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The Villages receives commendation from Council District 8

Domingo Candelas who serves on the San Jose City Council representing District 8 presented a commendation to The Villages Golf and Country Club for its January 7 achievement as the first Firewise USA recognized community in San Jose. Director of Special Projects and Sustainability Mary Tatum who coordinated The Villages effort to attain the Firewise recognition was there to receive Candelas' commendation.

For those who might have missed the story, The Villages—our Boards, committees, staff and volunteers—dedicated years to this Firewise endeavor. It started with a vision to be a community ever mindful and prepared—as prepared as can be—for natural disasters that threaten The Villages. While the name and roles changed over these past few years, the passion for safety did not. With The Villages magnitude, the collaboration between organizations such as Cal Fire and Santa Clara County FireSafe Council was instrumental to The Villages team.

While incredible progress has been accomplished, we're not done! The Firewise USA program continues for the next three years—and will be ongoing. Meeting all requirements of Firewise's annual reviews ensures that The Villages remains a Firewise Community. Although the program is rigid, holding the certificate of recognition brings immense pride and peace of mind, with the opportunity to ebb insurance costs to The Villages and individual homeowners. *

Mark your calendars! Please join us at the Community Wildfire Preparedness Workshop – Ready, Set, Go! on **Saturday, May 3** from **10:30 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari Auditorium. Speaking at the event will be Senator Dave Cortese, the City of San Jose Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department, Red Cross, and our Villages Firewise/Fire Safety Committee.



Come see 'Fiddler on the Roof' — a true collaborative effort



The Villages Amateur Theatre, in collaboration with the Village Voices (chorus members), the Villages Band (percussionist), The Piano Open Studio (Maestro Larry Broderick), and the Village Dancers (the Bottle Dancers), are joining forces in presenting one of the greatest musicals ever done on Broadway. Performances are **Friday night, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.** and **Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari. The sometime funny, sometime sad and always poignant story of a minority community is about a small village in early-1900s Russia and explores the conflict between family, faith, community and government. Drawn from five short stories about Tevye, a poor diaryman and his wife and daughters, Joseph

Stein wrote the book and Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock wrote the lyrics and music for a show that played over 3,000 performances on Broadway as well as multiple amateur and professional performances in many cities across the U.S. and London.

Songs you will go home singing include "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker," "Miracle of Miracles," "Do You Love

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Hear harmony and hope resound at 'Live, Love, Sing'

By Barbara F. Zahner

Vocal cords are warmed, music ready in black binders, white shirts pressed, red scarves ready—the VMS Voices welcome you to "Live, Love, Sing," on **Friday, May 2** and **Sunday, May 4** at **2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and may be charged to your house account or paid with cash or check. **Tickets may be purchased in two ways:** 1. From a Voices member 2. Online at tinyurl.com/34rc77dz

We expect a sellout. Better buy now and enjoy the show!

Need a ride? To arrange a ride from your door and back home again, call VMA at 408-238-4230. Want to enjoy a delicious meal before or after the show at the Clubhouse Restaurant and get a 10 percent discount? Make a reservation at the Clubhouse restaurant at 408-223-4687. Tables fill fast. Make your reservation now.

You bought your tickets. You've arranged for a ride. You made your Clubhouse reservations. Tuck cash into your billfold to buy tickets for the drawing. Plus—enjoy sweet, small bites at the intermission. Now get ready for a rollicking good time at the Voices Spring Performance. Have questions? Contact Joyce Shornick at joyceshornick@gmail.com.



Accompanist Tammy Welsh with Voices Director Catherine Ellacer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.
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0 Pulse letters published this week.

Note: Pulse authors are solely responsible for the statements and opinions contained in the Pulse letters. The Villager does not verify the accuracy of any statements.

All Pulse letters that are published are retained by the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) for a period of 12 months. Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements are not shared with anyone outside the CAC, management or Club Board and staff liaisons for the reason of confidentiality.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

The Villages Tax-Aide Team completed our tax season over the weekend. We had a **banner** year! We had encounters with over 370 community members during the season and were able to complete 349 returns. As in the past, 2/3 of our clients were Villages residents.

The Team is grateful for the continuing support of the CBOD and Villages Management. We look forward to providing this valuable service again in 2026.

— Libby Nelson, Senior Resource Services

Villages 2025-2026 Phone Directory arrives at your residence this week

The Villages directories are here! If you do not receive your household copy by **April 27**, please email us at comms@the-villages.com and we will have one delivered to you. If you would like an extra directory, you may purchase one for \$15. Stop by Building B with your check or money order made out to The Villages, or charge to your house number.

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.



FIREWISE USA
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

IN MEMORIAM

Rodney Herbert den Dulk

April 23, 1941 — February 10, 2025

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at Vineyard Center.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Teres Ryan

December 8, 1934 — March 14, 2025

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 10 at noon at Montgomery Center.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Obituaries also online at news.thevillagesgcc.com/in-memoriam

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.

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Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Member Portal at: member.thevillagesgcc.com/static/advertising

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POLICIES

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, FastNews and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Barbara Clurman at 669-234-4180, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Villages Association 2025 Annual Meeting Board of Directors Election IRS Resolution Vote

Wednesday, June 11, 2025; 4 p.m.: The Villages Clubhouse
(California Civil Code Section 5115 (b))

Candidate Registration List: As certified by Michael Schwerin, President of The Association Board, the following Candidate Registration List contains a full and complete list of qualified candidate nominations received by the Association on or before March 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., the deadline established by the Board of Directors for receipt of nominations for the annual election of directors of the Association.

List of Candidates:

Stephen Gilbert
8374 Riesling Way

Notice of Election Information: As of the published deadline for receiving nominations, the number of qualified candidates for election to the Board does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, as determined by the Inspectors of Elections. Additionally, all conditions outlined in The Villages Association Election Rules, Sections 2.5 through 2.5.6, have been met. Therefore, Stephen Gilbert, as the qualified candidate, will be placed on the agenda and may be declared elected by acclamation at the April 29, 2025, monthly meeting to serve a three-year term beginning at the close of the June 11, 2025, Annual Meeting. Furthermore, The Villages Association will hold a vote in May and June to elect directors and vote on the Association Resolution regarding the Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses to be refunded to members.

The Villages Association maintains a Voter List. Members are permitted to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Voter List (California Civil Code Section 5105(a)(7)). The Voter List is available for review in Business Administration Building A upon request. Please contact the General Manager's office at (408) 223-4634.

Ballots will be sent to all Members indicated on the Voter List on May 9, 2025. Ballots may be mailed or delivered to the following so long as the ballot is received no later than Monday, June 9, at 8:00 a.m.: **The Villages Association, Bldg. A, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135**

The ballots are scheduled to be opened and tabulated at an open Association Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Vineyard Center, 9100 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135. The results of the vote will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Members, Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 4 p.m. at The Villages main Clubhouse, 2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

Homeowners' Corporation Board Seeking Directors

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors (HBOD) is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages' life.

The Villages Homeowners' Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The mission of The Villages Homeowners' Corporation is to help to enhance and protect the value of our homes, neighborhoods, and the overall Villages' experience for single-family homeowners." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board.

Elections will be held during May and June for two director positions to serve three-year terms. Directors with terms expiring are Teddy Morse and Morton Cordell; both are eligible to run again. The directors who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Rob Kirschbaum, Glen Seidel and Larry McNary. To apply, provide written notice of intent to run to Board President Teddy Morse, theodoramorse@outlook.com or Secretary Glen Seidel fgenseidel@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, 2025.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES,**
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The Villages Golf and Country Club

The Villages Association

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation

Boards of Directors

Resolution Commending Villages' Volunteers

WHEREAS, one of The Villages' greatest resources is its resident volunteers and the human resources they contribute to the betterment of The Villages and to the greater community around us; and

WHEREAS, the resident volunteers give freely of their time, energy, and abilities in service to their community and to brighten the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a long standing tradition in The Villages and a cornerstone of The Villages "Way of Life"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize our many resident volunteers when the nation observes National Volunteer Month through the month of April; and **NOW, THEREFORE,**

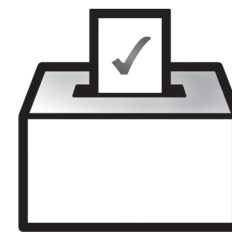
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Directors take great pleasure in honoring The Villages' volunteers, and the Directors convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers' dedicated, selfless, and compassionate efforts.



Submit your questions for Candidates' Night

This year's Candidates' Night is **Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask questions of the Club Board of Director candidates about topics important to you. This year the Association and the Homeowners Boards of Directors are uncontested.

Your questions may be used at the live event. Please send your questions to the Communication Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson, Barbara Clurman at bbclurman@gmail.com or call 347-451-5309.



Missed your Villager?

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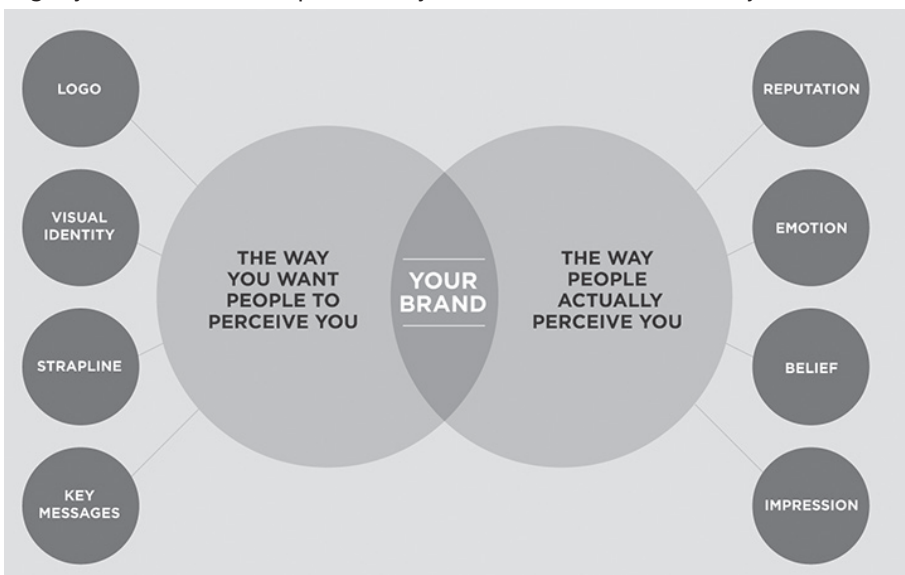
You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or on the table outside The Villages Post Office in the Cribari Center hallway.

MANAGEMENT

GM's CORNER

Sussner Branding Firm Begins Phase 1 and Joins Strategic Planning Effort

To leverage the efforts of the McMahon 2025-2028 all Village Community Survey, in March 2025 the Boards welcomed the Sussner team—a design company known for its success in branding Clubs like the Villages. Since 2024 the McMahon Group has been working with the Boards and Management to guide strategic alignment that helps support the decisions and actions of The Villages leadership as it carefully and thoughtfully addresses member experience, fiduciary stewardship, safety and other sustainable initiatives. Sussner's partnership with The Villages is to develop a brand strategy that authentically reflects who we are as a Club and community—a slightly different but complementary focus than McMahon's objective.



Over the many months that leadership developed the Strategic Plan, we returned again and again to a fundamental question: What defines the Villages as a community? Are we an active, 55+ lifestyle community of choice, as described in our Vision Statement? Or are we evolving into

something broader—more than just a traditional country club or retirement setting? Some residents choose The Villages for the lifestyle, amenities, and sense of connection. Others value the peace of mind and long-term comfort that comes with staying in a supportive, well-maintained environment as their needs change. This basic “identity” question needs to clearly and comprehensively be addressed. Over the next several months, through June, the Sussner team will be gathering critical information from where we started as a community—capitalizing on our evergreen roots—why we live here and thrive and what we most appreciate about The Villages to who we see ourselves currently and in the future. It's more than we might initially think.

