game Times: Mondays,  
Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

Whether you're a returning team ready to pick up where you left off or a new player or team looking to jump in and join the fun, the Spring Round Robin is the perfect opportunity to get involved! This is a great way to enjoy friendly competition, meet fellow players, and make the most of the season. All skill levels are welcome – so captains, gather your team, or sign up as an individual and we'll help you find a spot. Let's make this spring one to remember!

**Signup Deadline: April 24**

**To Register:**

Captains, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Captains-Signup>  
Individuals, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Individuals-Signup>

For more information, contact: Tom Hunt –  
408-205-0313 or [tom.villages@gmail.com](mailto:tom.villages@gmail.com)  
Roll, Laugh, and Compete all season long!



### Bocce Spring Mixer BBQ Championship Lunch

We're grilling hamburgers for our first  
Championship Lunch on **Wednesday, April 23,**  
at Gazebo Park. Lunch starts at **11:30 a.m.**

The cost is \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Reservations are required and will be  
charged to your house #.

The deadline for reserving your place is **April 19,**  
no refunds after April 22, no shows will be charged.

#### MENU

Hamburgers with all the Fixin's  
Garden salad with Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing

Tortellini Pasta Salad

Spud Puppies with Ketchup

Assorted Fruit Slab Pie

Place settings & water provided.

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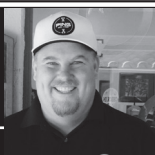
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Save the date: Bocce Club BBQ on June 7.  
Watch for details.

### Business Card Ads

**Call 408-223-4655**

## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**New Demos available now in the Pro Shop!**

New **Cobra DS Adapt** Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids...Used by Max Homa, Rickie Fowler and Lexi Thompson

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**

**Taylor Made - Friday, April 11, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** The Qi35 is ideal for a wide array of golfing abilities. It delivers explosive distance and unbelievable forgiveness. The Qi35 driver features five strategic materials in its construction: chromium carbon, steel, aluminum, tungsten and titanium. They all work together to deliver unparalleled performance from the tee. The Qi35 Trajectory Adjustment System has two movable weights that allow golfers to achieve optimal spin and shot shape control. In the weight-back position, dispersion is 13% tighter, and in the weight-forward position, the club provides five additional yards of distance. The Qi35 driver's high inertia head incorporates a full suite of proven TaylorMade technologies including Twist Face™, Thru-Slot Speed Pocket™, a 4° loft sleeve, and an Infinity Carbon Crown making maximizing performance from anywhere on the clubface.

**PING - Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** The new PING G440 series is the most forgiving and longest club PING has ever designed. The G440 has a hotter face to generate speed and distance, and a lighter overall system weight with a longer shaft (46") for faster clubhead speed, higher launch and longer carries. The Free Hosel and Carbonfly Wrap crown save weight to create our lowest CG ever and increase forgiveness while contributing to a more muted, pleasing sound.

**Please 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 most of the manufacturers allow you to trade in your old equipment for credit towards your new equipment.

**Bunker Renovation Project**

**At the time of writing this article the project has been on hold due to rain on March 12 and 13. Holes #10, #11 & #12 are currently closed and under construction. Holes #12, #15, #18 are currently closed and under construction. Based on the weather, we will start construction on Hole #13 sometime in the next week to 10-days...so it's TBD.**

**Once determined, we will communicate any further hole closures.**

The project is being expedited so that we can re-open 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 newly re-opened holes, 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 22** – Korean Club 12 p.m. tee times

**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 equipment 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.

*(Continued on next column)*

**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](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)**

## WOMEN'S 9-HOLE



By Vicki Krattli

The bunker project is moving along although slowed by this week's rain. I thought you might like to see two holes that might make you smile. This first picture is hole 11 where the right front bunker is becoming a grassy knoll. The second picture is hole 15 where the right front bunker is no more than a grassy area. Thank you, Mike Poellot.

Our flight winners for Tuesday were:

**Flight One** – Barbara Nielsen (-4), Gloria Lowry, Susan Anderson, Barbara Weisend, Suzy Kim, Lolovic Shaw, Liiwan Ma, and Vicki Krattli.



**Flight Two**—Linda Piersol (-8), Terry Holmquist, Josephine Chan, Madeline Naftzger, Won Cha, Judy Frey, Betty Garcia, and Joy Rem.

It was a beautiful day to get a game in before the atmospheric river arrived.

We will be implementing the lunch program on April 15. It is the same format as the 18 Hole Ladies lunch program. The signup sheets will be at the table when you pick up your cards. We will offer this once a month to see how it goes, and we can add additional Tuesdays. To assist me in getting this up and running, please tell Gisele what you would like to see on the lunch menu. I know many of you are staying for lunch so please let me know what you like.

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

Swingers Golf / Sweeps /

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

Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Captain's Trophy



The Villages

## MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

### Spring Open



**When:** Saturday, April 12, 2025  
**What:** Stableford  
 MGC Members *only*. No Guest or Spouses  
**Format:** Stableford, 4-Man Teams, 2BB, Flighted  
**Signup:** March 29 through April 10. Sign up with the pro shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.  
**Handicaps:** 100% of April 10 Handicap  
**Flights:** Flighted, depending on the number of players  
**Tees:** #4/3 Combo, or #3 based on Flight  
**Tee Times:** 8 a.m. Shotgun  
**Scorecard:** Turn in signed and attested scorecard to the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop will post the scores.  
**Cost:** \$50 – This includes green fees and sweeps Coffee and Donuts from 6:45 to 8 a.m.

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### Real Estate

**This week there are 23 active sales and 16 pending.** Ok, it is still a slight buyers' market. Prices are still staying stable. The maximum remodels go fast and obviously sell for more.

**It has been proven: Don't go overboard on color when selling a home.**

Recently I was a witness to the difficulty of selling a home with bold colors on the walls. A Village home had beautiful remodeling but also dark, bold colors. I showed this home to several buyers. It was priced well for the improvements that it had. Though it should have sold immediately, it sat on the market for some time. I found a buyer for it, but their first action was to neutralize some of the wall color and this from a buyer that creates art that is more colorful than I have ever seen. She could see through the color, but my other buyers could not. Seeing so many agents' cards on the counter over several months gives way to the fact that most buyers could not see through that color.

**The most off-putting Interior Colors for home buyers in 2025?** According to the California Association of Realtors Design Editor, these are the colors that don't cut it:

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## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

### Upcoming Events

**April 12 is Spring Open** - Stableford, 2BB, four-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

**Email Problems**—We have been actively working on trying to solve the email issues with the MGC database and we believe at this point we have a viable solution. Many thanks go out to **David Cook and Kyle Finley** for all the help and expertise in resolving this issue and finding an effective solution. If you are still not receiving emails from the Villages Men's Golf Club, please drop me a note and we will try to find the cause. Contact me at 408 209-8172 or bubmoo@comcast.net

**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 **April 1, 2025**.

Also, remember to visit our website at [villagesgolfers.com](http://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.

## Introducing the new Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor and Simulator!



The Villages is proud to introduce a new addition to the Villages Golf Operations Professional Instruction and Fitting Programs. Thank you to the Villages Club Board for the new Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor.

The Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor uses high-speed, high-resolution cameras to capture and measure golf ball data such as ball speed, launch angle, and spin rates.

We also included three upgrade options:

1. The Golf Club Add On which enables the GC Quad to capture/measure club data (club-head speed, contact efficiency/Smash Factor, face angle, club path, attack angle, loft/lie).

2. The Essential Putting Analysis (EPA) allows the GC Quad to measure both ball and club data for putting.

3. FSX Play Module – Foresight Sports Experience - FSX PLAY is the newest simulation software from Foresight - You can practice, compete, or play 3D simulation golf. This feature will be introduced when we re-model the Pro Shop which will include the addition of a Club Fitting and Golf Simulator Studio.

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

We will be launching this program sometime in February 2025. More information to follow.