What's involved in creating a brand?

“What is a brand”? If you respond that a brand involves only a logo and color palette, there is so much more in store to explore! Our brand is not just logos, colors, typography or an elevator pitch or tagline. There is more to the way we want people to perceive us as a Community. Our brand identity should reflect our blend—capturing who we are today and where we are headed, while inspiring pride among members and appeal for future residents.

Considerable amount of effort goes into shaping how people—our future members—perceive us. Logos, colors, typesets, visual elements that make up our marketing material are a part of a bigger picture that involves building a solid reputation, creating a deeply felt emotional response when thinking about our community, understanding who we honestly believe we are, and leaving a lasting impression that draws future friends and neighbors to The Villages. The Villages Boards have engaged with Sussner to encompass Purpose, Phase I of our long-term strategy to identify who we are as a community.

A simple understanding of A Brand:

- **Visual elements** – includes logos, color palettes, typography, imagery and other visual assets
- **Verbal elements** – encompasses the brand's voice, tone, tagline, and messaging
- **Purpose** – brand identity helps us communicate our core values, mission, and purpose to our future members.
- **Personality** – it is the personality that a brand wants to project, making it recognizable and memorable.
- **Consistency** – a strong brand identity is consistent across all touchpoints, including marketing materials and online presence, such as websites, portals, apps.
- **Distinction** – It helps a brand stand out from competitors and create a unique brand image.

For more on McMahon and our Strategic Plan, please read The Villager article to the right.

Questions? Please contact the General Manager's office by emailing Theresa Ostrander at tostrander@the-villages.com or by calling the team at 408-223-4634.

Focus groups begin Survey Phase of The Villages 2025-2028 Strategic Plan

As part of The Villages 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, Villagers have been invited to join focus group discussions led by the McMahon Group. These discussions identify what is important to Villagers and will be incorporated in a July 2025 survey where all Villagers will have an opportunity to participate. Villagers who responded to the focus-group invite will meet with the McMahon team on May 7 or 8. In these 90-minute sessions, McMahon will receive input about The Villages various programs, clubs and events, services and amenities that best serve The Villages and our membership.

The McMahon Group has been working with the Boards and Management since the fall of 2024. The 2025-2028 Strategic Plan's purpose is to guide the decisions and actions of the leadership of The Villages as it carefully and thoughtfully addresses critical experience, development, safety and financial issues covering this three-year period. The Villages leadership has invested considerable time and effort in the plan's development. To date, the planning process includes:

- Reviewing trends in the community/club industry
- Reviewing the trends within our community and marketplace
- Developing/refining statements on our direction and culture: Mission, Vision and Values
- Analyzing and updating our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT)
- Identifying top goals for the next immediate three years—becoming a rolling three-year outlook that evolves annually to guide future priorities
- Developing strategic initiatives, including action items, to meet our goals

The development of this plan comes at a critical time in the history of the community where The Villages aging infrastructure and dated amenities demand financial attention while the popularity of 55+ communities increase, creating competition to attract future Villagers.

Survey timeline

- May 6 – Board Session
- May 7-8 – Focus Groups Sessions
- May End – Focus Group Report & Survey Draft
- Mid-July – Survey Draft Approved
- Mid-August – Survey to Villagers
- September/October – Executive Summary

Sussner Joins the survey effort

To leverage what the McMahon Group is accomplishing with the focus groups, our branding partner—Sussner Design Company—will join this phase as an ideal time to align member feedback with our branding initiative. Sussner's partnership with us is to develop a brand strategy that authentically reflects who we are as a club and community—a slightly different but complementary focus than McMahon's objective.

For more on Sussner and branding, please read this month's GM Corner to the left.

Questions? Please contact the General Manager's office by emailing Theresa Ostrander at tostrander@the-villages.com or by calling the team at 408-223-4634.

See FOCUS GROUP SURVEY
article on page 30

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Valle Vista DAC to meet May 1

The Valle Vista District Advisory Committee (DAC) will hold its quarterly resident meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, May 1 at 4 p.m.**

Montgomery DAC to meet May 5

The Montgomery DAC will meet Monday, May 5 at 10 a.m. in the Montgomery Center.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Withholding tax from your SS benefits

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

Beginning in 1984, if your total income is more than \$25,000 (Single) or \$32,000 (Joint), part of your SS benefits will be taxable. The most that will be taxed is 85 percent. This threshold of \$25,000 or \$32,000 is set by law and has not changed since 1984. Unlike many tax statutes, it is not inflation indexed.

Income for this law is defined as your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your SS benefits. Because of inflation, more taxpayers are having the full 85 percent of SS taxed.

Perhaps you are relying on withholding, from a pension or an 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 have withholding from your SS payment, complete IRS **Form W-4V**, Voluntary Withholding Request, and submit it by mail to your local SS office at 6140 Cottle Road, San Jose, CA 95123. The form is available at irs.gov. Or stop by the SRS office if you would like the form printed for you.

You can choose a withholding rate of 7, 10, 12, or 22 percent.

You can change the percentage or stop withholding by completing and submitting a new W-4V.

If you do not want to withhold from your monthly SS benefit, you can make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS using Form 1040ES. When paying estimated taxes, you usually make four equal payments and follow the payment schedule on the tax forms.

Good news, California does not tax SS benefits.

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

Earth Day and what it means for Villagers

By Mary Tatum

Earth Day was established in 1970, and since then, more than 192 countries have come together to celebrate it annually on April 22. For us here in The Villages, Earth Day is more than just a celebration—it's a reminder of how we can contribute to a more sustainable future.

As Villagers become increasingly aware of sustainable practices and learn to better distinguish between recyclables and garbage, we have the opportunity to significantly reduce waste. Even more importantly, we can divert more of our waste into renewable and reusable resources.

Many Villagers have asked: What actually happens to our garbage and recyclables after they're picked up? To help answer that question, I recently had an opportunity to join Sustainability Club members Bill DeVincenzi and Rick Alpers for a tour of the Green Waste facility in San Jose.

If you've ever thought garbage couldn't be exciting—think again. The facility, which is impressively clean and well-organized, is divided into two main buildings: one for garbage and one for recycling. What they achieve there is truly remarkable. Using a combination of high-speed conveyor belts, AI technology, human sorters, and robotic sorters, the facility processes 45 tons of household waste and recyclables every hour.

Here's the incredible part:

- 85% of single-stream recyclables are recovered
- 75% of garbage and mixed compostables are diverted from landfills
- 98% of yard trimmings are repurposed

The mystery of where our waste goes—and how it's handled—has been solved. And what we learned confirms that our individual efforts to recycle properly really do make a difference.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

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

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of May are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **April 16, 2025**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, May 1 at 9 a.m.** at Montgomery Center.

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.

On 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.



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Visit <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.

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

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



Association Members – Request for Annual Notice of Information Updates

By Julia Meadows, CCAM CMCA, AMS, PCAM

As you know, The Villages Association is a common interest development (CID) subject to California Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act). Civil Code Section 4041(a) requires all CID owners to annually and in writing provide the HOA (The Villages Association), their contact information for sending HOA notices, and to inform the association whether the residence is owner-occupied or rented.

Associations are required to solicit these notices at least 30 days prior to the annual association disclosures. For The Villages Association, that is the Annual Budget Report and Annual Policy Statement that is distributed at the end of May. If an owner does not annually provide this notification, the association must deem the last address provided in writing by the owner, or if none, the property address, shall be deemed to be the address to which notices are delivered.

To inform the Association of changes to preferred delivery method for receiving notices from the Association, please complete the form below and return it to the Association no later than Friday, May 16, 2025. Completing this form will not discontinue electronic distribution of Association documents if you have signed up for that program.

To save postage, paper, and copy costs, we are publishing the request for information in The Villager and also on the Member Portal (visit <https://tinyurl.com/civil-code-form>). Non-resident owners will receive via US mail.

You may return the completed document:

Via US Mail: The Villages Association, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135

On Site: Return to the locked Drop Box located in the parking lot up the stairs from Business Administration, Building A.

Via Scanning & Email: Association@the-villages.com (with CONTACT FORM 4041 in all caps in the subject line).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the General Manager's office at 408-223-4634.

2025 Annual Member Meetings and Elections

By Assistant General Manager Julia Meadows, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

The three Villages Corporations (Club, Association and Homeowners' Corporation) are preparing for this year's elections and annual membership meetings.

Elections will be conducted in May and June with election results announced at this year's annual membership meetings to be held on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 4 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse.

Club: The election will be held for two director positions (each for a term of three years) on the Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Board of Directors. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. The directors who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Richard Zahner, Judy Owen, Larry Versaw, Diana Hallock, and Michelle Breslin.

The Club's Nominating Committee shall nominate as many candidates for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of positions on the board that are to be filled in a particular election. All nominations shall be made from among Members who satisfy the qualifications set forth in Club Bylaws Section 5.2. The Nominating Committee shall announce its candidate nominations for the annual election of Directors no later than April 15. In addition, per the Club Bylaws Section 6.1.2, any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination by filing with the Secretary of the Club (Liz Kung) a notice of intent signed by at least two percent (51) of the Members in Good Standing. Self-nomination petitions must be received no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2025.**

Association: For the 2025 Director election there are two open director positions. As of the established deadline for receiving nominations (March 31, 2025), the number of qualified candidates for election to the Board does not exceed the number of director positions available, and all requirements set forth in The Villages Association Election Rules, Sections 2.5 through 2.5.6, have been satisfied. As a result, Stephen Gilbert is the sole qualified candidate, and he may be declared elected by acclamation to serve a three-year term, beginning immediately following the conclusion of the June 11 annual membership meeting.

Further, The Villages Association will conduct a vote in May and June to vote on the Association Resolution regarding the refund of membership income exceeding membership expenses.

Homeowners: The Villages Homeowners' Corporation will conduct a vote on The Homeowners' Corporation Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members and election to fill two director positions to serve three-year terms.

The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors. Directors with expiring terms are Teddy Morse and Morton Cordell. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Rob Kirschbaum, Glen Seidel, and Larry McNary.

Any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Board by giving written notice to the President (Teddy Morse) or Secretary (Glen Seidel) no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2025.** To date, Morton Cordell and Donna Ostheimer have declared their candidacy.

Watch future *Villager* and FastNews editions for continued updates on this year's elections.

The Villages Association

Request for Annual Preferred Delivery Method, Representative and Rental Status

Civil Code, Section 4041

Civil Code Section 4041 requires each owner of a separate interest (condominium) to provide written notice to the Association of all the following information annually. Please provide the information in the form below and return the completed form to the Association within 30 days (no later than Friday, May 16, 2025). If you do not provide a valid delivery method pursuant to Civil Code 4041, the last address provided in writing by the owner, or if none, the property address, shall be deemed to be the address to which notices are delivered 4041(c).

Member Name: _____

Villages Association Property Address: _____

1. The address or addresses to which notices from the Association are to be delivered. Please indicate preferred delivery – Choose one or both of the following and provide information. The Association does not require Members provide email address.

A Valid Mailing Address: _____

A Valid Email Address: _____

2. **If applicable**, an alternate or secondary address to which notices from the Association are to be delivered. **Optional.** Choose one or both and provide the information. The Association does not require Members provide email address.