# FEATURES

## *The Roots of Evergreen series*

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

This month's installment is about the "Father of Basic Flying," John J. Montgomery.

## *John Montgomery—The local aviation pioneer that history nearly forgot*

The second oldest village in The Villages bears the name of a local aviation pioneer who was cut short in his rise to international fame by a tragic test flight accident that claimed his life. John Joseph Montgomery (1858-1911) was an inventor, physicist, engineer and professor at Santa Clara University, best known for his aerodynamic research on controlled, heavier-than-air flying machines. Many of the tests of his gliders (which he referred to as "aeroplanes") took place within a couple miles of The Villages on Montgomery Hill, now adjacent to the Evergreen Valley College.

In words on a historic marker in Aptos, California, Montgomery's history is summed up in one concluding sentence: "Called the 'Father of Basic Flying,' his successes and contributions to the development of flight were heralded by the world's press at the time, but are now largely forgotten."

Montgomery, a native Californian, began testing glider designs as a kid based on his observation of birds' wings. As his interests became goals, his early field tests took place near his family farm on Otay Mesa south of San Diego in the 1880s.

Montgomery had a brilliant scientific mind that he directed toward the development of heavier-than-air gliders that could be controlled by a pilot aboard the craft. His studies were influenced by earlier European aviation pioneers. These early pioneers were the subjects of an inspirational lecture he attended at the International Conference on Aerial Navigation in Chicago in 1893.

Montgomery's early flying models employed control devices that are now common components of modern airplanes, such as moveable elevators, pilot-operated trailing edge flaps on wings, aft tail sections, cable-controlled ailerons, and cambered wings for enhanced lift—similar to the concave shape of birds' wings based on his studies of large soaring birds.

From 1884 to 1886, Montgomery tested experimental gliders launched from the edge of Otay Mesa where he tried to gain control over the variables for sustained flight. As a result of these tests, he developed an inclined launch ramp system with wooden rails to direct the gliders into the air. This launch system was later employed on Montgomery Hill in Evergreen. He made many test flights, some of them reaching distances of 600 feet. These early flight tests provided marginal results in balance and equilibrium, so in search of perfection he returned to controlled trials in the laboratory—designing a proto-wind tunnel, using smoke to show the flow of air around his experimental wings compared to various bird wings. Montgomery was a tenacious, natural-born scientist.

In 1893, Montgomery attended the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago intending to hear a lecture on electricity by Nikola Tesla, but encountered the chairs of the International Conference on Aerial Navigation who invited him to give two lectures about his studies of flight, which eventually became an article that was published in the July 1894 edition of *Aeronautics*.

Returning to his wind test chamber, Montgomery conducted further experiments into the physics of air flow over wings to maximize lift. From these results he developed a theory of lift based on vorticity—what modern aerodynamicists refer to as "circulation theory."

Montgomery supplemented his aeronautical research with work in other branches of science, including electricity, communication, astronomy and mining. He received four patents (among his many others) for improvements in the efficiency of petroleum burning furnaces. Looking over his many accomplishments, it is obvious that Montgomery had incredible energy, curiosity and an intense drive to pursue his many interests.

In 1897 Montgomery took a teaching position at Santa Clara College (now Santa Clara University) and began to study wireless telegraphy and make improvements on a reproduction of a Marconi Wireless radio built by Father Richard Bell. They were first to successfully transmit messages from Santa Clara College to San Francisco. Montgomery also patented two gold concentrator devices to assist miners in extracting gold from beach sand. It seemed Montgomery could do almost anything he set his mind to.

In 1903 Montgomery began collaborating with balloonist Thomas Scott Baldwin who was working on improving the design of dirigible propellers.

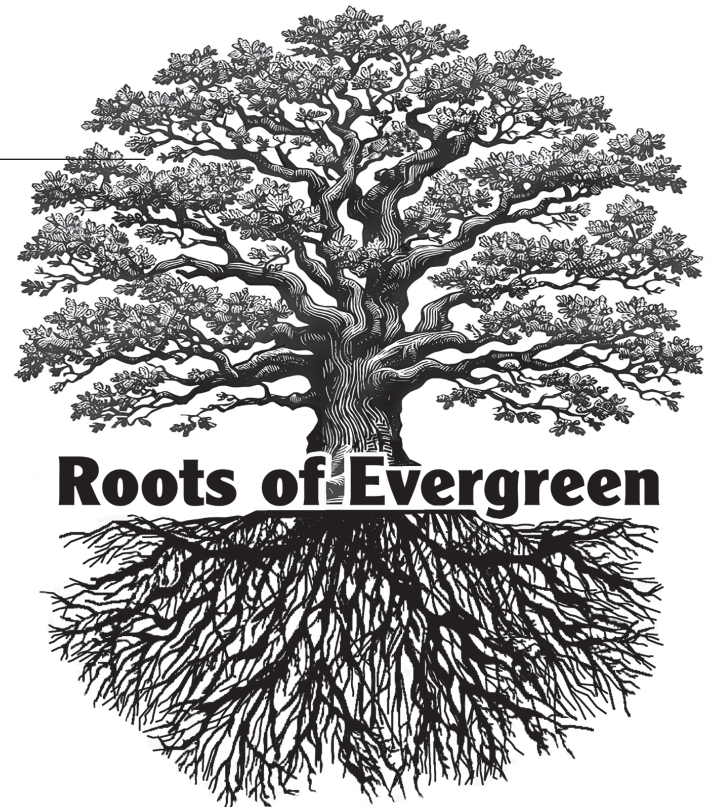
1903 was the year that the Wright Brothers achieved the milestone of their first successful powered flight. At that time, Montgomery's gliders were nimbly performing figure eights while the Wright Flyer could only make marginal maneuvers. And Montgomery's gliders were able to make sustained flights. Another significant difference between the two design teams was the Wright Brothers' flat wings versus Montgomery's cambered wings.

In 1904, Montgomery and Baldwin entered into a business arrangement to hold public exhibitions with manned Montgomery gliders launched at high altitudes from unmanned Baldwin balloons (bordering on showmanship). Baldwin broke their agreement by using the improved propellers on his motorized balloons, and personally entered and won first place in an aeronautics competition at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. This betrayal caused years of bad blood between the two.

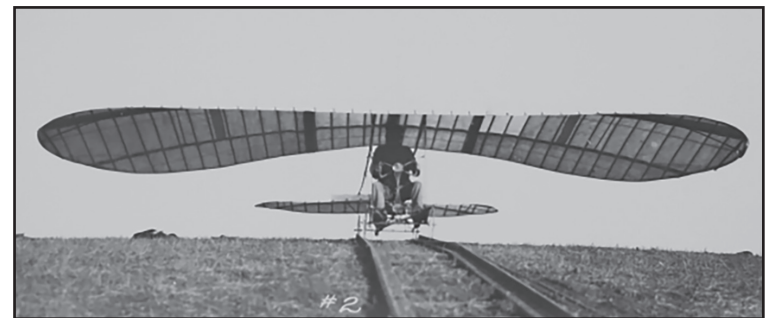
In 1904 and 1905 Montgomery conducted tests of a tandem-wing glider, the Montgomery Aeroplane in Aptos, California—using the precursor to the word "airplane." By then, Montgomery's experiments attained worldwide acclaim and after one of the test flights he held a press conference and announced a patent application for his aeroplane and methods of wing warping. Montgomery's fame was expanding as he worked toward his dream of powered flight.