A Valid Mailing Address: _____

A Valid Email Address: _____

3. If applicable, the name and address of your legal representative including any person with power of attorney or other person who can be contacted in the event of your extended absence from the separate interest (condominium).

4. Is separate interest (means the condominium unit): – (check one)

Owner-occupied?

Rented out?

Vacant?

Please return this form to inform the Association in writing that you, the member, wishes to change your preferred delivery method for receiving notices from the Association:

Via US Mail: The Villages Association, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135

On Site: Return to the locked Drop Box located in the parking lot up the stairs from Business Administration, Building A.

Via Scanning & Email: Association@the-villages.com (with CONTACT FORM 4041 in all caps in the subject line).

Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.



Fiesta

Join Us for a Celebration of Villages' Volunteers!


The Boards of Directors cordially invite all community volunteers to a special Fiesta in your honor!



Date: Friday, April 25

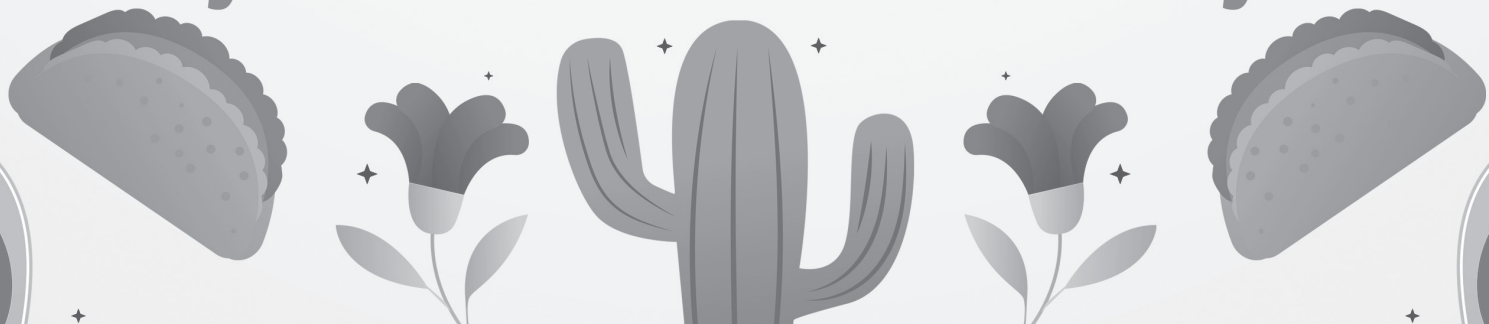
Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Clubhouse



This Fiesta is our way of saying "Thank You" for your dedication and hard work. It's a time to relax, connect with fellow volunteers, and enjoy a fun-filled celebration!

Let's celebrate YOU and the difference you make in our community!



RECREATION

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

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time	Location
Wed., April 30 - June 4, 10 to 11 a.m.	Auditorium
Cost	Instructor
\$80	BaySport
	Reg. Deadline
	April 21 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a rejuvenating yoga experience designed for all skill levels. This session features gentle movements to improve flexibility, balance and muscle strength through standing, seated and lying poses. Whether you're a beginner or seeking a challenge, our mindful approach helps you connect with your body and breath. Participants must be able to move to and from the floor independently. Come unwind, stretch, and embrace your body's potential in a calm, supportive environment. The session price includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/yoga-rec or with Recreation Services in Building D.

QiGong: Restore balance and Vitality

Date/Time	Location
Wed., April 30 - June 4, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Cost	Instructor
\$80	BaySport
	Reg. Deadline
	April 21 at 4 p.m.

QiGong is an ancient Chinese practice blending gentle movements, mindful breathing and meditation to boost energy flow, reduce stress and enhance overall well-being. Perfect for all ages, it offers benefits like improved fitness, mental clarity, and relaxation. Whether you want a peaceful retreat or better physical health, QiGong has something to offer everyone. The session price includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/QiGong-rec or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Join Aqua Aerobics

Date/Time	Location
Thurs., May 1 - May 29	Foothill Pool
Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	
Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45	
Cost	Instructor
\$66	Bay Sports
	Reg. Deadline
	April 21 at 4 p.m.

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

Activity Level: Beginner – Moderate, Advanced – Intense

Register for the Beginner class at tinyurl.com/aqua-aerobics-beg. Register for the Advanced class at tinyurl.com/aqua-aerobics-adv. Or sign up in person with Recreation Services in Building D.

Explore wild wonders at the Oakland Zoo

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, May 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Oakland	\$149
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m.	



Join us for an exciting day at the Oakland Zoo, where you can 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 on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/oakland-zoo-rec or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Stroll through famed gardens at Filoli Gardens

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Thursday, May 22, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Woodside	\$164
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, May 5 at 4 p.m.	

Join us for a delightful day at Filoli Gardens and 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 on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/filoli-gardens or with Recreation Services in Building D.



See 'A Beautiful Noise'—the Neil Diamond musical

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	San Francisco	\$250
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	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 on the Member Portal at 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.

Celebrate Bunker Renovation at Grand Re-Opening event

The Villages Golf and Country Club will celebrate the completion of its long-anticipated Bunker Renovation Project with a Grand Re-Opening Celebration on **Sunday, April 27**. The event, set to



Hole 7 before bunker renovation

feature two shotgun starts at **8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**, marks a significant milestone for the community and showcases the beauty of The Villages' largest asset.

Thanks to the steadfast backing of the Club Board of Directors and the Evergreen Villages Foundation, this major project came to life over a six-month period. The pristine new bunkers—already drawing admiration for their expert design by Villager Mike Poellot—were partially funded by the Dutch Johnson Legacy Fund, a meaningful bequest made through the Evergreen Villages Foundation and its Planned Giving program.

"This project shows what is possible

when we all come together," said Theresa Ostrander, General Manager. "I'm incredibly grateful for the support from the Club Board and the Evergreen Villages Foundation. Their leadership and generosity are helping us make real, lasting improvements that directly benefit our residents."

To honor the patience and enthusiasm of members, The Villages is offering discounted greens fees on April 27—\$20 for members and \$55 for guests. The day's festivities will include "Closest to the Hole" contests on Holes #4 and #11 and a no-host barbecue lunch and drinks on the Bistro Patio from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The celebration highlights the community spirit that defines The Villages, underscoring our shared mission to be the Country Club Community of Choice for Seniors in Northern California.

To learn more about the Evergreen Villages Foundation, please visit evfsj.org.



Hole 7 after bunker renovation

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

April 29: Free Art Film "Georgia O'Keefe" on Tuesday, 2 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose.

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

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

April 23 - May 14: Acrylic Painting with Swati Mohari. Wednesday evenings, 6 - 8 p.m. \$120 if Swati furnishes materials, \$70 if you bring your own.

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

June 3 - 24: "Mixed Media Collage" with Wendy Fitzgerald. Tuesdays, 10:20 a.m. - 12:30 pm. Use abstract art to make college accordion sketches books in the Cribari Center Art Room. All materials furnished. \$60.

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

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

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

See villagesrvclub.org for more information and photos

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

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, April 23 - Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a hike along Scenic Rd in Carmel-By-The-Sea. Park at the Mara Beach parking lot (26495 Scenic Rd, Carmel-By-The-Sea). Walk along the aptly named Scenic Rd to Ocean Ave. The ocean is on one side of the road and some very picturesque homes are on the other side. From there we will walk up Ocean Ave to downtown Carmel to Dolores St. to the Village Corner California Bistro for lunch. After lunch we will walk back to our cars. Driving distance is 70 miles one way. The total hike distance is approximately 4.5 miles. Total elevation is 230 feet. Meet at Cribari Center at **9:15 a.m.** for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, April 23 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike, THURSDAY, April 24 - Nancy Hooton (408-933-8805) will lead a Spring Wildflower Hike to Rancho Cañada de Oro. We will hike the Mayfair Ranch Trail to Longwall Canyon to Serpentine Loop and back to the parking lot, a distance of about 4.2 miles. Time will be spent identifying and observing Spring wildflowers so the pace will not be fast. Driving distance is about 20 miles one way (33+ minutes). Meet at Cribari Center at **8:30 a.m.** for an 8:45 departure. Bring water, snacks or lunch. There are picnic tables near the parking lot. You may want to download the Seek app, which is great for identifying wildflowers.

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Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator:

408-238-4029

vmavillages.vgcc.club



Upcoming Programs

Arthritis: A Common Problem with Treatment Options - Dr. Jothi Murati-Larson, an orthopedic surgeon will discuss common symptoms of osteoarthritis, contributing factors, treatment options and basic information on total knee and shoulder replacements. **Note correct day: Thursday, May 1 at 11 a.m.** in the Vineyard Center. Please register at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Learn the Benefits between Hospice and Palliative Care - Colby Perez, Nursing Director from With Grace Hospice and Palliative Care will cover the differences between hospice and palliative care explaining show how one's quality of life can be improved with both. **Tuesday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room. Please register at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all welcome.

Grief Support Group: The Grief Share group led by The Villages Chapel's Pastor Bill Hayden meets on Mondays in Sequoia from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** and is running for 13 consecutive weeks through June 2. There is a workbook as part of the group - cost is \$20.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct this monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen, and learn. **Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the **Patio** room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at thevillagesgcc.com

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

Soup of the Day



For the week of 4/21 to 4/27

Monday, April 21

Cream of Cauliflower

Tuesday, April 22

Chorizo with Black Bean & Corn

Wednesday, April 23

Smoked Sausage & Chicken Gumbo

Thursday, April 24

Turkey Florentine

Friday, April 25

Clam Chowder

Saturday, April 26

Chef's Choice

Sunday, April 27

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

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

The Villages Golf & Country Club

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

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

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

Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

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



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

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

Weekly Specials

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 4/22 to Sunday 4/27

Quiche Lorraine: With bacon, gruyere cheese, Swiss cheese, creamed egg custard served with of side fruit cup \$17

Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/21 to Sunday 4/27—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mediterranean Grilled Chicken Plate:

Saffron basmati rice, falafel, tzatziki sauce, tomato-cucumber salad with grilled pita bread \$22

Pork Chow Mein: Mixed vegetables, cabbage, noodles, oyster sauce \$21

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/22 to Sunday 4/27—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pappardelle & Short Rib Ragù: Red wine braised, with pearl onions, mushroom, fresh basil, parmesan cheese and seasonal vegetables \$34

Hawaiian Grilled Swordfish: With grape tomato-pineapple relish, teriyaki sauce, choice of two sides \$34

Dessert Special:

Warm Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce \$7

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

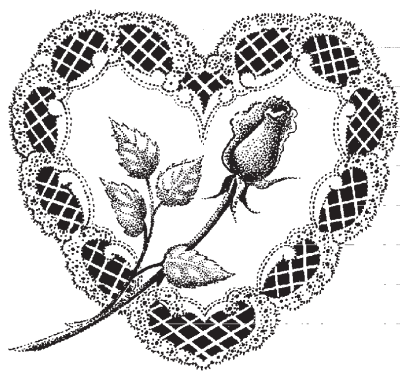
Saturday Breakfast:
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sunday Breakfast:
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lunch:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bistro Menu:
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. *
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

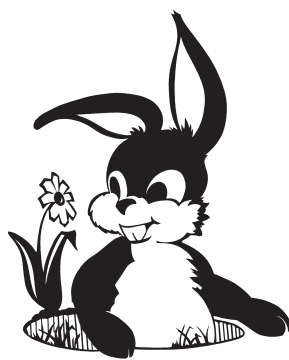
Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

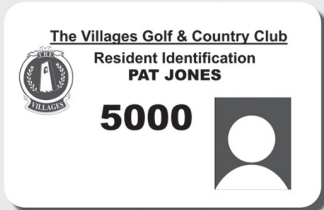
Online Reservations, please use the Member Portal
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com



See page 20
for
**Mother's Day
special
brunch menus**



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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

Single Diners' Night

Let's dine together every Wednesday at 5 p.m.