Montgomery and his colleagues provided a public demonstration of the Montgomery Aeroplane,

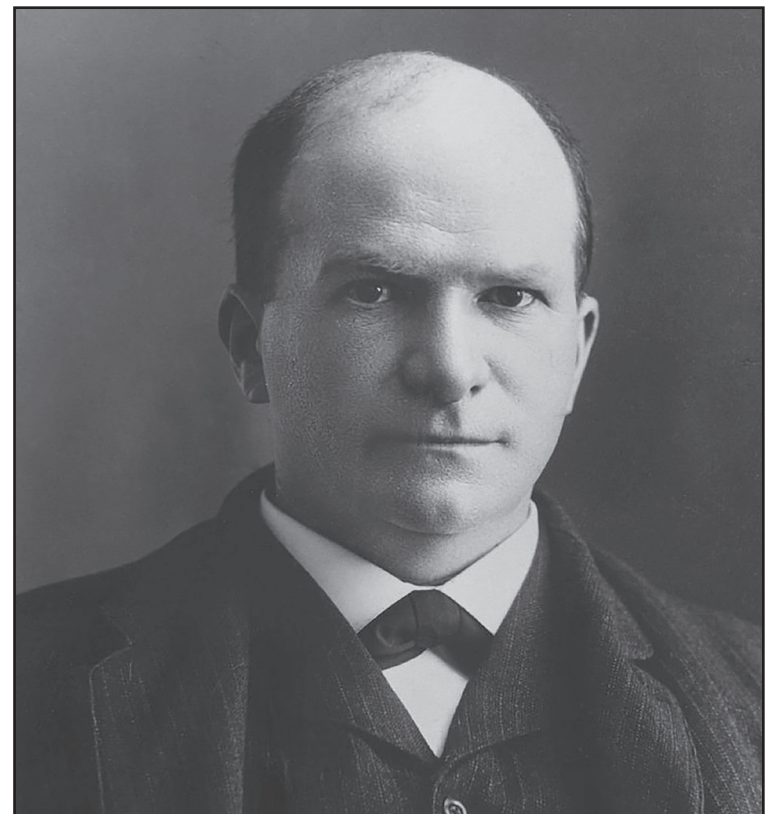
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Now you know where this village name came from!



The Evergreen glider taking off on Montgomery's rail launch system.



Almost left in the dust: John J. Montgomery—brilliant scientist and inventor, largely unrecognized for his accomplishments.

## Roots of Evergreen—John J. Montgomery...

(Continued from page 25)

rechristened as The Santa Clara in honor of Santa Clara College where the spectacle took place high above the campus in full view of a crowd of spectators and members of the press. Montgomery's colleague, Daniel J. Maloney, piloted the craft, which was released from a balloon about 4,000 feet aloft. Maloney performed a series of pre-determined maneuvers and ended the spectacle with a soft landing nearby. The flight received world-wide accolades and became a milestone event in the annals of aeronautics.

In July of 1905, Maloney was killed when a rope from the balloon damaged the glider as it was released causing the craft to plummet to earth. Despite the dangerous nature of the balloon experiments, Montgomery continued them with other pilots.

Regardless of the hazards of experimental flight, it was the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake that became the biggest setback for Montgomery's research, stalling his glider trials until 1911.

Montgomery renewed his experimentation with a revamped control system on his glider to remedy the problematic pitch and roll issues by adding wing warping and a fixed tail assembly resembling that of modern airplanes. Montgomery's goal with this new design was to eventually add a motor and apply for a patent. This glider, The Evergreen, the namesake of our oak-scattered hills, was flown in more than 50 trials by Montgomery and another pilot.

Seated in the pilot's seat on October 31, 1911, Montgomery launched the craft and attempted to land the Evergreen at low speed but stalled because of air turbulence. The craft slid sideways, crashed hard and Montgomery died at the scene from a head injury caused by a protruding bolt on the glider frame. His life and legacy ended on the hillside that bears his name, almost a stone's throw from The Villages.

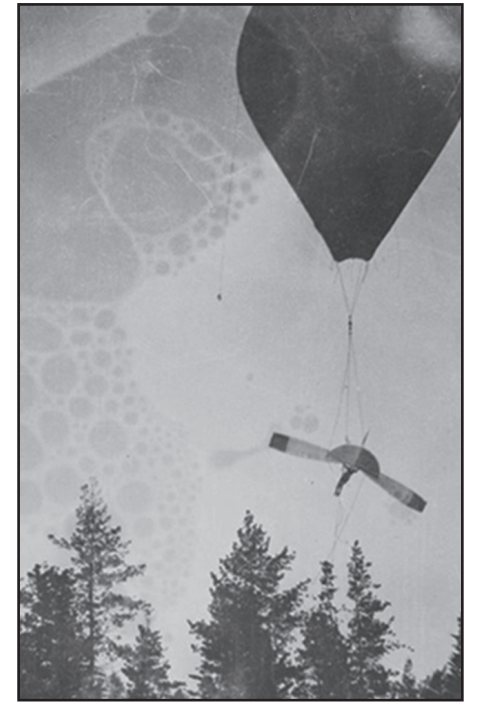
John J. Montgomery is buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California on the San Francisco Peninsula.

His absence in the field of aeronautics probably contributed to the Wright Brothers' rise in fame years after their successful Kitty Hawk, North Carolina motorized flight.

Had John Montgomery been able to continue with his research, perhaps his rising star would have matched or even eclipsed the fame of the Wright Brothers.

—Series compiled and written by S.R. Hinrichs

The Roots of Evergreen series will be published the third week of each month and posted in the Online Villager. The next article will feature John Montgomery's legacy.



One of the balloon launch trials held at the Santa Clara College campus—note the pilot hanging precariously from the glider.



John Montgomery in the pilot's seat of one of his experimental gliders.



John Montgomery (center in bowler hat) poses with his flight team in front of his glider, the Santa Clara. Glider pilot Daniel Maloney is shown far right dressed in tights.

### Slice of Humor



Ralph: Did you see me leave that bar sober yesterday? I'm really proud of myself!

Dora: Oh, for crying out loud! It was a salad bar!

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday—one week before publication

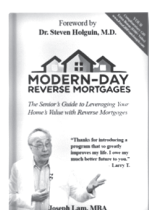
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## The PUZ-LER



Last time we were looking at a collection of shapes, asking which didn't belong. All were two-dimensional except the cube, which is three-dimensional. The winners were Donna Hale, Jim Ware, Judy Bushey and Larry Broderick. We are beginning to see where in The Villages the geniuses are hiding.

Those of you who have pets should ace this little puzzle in about two minutes. Here we go:

**How many pets does my daughter Lara have if all of them are dogs except two, all are cats except two and all are rabbits except two?**

Email your answer no later than next Friday to me, Mike Bailey, at [michsp@aol.com](mailto:michsp@aol.com). Be sure to put the word puzzle in the subject line.

...and the thought for the day: When the smog lifts in Los Angeles UCLA

# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Landscape Maintenance

#### • Recycling

o Beginning March 17, Green Team's new service day for recycling service is Tuesday. Please ensure your recycling is in the bins by 6 a.m. Tuesday mornings.

#### • 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 at *The Villager Online* at [news.thevillagesgcc.com](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com). The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material. BellaVista has also provided hard pruning maps, which show the locations of different plant material to be hard pruned.

o The aeration of lawns and turf fertilization throughout all the districts will be scheduled for April, due to weather conditions.

o BellaVista will be applying herbicide to the Club properties on Friday, March 21 and within Village Montgomery on Monday, March 24. (Cheetah (EPA#71368-112))

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

#### • Pest Control

o Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Village Del Lago, Village Montgomery and Village Sonata—will occur on 3/24. (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.

• **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 submitted engineering plans for temporary fencing at Vineyard Pool that has been approved and we are hoping to have that pool opened by 4/1/2025. Management is still awaiting approval of the Montgomery Pool engineering plans. The 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/>).

• **Valle Vista Sewer**—Management is reviewing the submitted bids to perform the repair to the sewer infrastructure in Valle Vista and will provide their recommendation soon.

### Association Maintenance

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• **Village Cribari** — Environmental roofing will be resuming work at Wednesday, March 19th.

• **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.

## Community Wide E-Waste Event Scheduled for May 31

Start collecting your old monitors, computers, small appliances and other broken or out of date electronic waste. The Villages will host a community e-waste event on Saturday, May 31. Details will be published closer to the date.