Shared table. Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. when you come as a single with your favorite bottle of wine and share your table with another single dining member, the corkage fee is on the house!* Please see restrictions below.

Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.

Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

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

* Item must be of equal or lesser value.

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

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



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering at: www.clubhouserreservation.com

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



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



**I love
this town.**

Bob Fillhouer, Agent
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:30 a.m. ABOD Organizational mtg MC
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced A
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 11 a.m. CBOD Organizational mtg MC
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 1 p.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Catholic Good Friday Mass A
 3 p.m. HBOD Budget mtg FC
 3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, April 19

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. EVF Shredding Event
 East Parking Lot
 9 a.m. VAT Ticket Sales L
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along MC
 12 p.m. Zumba Gold - Free Demo CR

Sunday, April 20

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
 7 p.m. Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite SEQ
 7 p.m. VAT Spring Show Rehearsal A

Monday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. EPC Leadership PR
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
 10:30 a.m. VMA: Grief Support Group SEQ
 1 p.m. Stitchery PR
 1 p.m. Flower Ladies Arr. Guild VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Tech Rhrl A
 4 p.m. SJ Buddhist Church CH
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, April 22

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
 10 a.m. Bella Vista Earth Day FC
 11 a.m. 9-H Women/Swingers Lunch CH
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12 p.m. Par-3 Women/Shonis MC
 1 p.m. 18-H Wmn Golf Invit. Cmte PR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. VAT Spring Tech Rhrl A
 3 p.m. Club Technology Cmte F
 4 p.m. History of Israel SEQ
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour CR
 7 p.m. Tennis Club Board PR

Wednesday, April 23

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. Bocce Champions Potluck GP
 10 a.m. Study Groups: iPhone Class MC
 11 a.m. Study Groups: Folk Dance FC
 1:30 p.m. Club Technology Cmte F
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR

2 p.m. VAT Spring Tech Rhrl A
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Ensemble PR
 3 p.m. Cribari Social Cmte. SEQ
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
 5:30 p.m. Italian Club Plan. Cmte. SEQ
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2A
 6 p.m. Art Class: Acrylics AR
 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, April 24

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. Men's Golf Mbr/Mbr Cmte. MC
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:15 a.m. Hiking Club Board P
 10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club A
 10 a.m. Zumba Toning CR
 10 a.m. VMA: Parkinson's Support F
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12:30 p.m. 18-H Women Golf Lunch CH
 1 p.m. Chapel Bible Small Group SEQ
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Communications Showcase CH
 2 p.m. Global Villages: Healing FC
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. Senior Academy Board VR
 4 p.m. Arts&Crafts Assoc. Board AR
 5 p.m. VAT Spring Dress Rhrl A
 7 p.m. The Villages Folksters VC

Friday, April 25

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 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
 11:30 a.m. Villages Volunteer event CH
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. P.E.O. Club Spring Social FC
 3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
 3:30 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
 5 p.m. VAT Spring Show A
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. Pickleball Club Tourney PC
 10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Quilters PR
 10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ
 12 p.m. VAT Spring Show A
 4:45 p.m. Study Groups: Movie Group SEQ
 6 p.m. Korean Club Games/Dance VC

Sunday, April 27

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 a.m. Golf Course
 Grand Re-Opening CH
 Del Lago Social Lunch FC
 12 p.m. VAT Spring Show A

Monday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Assoc. Rules Cmte. F
 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 SEQ
 12:15 p.m. VAT Set strike A
 1 p.m. Stitchery PR
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Cat Club VC
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 7 p.m. Hiking Club FC

Tuesday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 9:30 a.m. Association Board FC
 10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
 11:30 a.m. 9-H Women/Swingers Lunch CH
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 1:30 p.m. Club Board FC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Arts&Crafts Free Art Film CR
 5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ
 6 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A
 6 p.m. VAT Spring Cast Party VC
 7 p.m. Plant-based Diet MC

Wednesday, April 30

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
 10 a.m. Study Groups: iPhone Class MC
 11:15 a.m. QiGong A
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 5 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 VC
 5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
 6 p.m. Art Class: Acrylics AR
 6 p.m. Village Voices Tech Rhrl A
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
 9 a.m. Assoc. Architect. Cmte. MC
 9 a.m. Game Day RED
 10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance Club A
 10 a.m. Zumba Toning CR
 11 a.m. VMA: Spine Center VC
 11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
 12:30 p.m. 18-H Women Golf Lunch CH
 1 p.m. Chapel Bible Small Group SEQ
 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 3 p.m. Homeowner Arch Ctrl Cmte. MC
 3 p.m. Pasta & Noodles Fest A
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Ensemble PR
 4 p.m. Valle Vista DAC FC

Friday, May 2

6:45 a.m. Men Golf Coffee Station CH
 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
 11 a.m. Friends of SJSU Ret. Lunch CH
 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 1 p.m. Village Voices Concert A
 2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
 2 p.m. Democrats: Resistance Lab FC
 3 p.m. Cinco De Mayo Bocce Bash BC
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Calendar Highlights

Chapel Cantata

Easter story set to music on **Sunday, April 20 at 10 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium

VAT's 'Fiddler'

Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. and **Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium

Arthritis Workshop

VMA: "Arthritis: A Common Problem with Many Treatment Options," **Thursday, May 1 at 11 a.m.** in Vineyard Center

'Live, Love, Sing'

Presented by VMS Voices on **Friday, May 2** and **Sunday, May 4 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium

Noodle Event

Chinese and Italian Club will host joint noodle event **Thursday, May 1, from 3 to 5 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.

'Birds of Villages'

Hiking Club's featured event will be held **Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

Appointments available for help with Member Portal and Member app

The Communications team continues to support Villagers whenever a question arises, or glitch occurs with our online platforms—whether it be on the Member Portal or Member mobile app. When Anita Leung—the WOW (Welcome to Our Website) coordinator transitioned into her HR role, Mariam Ibrahim, the Communication team’s webmaster, in March stepped up to assist. Since the webmaster role carries a lot of responsibilities and tight timelines, we found that her attention is divided, so we found a better way to serve our customers.

Starting April 21, to ensure customer service excellence, we ask that you make an appointment by emailing Mariam at mibrahim@the-villages.com or placing a call at 669-292-3264. Mariam welcomes the opportunity to serve you Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in person (Building B)—or Tuesdays and Fridays via phone. **Please note:** Mariam will be out of the office May 5-15.

Mark your calendars!

Our Technology Showcase is another way to get familiar with your technology. Come to the next presentation, **Thursday, April 24 from 2:20 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Oak and Sunset rooms.

‘Hiking Club Schedule’ ...

(Continued from front page)

Long Hike, SATURDAY, April 26 – Bob Bogdanoff (408-834-9657, bogdanoff@sbcglobal.net) will lead a hike into the backcountry of Henry W. Coe State Park. One weekend a year, the Bell Station entrance to Henry W. Coe State Park, off of Hwy 152 (near Casa de Fruta), is open to the public. Our club is planning a day hike on Saturday. There is a required-in-advance permit; \$35 per car with any number of people in the car. Last year, car passes sold out quickly. We have one car which fits 7 people. If more people sign up, we’ll need to add extra volunteer drivers and cars, if possible. We’ll meet at 8 a.m., leave 8:15, from the Cribari Center. Bring water and a snack for the hike. After hiking, plan for a stop at Casa de Fruta for a late lunch/treat. If you’d like to participate in the hike, please contact Bob Bogdanoff to reserve your seat in the car. For more information, here’s a link for the Backcountry Weekend. <https://coepark.net/events/backcountry-weekend/>

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, April 30 - Sandy (530-412-1744) and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a rambler hike from Oak Meadow Park, along Los Gatos Creek to downtown Los Gatos. Upon completion of the almost 4-mile hike, those interested will gather at Garrett Station restaurant (Knowles Dr at Winchester Blvd) for lunch. It is about 2 miles from the Oak Meadow parking lot. Meet at Cribari at **8:45** for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, April 30 - 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.



The Villager Technology Showcase

Explore the evolution of The Villager Online (TVO). Bring your curiosity and questions. Receive personal coaching on TVO, Member Portal and mobile app!

Thursday, April 24
2:30 - 4 p.m.
Oak & Sunset Rooms

Calling All Musicians!

The Clubhouse Restaurant is looking for talented instrumentalists to perform live in our Restaurant or Bistro several times a month.

If you’re interested in showcasing your skills to an appreciative dining audience, we’d love to hear from you!

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CLUBS & EVENTS

EVF's shredding event is Saturday, 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. 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.



Don't kick the can down the road—recycle!

The VMA currently has barrels specifically labeled for its Aluminum Can Recycling Program in most trash enclosures in each village and has a team of volunteers that do pickups.

Please, no pet food, soup, tin cans, plastic or glass—just aluminum.

For those of our neighbors who have curbside trash pickup, your aluminum cans are currently going to California Waste Solutions through The City of San Jose. We request, instead, that our residents deposit their aluminum cans in one of The Villages trash enclosures nearest you. The recycling proceeds the VMA receives go directly back into our community. We recycle over 2 ½ tons of aluminum annually.

Because we are considered a "Community Services Provider" by CalRecycle, we are only allowed to have receptacles for depositing aluminum cans in the trash enclosure and are not allowed to make collections. We are not licensed to recycle plastic, glass or tin cans. So, please separate those from your deposits.

We provide many services such as:

- A professional onsite services coordinator
- Medical appointment transportation
- Grocery shopping trips and meal delivery
- Medical equipment for loan and donated incontinent products
- Blood pressure checks
- Annual flu shots
- Recycling of unused prescription products
- Educational health and wellness programs

Please, pay it forward and give back by either recycling your aluminum with us or via financial donations. We are also especially looking for more volunteers to help collect the recyclables. Please contact the VMA office (408-238-4230) if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

Thanks for recycling!



VMA offers tech house calls



This is a reminder that the VMA has a group of volunteers willing to help residents with issues they may be having with their technology devices. We not only make house calls to ensure your comfort, but to verify your wi-fi is working well. Keeping you connected to regular communications around The Villages is key to this program. Setting you up on the Member Portal and navigating through all of the recently expanded fields will help you find information that's important to you!

Need help? Just call the VMA at 408-238-4230 and tell them you want a Tech visit! Yes, it is that easy.

Villages Study Groups Club holds Membership Appreciation meeting

By Judy Rogers

On Sunday, April 6, The Villages Study Groups Club hosted a vibrant Membership Appreciation meeting that brought together members and study group facilitators for an engaging and informative evening.

Attendees had the opportunity to meet our many dedicated facilitators behind the groups and learn more about both new offerings—such as Live, Love, Laugh, Chat and Arts and Crafts—as well as 17 other ongoing groups, including Local Tours, Cooking with Fili, and a variety of book clubs, dance, current events and history.

To explore all the exciting Study Groups we have available, visit the club's website at www.studygroups.vgcc.club

The evening was further elevated by a delightful performance from the talented vocal/instrumental group, TRILLIUM, whose music brought smiles and applause all around. And to top it off, members enjoyed a delicious taco dinner provided by a local catering company—showing once again that you truly can't beat an evening of information, entertainment, and great food!



Like to write? Join us!