## Easter Brunch

**SUNDAY APRIL 20TH**  
seating times **10:30am & 1:30pm**  
ADULTS \$70++ CHILDREN (5-12) \$28++

**DISPLAYS**  
cheese board with gourmet crackers  
fruit platter, assorted wild berries & grapes  
assorted mini breakfast pastries, donuts

**SEAFOOD STATION**  
peel & eat shrimp, cocktail sauce  
crab claws  
oysters on a half shell, mignonette sauce, mini tabasco, lemons  
smoked salmon, whipped cream cheese, capers, red onions, tomatoes, mini bagels

**COOK TO ORDER OMELET STATION**  
country potatoes  
bacon  
pork sausage  
eggs any style  
bell peppers, mushrooms tomatoes, spinach, jalapenos, roasted yukon potatoes  
bacon bits, pork sausage, chicken apple sausage, shredded cheddar & mozzarella

**SALAD STATION**  
spring vegetable salad  
yukon gold potato salad  
club house baby salad mix  
caesar salad  
ranch, balsamic, italian, honey mustard, thousand island  
french dressing & asian ginger dressing

**CARVING STATION**  
prime rib, horseradish cream, au jus  
roasted leg of lamb, mint jelly, au jus  
assorted rolls & butter

**ENTREES**  
chicken puttanesca  
pan roasted corvina fish, saffron cream sauce  
lemon pasta orechiette, crispy pancetta, gremolata  
butter milk whipped potatoes, gravy  
steamed seasonal vegetables

**DESSERT**  
blueberry pie, cherry pie, pecan pie, assorted dessert bars  
chocolate cake, petite fours, eclairs, mini cheesecakes  
freshly baked cookies

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## Mothers Day BRUNCH

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**DISPLAYS**  
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smoked salmon, whipped cream cheese, capers, red onions, tomatoes, mini bagels

**COOK TO ORDER OMELET STATION**  
country potatoes  
bacon  
pork sausage  
eggs any style  
bell peppers, mushrooms tomatoes, spinach, jalapenos, roasted yukon potatoes  
bacon bits, pork sausage, chicken apple sausage, shredded cheddar & mozzarella

**SALAD STATION**  
early summer vegetable salad  
hawaiian macaroni salad  
club house baby mix salad  
caesar salad

**CARVING STATION**  
prime rib, horseradish cream, au jus  
bourbon glazed pork tenderloin, honey cider glaze  
assorted rolls & butter

**ENTREES**  
champagne chicken, morel mushrooms  
herb crusted halibut, bearnaise sauce  
eggplant parmesan lasagna  
whit truffle potato au gratin  
steamed seasonal vegetables

**DESSERT**  
lemon meringue, coconut cream pie, pecan pie, assorted dessert bars  
assorted cakes, cupcakes, petite fours, macarons  
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## OBITUARY

### Nancy Joanne Pierson February 13, 1939 — March 9, 2025



Nancy Joanne Pierson, born on February 13, 1939, in Colfax Washington, to Earl and Jessie Pierson, graduated from Colfax High School in 1957 and Washington State University. A longtime resident of The Villages, she passed away on March 9, 2025, at Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center.

Her career began as the office manager at Van Ness Dodge/Chrysler, and later helped other dealerships transition into the computer age. Her professional success was matched by her active personal life. Nancy excelled at golf as a member of the Presidio Ladies Golf Club. Nancy cherished her family—parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews. She adored her poodles,

from Scotch in San Francisco to Jasper, her latest companion.

Survived by her brother, Randy Pierson, and sister, Sally Pierson Russom, her funeral will be on March 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Corbeill Funeral Home, Colfax, Washington. Condolences may be shared at [www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com](http://www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com).

## OBITUARY

### Lisa Yanfu Guo February 13, 1965 — March 8, 2025



Lisa Guo passed away from illness on March 8, 2025 at the age of 60. She lived a very beautiful life and was surrounded by her loved ones when she passed.

Lisa was born in Sichuan, China. She was the middle child of five siblings. She had two older sisters, one younger brother and one younger sister.