Storytellers is a small group of writing enthusiasts that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. We share our writings from past and present in all forms—poetry, prose, reflections, etc. We may also read something that we did not write but that we would like to share with the group. We do not critique, but often what we share will generate discussion. If this interests you, please contact Marty Funcell at 408-933-8423.



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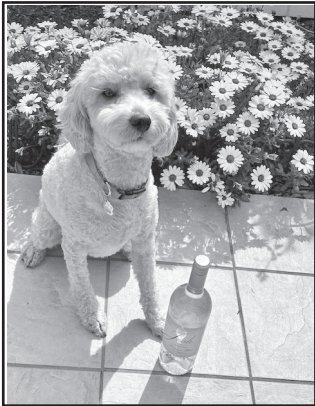
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Join Dog Club for wine outing at Gazebo

Got wine? The Villages Dog Club is meeting **Saturday, May 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.** at Gazebo Park. We are having a fun social gathering for all members including our furry ones. Please join us for this event. Not a member or don't have a dog? Stop by and visit us anyway.

Please feel free to bring an appetizer to share with all and your beverage of your choice. If you like wine, please bring a bottle to share with others that also bring one and enjoy the taste of different wines we enjoy. If you have a favorite and would like to let everyone know where you got it and why you love it, that would be fantastic. Sharing is believing and we can all try something different to get out of our "box." Bring your chairs so we can all sit together and chat about food, wine and dogs!



Ditch the bottle: Learn to make fresh, seasonal salad dressings

By Marie-Paule Wood

Tired of salads that taste like bottled preservatives? The Global Village Club is excited to host the next Healthy Eating Group class, "Seasonal Salads with Fresh Ingredients" on **Tuesday, April 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center. In this demonstration-style class I hope to change the way you think about salad—and what goes on top of it.

My class is for anyone who wants to eat better without sacrificing flavor. The spotlight? Homemade salad dressings—easy, vibrant, and made from ingredients you can pronounce.

Most store-bought dressings are packed with preservatives, sugars, and cheap oils that dull your palate and compromise your health. I will show you how to whip up several fresh dressings using spring produce and pantry staples—each ready in minutes. I want you to learn how to build a classic vinaigrette and then take it further. My mother didn't have a recipe to give me—I learned by watching and doing. The basic vinaigrette is three parts oil to one part vinegar, plus salt and pepper. After that, you can add Dijon mustard, honey, garlic, and much more... the list is endless.

This is a relaxed, watch-and-learn evening filled with useful tips, live tastings, and a few great stories. You get a chance to see just how delicious my fresh sourdough bread is when paired with these wonderful salads. I will give you a spring market guide, printed recipes to take home, along with a renewed love for real salad.

Reserve your spot and give your greens the dressing they deserve. RSVP by emailing globalvc-club@gmail.com and please use "Healthy Eating" in the subject line.



Heather Haven to be speaker at Cat Club meeting

The Cat Club is pleased to announce that our very own famed author and cat lover will be speaking at the Cat Club meeting on **Monday, April 28** in Vineyard Center from **2-4 p.m.**! Heather Haven has written several books, many of which have received renowned recognition. She will share her insights, and discuss how she got started in the world of writing. Join us for what should be a wonderful and engaging meeting.

As always, remember to bring something for the "leave something take something" table. This is always free and provides to be a great way to try something different for your cat!

Our meetings held the fourth Monday of the month in the Vineyard Center. **Look for the new yellow cat club sign.** Register for the meeting by visiting <https://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club> or texting Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798.

Tables will be arranged so you will be sitting with your neighbors. Get to know others in your Village to share cat sitting responsibilities.

VMA: 'Beat the Heat & Cool Your Arthritis'



Dr. Jothi Murali-Larson MD

Steamy heat and muggy humidity sap often trigger your painful arthritis. You are not alone; 80 percent of adults over age 55 have osteoarthritis. Learn the best ways to tame arthritis in all seasons at "Arthritis: A Common Problem with Many Treatment Options," **Thursday, May 1 at 11 a.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Dr. Jothi Murali-Larson MD, an orthopaedic surgeon, and chair of Orthopaedics at Good Samaritan Hospital, will cover: common symptoms of osteoarthritis, contributing factors, options for treatment, and basic information about total knee and total shoulder replacement.

In addition, Dr. Murali will answer your questions, to ensure you gain greater understanding of arthritis. The name of this medical condition, which often stops us from gardening, golfing, and playing with our grandchildren, comes from the Greek words arthro-, meaning "joint," and "-it is", meaning "inflammation." Arthritis, or joint inflammation, can be a major cause of physical disability and psychological distress.

While arthritis may be a common health condition, Dr. Murali-Larson is rare in her field of orthopaedic surgery. Women make up a mere 6 percent of orthopaedic surgeons. Moreover, Dr. Murali-Larson also serves as chair of the orthopaedic department at Good Samaritan Hospital. Only a handful of women serve as Department Chairs in Orthopaedic surgery—a tribute to Dr. Murali-Larson's dedication, skills, knowledge and reputation. A Board-Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Murali-Larson completed her Orthopaedic surgery residency and Trauma fellowship at Brown University and her Sports Medicine fellowship at U.C. Davis. Dr. Murali-Larson treats arthritis of the shoulders and knees and performs joint replacement surgery at Good Samaritan. Asked about her what drew her to Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. Murali-Larson said, 'I love the way form meets function. I've has always had an interest in building and fixing things. I also played a lot of sports and have had a lot of injuries. I find getting patients back to doing what they love to be rewarding in a concrete way. I seek to engage patients with active listening, to understand each patient's goals and

priorities—and to work collaboratively—with good teamwork—to meet those goals and priorities."

Regardless of the season, cool your arthritis flares. Register now for "Arthritis: A Common Problem with Many Treatment Options" to be held May 1. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club and click on "Register for Programs." Or call the office at 408-238-4029.

Learn about Tai Chi at Open House demonstration

By Jeff Rose

After studying Judo, Shotokan and Tae Kwon Do for many years, I've discovered the profound benefits of Tai Chi.

As I've aged, balance and movement became more challenging, but Tai Chi has provided effective remedies. I've also noticed my focus has sharpened, and the supportive Tai Chi community, with both beginner and advanced group practices, makes the experience even more rewarding.

We are in the Cribari Plaza every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, weather permitting, at 8:30 a.m. If you have seen a group of people moving in unison during those mornings—that's us.

The Tai Chi Club invites you to an Open House demonstration in Cribari Auditorium on **Thursday, May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.** We will be showcasing techniques we have been studying for the past two years, including Open Hand (Fist), Sword and Fan forms.

Refreshments will be served. We encourage all Villagers to come and experience this wonderful practice.

You've heard of modern dance, well we practice ancient dance. Hope to see you there.





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**Fireside Chat
with Theresa Ostrander**



Wednesday, May 28, 3 - 4 p.m. - Fairway Room
Topic: **FY 26 Intercompany Transfers with Theresa Ostrander** (General Manager) and **Blake Kennedy** (AGM / CFO)

Open to all residents. First come, first served. Maximum 50.

Please note: Registration for this month's Fireside Chat is **optional**. To submit any questions pertaining to the topic, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vgccfireside11>

Chinese and Italian Clubs to host Joint Culture Noodle event

Learn about the origin of noodles and explore how Chinese and Italian culinary styles differ in cooking methods, shapes, ingredients, and sauce pairings. Discover the unique techniques that define each culture's approach to this beloved staple!



Enjoy two delicious sample dishes from each culture, expertly prepared by Chef John from the Clubhouse. Experience the rich flavors and culinary traditions that make pasta and noodles unique.

Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

The cost is \$25 per person, charged to the house account.

First come first served based on registration time, seating is limited to 95 per club. Overflow from one club will be used to fill the other.

This is a non-alcoholic event. Water and tea provided.

Please note that the Villages residents can enjoy the dinner at The Clubhouse on May 1, 2025 for the four dishes provided at 10 percent discount.

Please register online by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/Villages-Culture-Noodle>

Villages Community Chapel to present Easter Cantata

Don't miss the opportunity to hear the Easter story set to music on **Sunday, April 20 at 10 a.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The inspirational story of Christ's judgment, crucifixion and resurrection will be presented by the Villages Community Chapel Choir supplemented by additional gifted singers and narrated by Diana Hallock and Jason Herfurth. Vocal soloists include Christine Leisy, Margaret Orandi and Caroline Baker. Our cantata, titled "An Easter Mosaic," is composed by Robert Sterling and George Weissel and is directed by Mark Fish.



Easter Sunday will not be the same without hearing once again the beautiful story that is the foundation of Christianity. Plan to come early to be sure of a seat and bring your family and friends. All are welcome to this glorious celebration of Easter.

P.E.O. to host Spring Social on 'English Church Architecture'

You are invited to the Villages P.E.O. Club Spring Social on **Friday, April 25 at 2 p.m.** in the Foothill Center. The main presentation will be "English Church Architecture" followed by "P.E.O. - Lending a Helping Hand."



English desserts will be served.

The program will be as follows: First Peter Nicholls will tell us about "English Church Architecture" as displayed in his Photographic Society of America Gold Portfolio. Then Reilly Hossner will share how P.E.O. helped her reach her educational goals with a PCE grant. Finally some special guests from the P.E.O. California State Chapter will speak.

This event is free but you are welcome to bring your favourite English dessert to share. Please tell Trudy about

your dessert when you RSVP.

All Villagers are welcome. Please **RSVP by April 20** to Trudy Nicholls at trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com or 408-440-0410.

Free Art Film: Life and work of Georgia O'Keeffe

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association will present another wonderful film on the life and work of Georgia O'Keeffe, hosted by Marion Rose, on **Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room.

Known and beloved for her modernist depictions of flowers and desert landscapes her work over a span of 70 years oscillates between realism and abstraction.

She broke barriers in a male dominated art world by making music with odd and bright color combinations. She was uninterested in selling her art and couldn't care less if her name became a household word... and she became one of the most famous women artists of the 20th century.



This event is free to all Villagers and their guests. Popcorn will be served. An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film. This month's door prize is a special piece of jewelry by Villages resident Parthenia Hicks. This film runs for approximately 90 minutes.



Join Us for a Celebration of Villages' Volunteers!

The Boards of Directors cordially invite all community volunteers to a special Fiesta in your honor!

Date: Friday, April 25
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Clubhouse

This Fiesta is our way of saying "Thank You" for your dedication and hard work. It's a time to relax, connect with fellow volunteers, and enjoy a fun-filled celebration!

Let's celebrate YOU and the difference you make in our community!

'Live, Love, Sing' ... (Continued from front page)

Me," and "If I were a Rich Man." And if "Tradition" doesn't get your juices flowing, you may be out of juice.

On top of that, you'll love the "Bottle" dance, performed by the Village Dancers.

Here you see the entire cast, gathered outside of Tevye's house for a wedding celebration. The cast, singers, musicians and dancers have been working very hard to present to you a great experience, and you won't want to miss it.

Tickets will be on sale this **Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon** in the Sequoia room. If you need tickets and are unable to purchase them on Saturday, after noon on the 19th, please call 408-960-6921 or email vattickets@gmail.com and request them. You must provide the following information: first and last name, house number, performance date requested and special accommodation needed (wheelchair, etc.) Be aware that you will be given the best seats available at the time of your request and you are acknowledging that you authorize the VAT to charge your house number \$20 per ticket requested. These tickets will be available at "Will Call" on the date of the performance requested.

And don't forget, you get 10 percent off your dinner in the Clubhouse on the day of the performance you attend. Come have your ribs tickled and your heart touched by this wonderful show.