Lisa married Josh in 1989. From their 36 years of marriage, they had a daughter, Cassie. Lisa was a beloved wife and mother. She was known for her determination, kindness and unwavering love and support for her family.

She got her bachelor's degree in radio communication in 1986. After immigrating to the U.S., she changed her career to become a registered nurse. She loved her job as a healthcare provider for 10 years until she had to leave due to illness.

Lisa is survived by her loving husband, Josh Liao, and daughter, Cassie Liao.

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### *EPC Transition Committee Moves to its March Goal*

On Monday, February 24, the 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 hour-and-half 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 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.

More Details

Frequently Asked Questions & 3-Month Transition Roadmap

Previous Article Coverage

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 at 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Questions? Please reach out to:

GM Theresa Ostrander, [tostrander@the-villages.com](mailto:tostrander@the-villages.com)

Club Board Liaison, Larry Versaw, [larryversaw@gmail.com](mailto:larryversaw@gmail.com)

### *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 joined the Villages team 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](mailto:tostrander@the-villages.com)

Club Board Liaison Larry Versaw: [larryversaw@gmail.com](mailto:larryversaw@gmail.com)

Director of Public Safety Matt Hidalgo: [mhidalgo@the-villages.com](mailto:mhidalgo@the-villages.com)

Diane Finley, EPC: [epc.diane@gmail.com](mailto:epc.diane@gmail.com)

## Monthly Light Bulb Recycling at The Villages (Trial Basis) – March 28

The Villages will host a trial program to collect a limited number of fluorescent tubes, CFLs, and LED bulbs for recycling. This service will take place once per month. The next collection event is **Friday, March 28**, alongside the household battery collection event.

### Event Details:

- **Location:** Parking lot near the tennis courts and air station
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### Recycling Limits:

- Fluorescent Tubes:
  - Up to 4 feet long
  - Must be unbroken and taped together
  - Limit: 2 per household
- CFL Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs):
  - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
  - Limit: 4 per household
- LED Bulbs:
  - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
  - Limit: 4 per household

### Alternative Recycling Option:

You may also recycle fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs at Silver Creek Outdoor Supply Hardware: Address: 1751 Capitol Expressway, San Jose. Phone: 669-699-5249 (Call for hours and restrictions)

By following these guidelines, you'll help protect the environment and ensure safe disposal of hazardous materials.

## March 28 Household Battery Recycling

The Villages is proud to continue offering a convenient household battery collection service, weather permitting! Mark your calendars for:

- **When: Friday, March 28**

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

- **Where:** Tennis court parking lot near the air station

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

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

### Important Update for DACs in 2025:

- No appointment needed!
- A 25-pound limit per collection date applies.
- DACs handling large quantities should take them to the County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site (appointment required).

Need an alternative drop-off time?

If the scheduled dates don't work for you, contact the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 408-299-7300 to make an appointment.

For questions, reach out to Sustainability Services at 408-754-1334 or email [mtatum@the-villages.com](mailto:mtatum@the-villages.com).

Reminder: Per California State Health and Safety Code (HSC 25218-5.1), no more than 125 pounds of hazardous waste can be transported at one time.

Thank you for doing your part to keep The Villages green!

## More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Association Elections Rules...

(Continued from page 6)

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 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>

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### Upcoming Programs

**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](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call our office 408-238-4029.

**Clear Caption Phones** – Elli Tehrani will explain all about Clear Caption phones. The FCC provides free captioning products to individuals with hearing loss. To find out if you qualify and how these phones can help you, join Elli on **Wednesday, April 2 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia room. Register on our website or call our office.

**Chronic Acid Reflux** – Dr. Colin Dunn with Samaritan Hospital specializes in treating patients with chronic acid reflux and will offer insights into hiatal hernias, Barretts esophagus and will consider the pros and cons of medications vs. surgery on **Tuesday April 15 at 11 a.m.** in the Sequoia room. Register on our website or call our office.

### 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 through June 2. 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, April 17 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](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.


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