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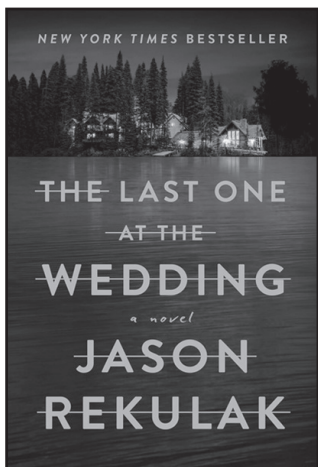
Here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among the bestsellers. There's also a wall of mystery, fiction and non-fiction large print editions in the backroom. While you're there, take a look through the biography section.

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.

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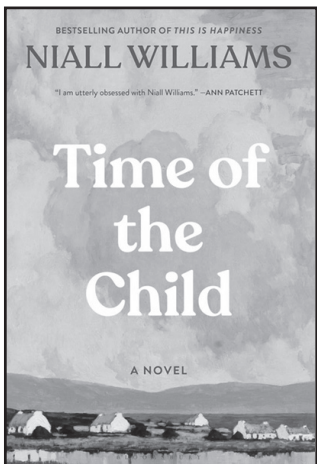
Our latest recommendations:

"The Last One at The Wedding" by Jason Rekulak. Publisher's description: "Frank Szatowski is shocked when his daughter, Maggie, calls him for the first time in three years. He was convinced that their estrangement would become permanent. He's even more surprised when she invites him to her upcoming wedding in New Hampshire. Frank is ecstatic, and determined to finally make things right. He arrives to find that the wedding is at a private estate—very secluded, very luxurious, very much out of his league. It seems that Maggie failed to mention that she's marrying



Aidan Gardner, the son of a famous tech billionaire. Feeling desperately out of place, Frank focuses on reconnecting with Maggie and getting to know her new family. But it's difficult: Aidan is withdrawn and evasive; Maggie doesn't seem to have time for him; and he finds that the locals are disturbingly hostile to the Gardners. Frank needs to know more about this family his daughter is marrying into, but if he pushes too hard, he could lose Maggie forever."

Time of the Child by Niall Williams. Publisher's description: "Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in Faha, but his responsibilities for the sick and his care for the dying mean he has always been set apart from the town. His eldest daughter, Ronnie, has grown up in her father's shadow, and remains there, having missed one chance at love – and passed up another offer of marriage from an unsuitable man. But in the Advent season of 1962, as the town readies itself for Christmas, Ronnie and Doctor Troy's lives are turned upside down when a baby is left in their care. As the winter passes, father and daughter's lives, the understanding of their family, and their role in their community are changed forever."



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See Hiking Club present 'Birds of The Villages'

The subject of this month's Hiking Club's featured program is "Birds of The Villages." Frank Langben has photographed 92 of the at-least 106 species which have been seen here! He also helps keep track of the deer living at The Villages. Frank is a former high school history teacher who has lived in The Villages for 12 years.

Joining Frank is Nancy Mori. Nancy is a retired biologist who moved to the Villages from Mountain View in December 2023. She is a long-time volunteer with the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and Cal Academy of Sciences. Besides many Villages activities, she keeps busy hiking, birdwatching, traveling, learning to fly fish and volunteering for a number of organizations.

The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, April 28 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.



A Stellar's Jay in The Villages

Clinical Social Worker Vanessa Souza to speak at VMFSC meeting

On **Tuesday, May 6**, Vanessa Souza will be the speaker at the Villages Men's Fun Social Club luncheon.



Social Club members should make lunch reservations at least a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:15 p.m.**

Vanessa is a licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with a focus on supporting older adults. She has a particular interest in ensuring people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and their family and friends, have the knowledge needed to prepare for the future. She has nearly 15 years of experience working with older adults, family caregivers, and professional caregivers. Vanessa often works with people in times of transition and may use various interviewing strategies, along with narrative therapy or even reminiscence therapy, if appropriate.

Vanessa works as the Senior Manager for Community Engagement at the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from Seattle University and a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University.

We encourage you to attend and hear what it is like to navigate the healthcare system and manage both the physical and emotional needs of oneself and others.

VMA: Learn Benefits and Differences of Palliative Care and Hospice

Join Colby Perez, RN, Director of Nursing at With Grace Hospice, on **Tuesday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.** in Sequoia, as she explains "The Benefits and Differences Between Palliative Care and Hospice." A warm and experienced nursing professional, Colby will help you consider some factors to reflect upon regarding your comfort and treatment now and in the future.

These factors include your

- Your illness—is it chronic, life-threatening or curable?
- family dynamics including location of family and interpersonal relationships
- Caregiver availability and resilience—spouse, family, casual, agency?
- Medicare coverage—what does Medicare pay for?
- Values—family, friends, faith, fun, fight, push, passive, or enjoy now?

- Desired quality of life—surrounded by activity, regrets you want to face, projects you desire to finish, people with whom you want to connect?
- Difficult conversations: How to begin? How to handle "Avoiders"?

These can be sobering reflections. They can also be freeing in allowing you to focus on what is important to you.

Do the words stick in your throat as you consider letting your family know your preferences if you experienced a serious illness? Invite your loved ones to join you for this one-hour discussion, "The Benefits and Differences of Palliative Care and Hospice." Afterward, treat yourself to lunch at the Bistro. Savor today and revel in the relief of saying what is on your heart.

Limited space. Register now on our website, vmavillages.vgcc.club (click on Register for Programs) or by calling 408-234-4029.



Colby Perez, RN



Montgomery Ladies hold blooming floral-themed luncheon

By Susan Howe

On March 22, the Montgomery Ladies Luncheon was held and captured the beauty and vibrancy of the spring season with hand-crafted blooming centerpieces, tabletop décor, featuring dainty and delicate floral art, as well as complimentary champagne cocktails.

Each of the 95 Montgomery Villagers and guests were greeted with a mini burlap gift pouch filled with assorted indulgent Lindt Gourmet Chocolate Truffles.



Three delicious luncheon options including vegetable quiche, chicken crepes or a taco bowl were prepared and served by the Clubhouse staff. A decadent fudgy layered Tuxedo cake followed the house-made entrees.

Carol Hoffman, The Master of Ceremonies thanked the volunteers. She then facilitated an ice breaker activity and introduced the guest speaker, Sharon McCray.

Ms. McCray, a Master Gardner, presented an exciting and informative talk on container gardening. She shared tips & tricks to consider in gardening. Sharon also demonstrated creating container displays. Her container designs were given to guests as door prizes.

Time to exhale—sign up for Healing Room event

By Kim Silverman

Registration for the Global Villages Community Club's Healing Room on **Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 2 p.m. 4 p.m.** in Foothill Center is now open to non-Global Villages Community Club (GVCC) members. Although it is free to attend, we have just a few spots left. Due to this month's topic, seating is limited and expected to fill quickly. Fill in the registration form at <https://www.kimsilvermantransformation.com/healing-room-registration> to save your spot!

This event is first offered to our GVCC members. If you would like to become a GVCC member (\$10 per year) and receive priority seating at any of our events, please contact Kim Silverman at kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com.

Each month we ask you for topics you would like to see in future Healing Room events. We've listened to your requests and so here it is...

This month's topic: You've been carrying a lot. It's time to exhale. As a gift to yourself, step into two soothing hours designed to bring you back to a calm and still mind—back to a peaceful existence where there is no stress or anxiety. Let the noise fade, the pressure lift, and give yourself permission to simply be.

With a more intimate and smaller group, Kim Silverman will gently guide you in releasing the weight of stress and anxiety—those invisible layers we so often carry without pause. From there, you'll be led into a deeply immersive, one-hour guided meditation, where you'll experience what it feels like to truly rest.

By the time this event takes place, tax season will finally be behind us—but the weight of world events will still be pressing in. That's why this moment of stillness isn't just self-care—it's essential. Stress builds quietly, and without release, it begins to wear down both body and spirit.

This is your chance to quiet the runaway mind—the one that's always racing ahead, solving, fixing, planning. Let it pause. Let it breathe.

The Healing Room offers a sanctuary in the middle of it all. You don't need to earn this kind of peace—you just need to say yes to it.

You must pre-register (no walk-ins for this event)! Be sure you have received a confirming email one you register. If you don't receive one, then your registration did not go through.

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



Join Doug Canepa for Watercolor Plus Multi Media class



Watercolor Plus Multi Media is an innovative implementation to traditional watercolor painting. This course will incorporate multiple mediums such as pastels, acrylics, ink, and watercolor pencils to enhance your paintings. A variety of techniques will also be demonstrated that simplify and help create dramatic effects.

The class is on Wednesday mornings from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning April 23 and ending May 14** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The student fee is \$70. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Students will learn how the application of color values provides volume and believability to their paintings. Weekly tutorials are provided along with step-by-step instructions for each project. Students can choose from four open studio sessions that are included for individual instruction. Students from all levels and disciplines are welcome to join us in this collaborative and fun learning environment. Doug is a careful and patient teacher who will help each student reach his/her maximum ability in watercolor.

Come to Arts and Crafts meeting for 'Art and AI' presentation by Joel Pollack

By Michael Sunzeri



On **Monday, May 5 at 1:45 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room we want to draw you in for a very special presentation involving AI in the Art world. This is a modified demo. We will *only* be addressing AI in *art*, not AI and its bigger industry usage. Joel Pollack is an industry expert in electronic displays, holding a B.S. in Physics from Rochester Institute of Technology and an M.S. in Materials Science from the University of Rochester.

Joel's was a physicist at Xerox WRC. He also has a background in engineering, marketing, development, and management, at companies like Tektronix, Sharp Microelectronics, Samsung, and Nvidia and was CEO at Clairvoyante. In 2016 he retired from Amazon's Lab 126 as manager of display engineering for products like the Kindle. Currently he is a private industry consultant.

Among his other interests he is a commercial drone pilot and amateur photographer/videographer active in the Camera Club. Which leads us to Joel's recent applying his mastering AI imaging using an industry leading tool, Midjourney, for promptography.



Artificial Intelligence is a term frequently seen in the news for products like self-driving vehicles, Chat GPT, language, and more. Let Joel explain in his best layman's terms about Midjourney, Joel will show a range of images to demonstrate the depth and capability from photorealism to artwork.

Joel is encouraging you, Villagers, to create pencil or charcoal sketches and even a photograph to send to him at jpollack.cy@gmail.com in any format or scan as a PDF.

He'll use Midjourney for some to create AI retexturing netting different artistic looks of the original submissions. Make yourself available and perhaps some of your questions will be answered like, "how do they do that?"

Mayor Mahan draws crowd to Clubhouse

By Arlene Versaw

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan can fill a room. More than 250 Villagers turned out in force to hear him explain his budget proposals for the city and to answer audience questions at Senior Academy's annual Harrington event on April 7. An articulate, energized speaker, the Mayor spent a lot of his time discussing his priorities and tying the city's challenges to economic realities. A top focus was addressing the unhoused in the city, and public safety and increasing staffing for fire and police forces. Councilmember Domingo Candelas was also in attendance and said a few words.



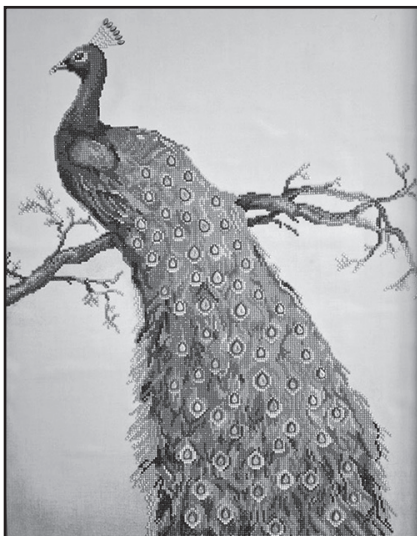
Of particular interest was an audience question about a recent proposal to charge a fee to those who call 9-1-1 for medical assistance. Mahan explained that the effort is to recapture some of the huge expense of providing this service—but from the insurance companies who insure residents—not from residents themselves. Another key point was his focus on accountability, especially for city department heads. He proposes to tie any salary boosts beyond cost-of-living increases to performance criteria.

Mayor Mahan aimed to leave attendees reassured that the city's leadership was in good hands. Our thanks to the Mayor for joining us at The Villages.

Make free Diamond Art at Arts and Crafts Make and Take Tuesday

By Michael Sunzeri

Third time is the Charm. Just in case you missed the two previous Diamond Art evenings, Arts and Crafts invites you to register for a third round of Diamond Art. It is a *free* Tuesday night Make and Take evening on **May 6** in the Art Room at **6:30 p.m.** Sign up with Barbara Gottesman at barb.gottesman@gmail.com early as the waiting list from last February is almost full again. If we are full this third time, then we will just offer a fourth evening for this popular night in the Art room.



Arts and Crafts is encouraging non-club Villagers to join us on Make and Take evenings on several Tuesdays throughout the year so that you can become familiar with Arts and Crafts. These evenings are for you to help spark your interest in art by giving you the opportunity to engage with us and to participate in all the programs, classes, and events we offer year-round. Our Arts & Crafts membership has over 260 versatile accomplished artists in all genres. We would like to see your artistry too.

We will have it all, so you don't need to bring anything except yourself for this event. We have refreshments and a bit o' wine, soda and water for you too.

Hurry and register with Barbara Gottesman soon as space is limited to 18 attendees. That evening, hosts will greet you, guide you to a ready table and soon this awaited event will begin. Your enjoyment is foremost, courtesy of Arts and Crafts.

Mothers Day BRUNCH

SUNDAY MAY 11TH

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
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

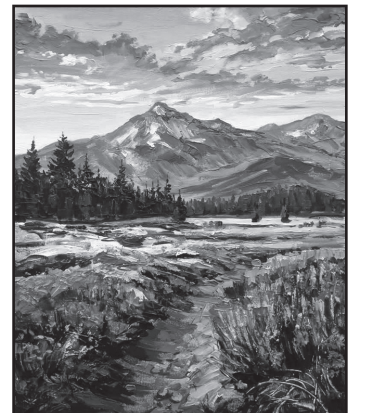
ENTREES
champagne chicken, morel mushrooms
herb crusted halibut, bearnaise sauce
eggplant parmesan lasagna
wild truffle potato au gratin
steamed seasonal vegetables

DESSERT
lemon meringue, coconut cream pie, pecan pie, assorted dessert bars
assorted cakes, cupcakes, petite fours, macaroons
mini cheesecakes, freshly baked cookies

all final changes due
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Sign up for acrylics class with Swati Mohari

Swati Mohari is a new Villager, having moved here from Cupertino. She is offering a four-week acrylics class to engage you as the weather turns. So that working people can attend, we have scheduled her class Wednesday evenings in the Art Room from **April 23 to May 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Register by barb.gottesman@gmail.com.



Swati will furnish all necessary materials for a student fee of \$120. If you bring your own materials, the fee is \$70. Bring four 8 x 10 canvases or canvas boards, brushes and acrylic colors.

Swati has over 15 years of teaching experience and currently teaches part time in Cupertino. She has a Master's Degree in Art. She has taught art to students of all ages—from elementary school to high school to adults to elders.

Swati is an artist and an art teacher. She strongly believes in the role of art in enriching human lives, and its health benefits not only for mental health but healing and overall well-being.

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.

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Catholic Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Francis of Assisi

- April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel
- The Altar of Repose will be available until 11 p.m.

Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- April 18 at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi
- **April 18 at 2 p.m. in The Villages**

Easter Vigil at St. Francis of Assisi

- April 19 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel
- April 20 Easter Sunday Mass 8 a.m. Cribari Center Auditorium



Holy Week

The triduum or three days of liturgical gatherings began on Thursday, April 17. This is the celebration of the meal Jesus shared with his companions the day before his death. There is only one celebration in each parish so that the whole community can come together as the disciples did with Jesus. This will be at St. Francis of Assisi at 7 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed in a side chapel (altar of repose) for personal prayer that evening till 11 p.m.

Friday, April 18 will be the service of the Passion of the Lord. It will be held in the Cribari Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Saturday evening, April 19 the parish celebrates the Vigil of Easter at St. Francis of Assisi at 8 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Francis.

Sunday morning, April 20, the Mass of Resurrection will be in Cribari Auditorium at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend.



COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Am I not enough?'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

We all can relate to being human and in need, regardless of our heritage or origin. We all enter the world with brokenness, no matter the status of our parents. Some of us have been shielded from many pitfalls in life because of the influence of parents and their associates. We can receive many privileges and opportunities but be impoverished in spirit by blaming others for their failures.

It all started in the Garden of Eden and continues from generation to generation, and nothing is good enough to satisfy the soul. Regardless of your upbringing, you look to point the finger of blame at someone or something. Adam pointed the finger at Eve, and Eve pointed at the serpent. We work hard at convincing ourselves that the guilty party is never us.

Why is it so easy to find blame and point the finger? Do you consider yourself living a blessed life or one filled with complaints? When you discover that it's more common for you to grumble, complain, be irritated, be impatient, and groan, your sinful nature is ruling you. At its core, a broken life is all about selfishness, and we shrink our world down to the confines of our wants, needs, and feelings. When you put Jesus and others in the center of your world, there are plenty of things to be joyful about.

People in this fallen and broken world are again reminded of God's great sacrifice in sending His only Son to give us everlasting life. This week, we celebrate the Holiest of weeks as we renew and realign our lives according to God's purpose: to live eternally in His presence. We will revisit when Christ conquered death, hell, and the grave to assure all who believe in Him will have eternal life. On Palm Sunday, we gathered in the Chapel, remembering Christ's courageous ride into Jerusalem with the certainty of His death approaching within days of His arrival.

After Christ rose from the grave, He came to them and said, "All power and authority in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18

Please join us in celebrating Holy Week 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. We will be starting a new series: "Appreciating His Gift." The chapel is where needs are met, faith is affirmed, and new friends are made. You can view our worship services on YouTube at villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday 8:15 a.m. **Catholic Mass** Cribari
Contact: Kathy Schlosser 408-677-4770

Sunday 10 a.m. **Community Chapel** Cribari
Contact: Del Herfurth 408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

Friday 9 a.m. **Catholic Mass** Cribari
First three Fridays of each month

Contact: Louise Connors 408-221-6485

Friday 7 p.m. **Jewish Shabbat** Foothill

Next date: TBA

Contact: Bob Lapidus 408-693-9498

Judy London 650-469-9624

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., April 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 JEWISH COMMUNITY

Villages Jewish Community

2025 Activity Schedule

Services/Programs

Shabbat Services – Foothill Center – 7 p.m.

Third Friday night of the following months: January, February, March, May, June, July, October & November

Jewish Holidays

Passover Seder April 16

High Holidays – Foothill Center

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service

Tashlich

Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur

Morning Service

Yizkor & Neilah

Break the Fast

Chanukkah Party

September 22

September 23

September 23

October 1

October 2

October 2

October 2

December 17

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SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS

What a beautiful day for golf. A little cool in the shade but warm and toasty in the sun.



Captain's Trophy winners Fran Schumaker and Betty Hall

The earlier time might still be taking a little getting used to but with our three qualifiers, we fielded 20 golfers today. Our qualifiers were Marie Colaizzi, Linda McChesney and Amari Thomas. Nice to see Elena, Kathy Tanaka and Bonnie back with us and enjoying golf.

No birdies today so that pot will just keep rolling over. Good luck to someone next week.

Putting for Pesos had two winners today: Amari Thomas (better watch out for her, ha) and Manoli Kelly. Manoli is headed off on her vacation so we won't see her for a month or so.

Today was our April Captain's Trophy golf. Pictured below are today's winners. With the low net, Fran Schumaker at 19 while Betty Hall had low gross at 37.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are in morning play, gathering every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

Thursday, April 10, 2025, was sunny and warm. Another fine day for some golf. Twelve Ironmen played.

Arki Galicki won **First Place** with a 4 under par net 23! Jerry Juracich and Bob Pritchard shared **Second Place** each with a net 27; and Joe Alarcon won **Third Place** with a net 28.



There was one **Birdie** by Dave Hathaway on hole 4.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 3 at 15 feet 10 inches.

Bob Pritchard won **Low Gross** with a 34.

Bob Pritchard won **Golfer of the Day** Honors with low gross and a second place finish. Way to go, Bob.

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

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and play basically pressure-free golf. And the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283. You can also visit our website at ironmen.vgcc.club

Deep Thoughts: Regarding The Masters: "I always said that if they have a golf course like this in heaven, I want to be the head pro. Every shot is within a fraction of disaster – that's what makes it so great." - Gary Player, three-time winner of The Masters.

"This is The Masters. It's got the beauty, it's got the colour, it's got the sound and it's got the breezes. Everything together makes this place special. The course is perfection and it asks perfection." - Nick Faldo, three-time winner of The Masters.

PICKLEBALL



By Kim Silverman

Our first Dink & Drink social of the season served up a fantastic evening of fun and friendly play! Held on Friday, April 11 from 6–7:30 p.m., the event brought players together under perfect evening skies to share snacks, meet new partners, and enjoy games with folks they don't usually play. Players of all skill levels mixed it up on every court, filling the evening with nonstop laughter and lively rallies. Thank you, Michelle McQuay, for organizing the event and taking pictures.



Next Dink & Drink: May 9 - Sharing snacks is half the fun – don't forget to bring a tasty appetizer! We're also exploring an earlier start time, so keep an eye out for updates.

Upcoming Tournaments – Ready to Compete?

April 26 – Spring Swing Tournament (Registration Closed), 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Breakfast snacks and lunch served. Come cheer on your clubmates!

May 4 – Silver Creek Invitational (Hosted at The Villages) (Registration Open) 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A fun, competitive event for all skill levels – there's still time to register! Meet our neighbors, enjoy the game, and fuel up with breakfast snacks and lunch provided for all players and spectators.

2025 Pickleball Event Calendar

April 26 – Spring Swing Tournament

May 4 – Silver Creek Invitational (at The Villages)

May 9 – Dink & Drink

June 7 – Village Volley Tournament

June 13 – Dink & Drink

July 11 – Dink & Drink

August 8 – Dink & Drink

August 30 – Dink 'N Dolls BBQ

September 13 – Big Dills BBQ

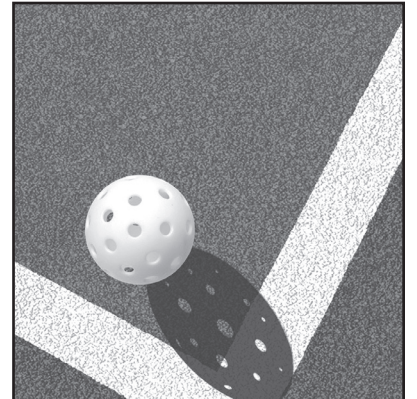
October 11 & 12 – Battle of the Paddles (Doubles)

October 25 & 26 – Battle of the Paddle (Mixed Doubles)

October 26 – Taco Fiesta!

November 2 – Villages at Silver Creek

Let's keep building momentum – more dinks, more drinks, more memories. See you on the court!



TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Spring brings great tennis weather. Our next club tournament will be the charity Scholarship tournament for Silver Creek High School tennis teams. **The new date is Saturday, May 10.** Jim Ferguson is the chairman for this 21st year. Keep watching your emails for more information and be sure to register for this fun tournament.

The Women's USTA 65+7.0 team had four matches the week of April 7 due to all of the rainouts. I am happy to report the Villages won three and are about to play their final match today, Friday, April 11 (at the time of this writing) at home against Courtside Bay Club. I hope we have lots of Villagers cheering in the viewing stand.

The Men's USTA 55+ 7.0 team is in the middle of their season and are having success. Come and see and cheer your team. Their next home match is Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m.

In addition, we have the VTL half way done with three Villages teams playing each other. All levels are participating and fun to watch. All matches are at 1:30 p.m., so hoping the weather cooperates and doesn't get too hot.

And lastly, the Jump Start program had their first lesson on Tuesday, April 8 and will continue every Tuesday at 5 to 6 p.m. for nine more weeks. These lessons are free to any club member wishing to brush up on their skills and is taught by volunteers by some of our best players: Gail and Mike Tuft, Roy Pennington, Peggy Seidel and Sherry Benz. It is not too late to join. If interested, contact Sherry Benz at 408-887-5497 or sabenz@sbcglobal.net

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.

moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

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.



Wayne Bodamer



Young Kook Song



Cannen Shaw

2025 Evergreen Invitational— The Villages Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Evergreen Invitational will be held July 10-12 and the cost this year will be \$850 per team. Make sure to save the date!

Yes, we know this notification is coming to you a little early, but we want to make sure that you have plenty of time to mark this on your calendar and to save the date.

This is our Premiere / Major Tournament of the year! So make sure you reach out to your perspective partners and let them know the dates and the price, and please remember that they must have an established handicap to participate. We will continue to keep you updated with news and information regarding this premiere event in the upcoming weeks. See you there!

Should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please make sure to contact **Bill Johnston, the 2025 Evergreen Chairman** at wljandea1944@gmail.com

New Members for March—Let's welcome **Chuck Major** to the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club. Please introduce yourself and invite Chuck to play. See you on the course buddy!

March HIOs, Eagle Shooters, and Age Shooters

Didn't see any Hole In Ones for March? Well that's because there wasn't any!

March Eagle Shooters

Shout out to **Wayne Bodamer** for marking down an Eagle 3 on Hole #16 on March 10th. Good for you buddy and we hope you have a bunch more in the bag.

Yong Kook Song— When this gentleman isn't making Hole In Ones he just goes out and knocks down eagles. Young Kook Song recorded his Eagle 3 on March 23rd on Hole #16 as well. I have a feeling we are going to see Young in the paper many more times to come.

Hats off to **Cannen Shaw!** Cannen had an Eagle 3 on Hole #2 on March 26. He hit driver from a pushed back 4 tee placement, hitting a high fade, carrying the right hand fairway bunkers, landing on the bottom of the hill right hand side of the cart path. he then hit an easy 195 club with a high draw pin high to the left. The putt was about 15 feet with a bumpy roll, diving into the cup. Easy Peezy!

(I remember when I was on that green in 2, once. That was back when they had the tee boxes way up for the sand trap project. I digressed, my sincerest apologies.) Congratulations Cannen! You're a stud and we are sure you will be doing this again real soon!

Age Shooters for March? A big fat noooooo....

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

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **May 5, 2025.**

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

Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament 2-Man, Match Play and Horserace Tournament Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 2, 3, and 4



Flights consist of Six 2-Man Teams—Format: 4-Ball Match Play

- 1 Net Best Ball. Each team plays 9-hole match with other five teams in same flight.

• Friday, Day 1 - 2 nine-hole matches and Team Virgilio's putting contest.

• Saturday, Day 2 - 2 nine-hole matches

• Sunday morning, Day 3 -1 nine-hole match to determine the Flight Champion

• Sunday morning, Day 3 – Horserace - Following nine-hole match -

All Flight Champions will compete in the Championship Horserace.

Added Bonus: If your Flight Champion finishes in the top position, everyone in that Flight will be paid!

- Coffee and Donuts served each day — Snacks & Beverages in between matches

- **Taco Bar Lunch, Awards Ceremony and Door Prize drawings**

(included in entry fee) at Foothill Center on Sunday after the Horserace.

Entry Fee: \$95 per player plus green fees (3rd day is 9-hole rate)

Prizes: -Match Play - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each flight

-Championship Horserace Day 3: "One for all, All for One!" - Pays - Win/Place/Show

Registration: Sign up now in the Pro Shop **in person**, no phone tee time reservations.

Registration ends Tuesday, April 29.

Field limited to first 48 teams, so get your partner now!

BOCCE NEWS



Starting on Saturday, May 24 and continuing through **Saturday, June 28**, the Villages Bocce Club is bringing back the Bocce Volo Tournament. This is a special tournament for recreational players/members who just want to have fun.

There are only two time slots available, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sign up on the club's website.

Teams will be made up of 6 to 8 players. Each team will be given an Italian name, and referees will be assigned for you. This is meant to be a fun tournament.



This is a Mixer format. Captains will select their teams from the proverbial hat on Friday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at the Bocce Courts.

On Saturday, July 5 at Vineyard Center, we will have a potluck for those participating in the tournament.

Signup sheets will be available at the courts each Saturday during play. Limit of 75 for potluck.



Join the Bocce Club on **Friday, May 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.** for a Cinco De Mayo fiesta at our weekly bash. Everyone is welcome, you needn't be a member to attend. Bring your favorite beverage and a Cinco de Mayo snack to share if you want to eat.

Wendy and Rich Ledamun will be your hosts for this fun event!

Friday bashes are a great way for Villagers to meet new friends, socialize with old friends and play casual bocce. Courts are located at Gazebo Park, are ADA accessible, and bathrooms are adjacent to the bocce courts.

We look forward to seeing you at the courts!



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Bandini begins another year

By Diana Hallock

A volunteer crew of 25 Villagers took to the course at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, yes, before dawn, to fill divots, remove dead



grass clods, pick up trash and repair ball marks. The Bandini Patrol has given this volunteer service for over 35 years, saving the Villages thousands of dollars in golf course repair. They will be at work every Tuesday morning from now until the end of September. If you see them, say “thanks.” If you play golf, be sure you take divot mix and do your own repairs as you play. If you’re enjoying a walk, help out by picking up any trash that might be blowing by. It’s Volunteer Month! We can all help!

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Millie Anne Schwerin

April 10 Play Day—It started out a little chilly but the sun broke out just as golfers were finishing their rounds.

Vicki Krattli and Kerry Besmehn, chairs for the Handicap Tournament in May, showed us how to keep score in match play and will follow up on another session on the rules for match play during one of the Thursday lunches.

Amazing birdies from Susan Anderson (#5), Gisele Barber (#15), Janet Gonzales with an almost eagle (#10), Janis LeCompte (#5), Jay Lee (#11), Betty Sharps (#8), and Helen Varenkamp with two birdies (#4, #10). Chip-ins from Maxine Amundson (#15), Gisele Barber (#15), recently returned Mary Ann Diridon (#18), Jay Lee (#11), Betty Sharps (#8) and Barbara Weisend (#8). Great job, ladies! Congratulations to all the winners in the various flights.

Beat the Pro—See next week’s results on who beat the pro on April 17.

May Captain’s Trophy coming up on Thursday, April 24

Don’t forget **Captain’s Trophy** will be on Thursday, April 24.

EC Partnership and Ringer—It is not too late to sign up for the EC Partnership and the Ringer. Please contact either Loanne Rube or Geri Wilk to sign up for the EC and Camille Giuliiodibari for the Ringer.

Bunker Renovation Project continues—Please check your email for updates before each round.

WOMEN’S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

It was another early spring day and the play of the ladies was exceptional with many ladies shooting net scores under par. Our Captain’s Trophy winner was Anka Hoek with a stunning 30 net. I hope she is available for lessons on how to play so well.

Our flight winners for Tuesday were:

Flight One - Judy Steinberg, Suzy Kim, Bev Poellot, Gloria Lowry, Sue Daughtrey, Barbara Weisend, Jean Shimada, and Susie Q Conklin. All eight ladies were under par net.

Flight Two - Anka Hoek, Cookies Hales, Madeline Nafzger, Emmy Brown, Edie Herbst, Josephine Chan, Sylvia Rozewicz, and Diane Flanigan. Again the winners were all net par or better.

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, April 22, 9 a.m. Swingers Golf / Exchange Day

Tuesday, April 29, 8:45 a.m. Swingers Golf / Sweeps / General Meeting

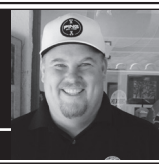
Tuesday, May 6, 8:45 a.m. Swingers Golf / Sweeps / Captain’s Trophy

Tuesday, May 13, 8:45 a.m. Swingers Golf / Sweeps

Special Events

Tuesday, April 22, 8 a.m. Registration, 9 a.m. Shotgun Start - Exchange Day “Swing into Spring” - Register through the website online—use the link on the flyer.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

Sunday, April 27 – 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Shotguns – Sign up on Cobalt starting April 13

To celebrate the completion of the Bunker Renovation Project and to thank the members for their patience, cooperation and understanding during the 6-month project, we will be hosting a Grand Re-Opening Celebration Event on Sunday, April 27. Members and guests are invited to join the celebration. To thank the members and guests we will be discounting the golf green fees that day...

Members will be invited to play 18-holes for a reduced rate of \$20

Guests will be invited to play 18-Holes for a reduced rate of \$55 (regularly \$82)

We will have Closest to the Hole Contests for men and women members and men and women guests on Hole #4 and #11

There will be a no host BBQ Lunch and drinks available on the Bistro Patio from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Be sure to come out and join the party!

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

New **Taylor Made Qi35 Drivers-Fairways-Hybrid**—used by Rory McIlroy, Scottie Scheffler and Colin Morikawa

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Upcoming Golf Club Fitting Days

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.

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 Holes #14, #16, #17 are currently closed and under construction. Hole #13 has been re-opened. Once determined, we will communicate any further re-openings.

The project is projected to be completed by April 18–20 weather permitting.

April Golf Schedule

Monday, April 21 – Outside Tournament 12 p.m. Shotgun – 18-hole course **closed**

Tuesday, April 22 – Swingers Exchange Day 9 a.m. Shotgun

Sunday, April 27 – Grand Re-Opening Celebration Event – 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Shotguns

Wednesday, April 30 – Wednesday Nine and Dine 4 p.m. Shotgun Front-9

Men’s Club Member-Member – Friday-Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3-4

Don’t forget to find a partner and sign up for this great event. Three days of 9-hole match play plus a championship horserace to determine the overall champions. There will be snacks at the turn each day, a fun putting contest after golf on Friday, and a fabulous lunch after the horserace on Sunday.

Friday, May 2 – 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1:30 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Saturday, May 3 – 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1:30 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Sunday, May 4 – 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1:30 p.m. One Play Shotgun

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

(Continued on next column)

From The Pro...

have more options than ever, especially weight profiles with new lighter weight shafts weighing as low as 35-grams for those who have slower swing speeds and are looking for more distance.

2. Clubheads -

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

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

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

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

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

SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, April 7:

- Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho
- 2/3. Jan Kiernan
- Sumi Minami;
Mary LeGrand - Hanhi Min

Wednesday, April 9:

- Jan Kiernan
- Sumi Minami
- Bonnie Taylor
- Maureen Waltho
- Donna Erickson
- Jonna Robinson

Friday, April 11:

- Hank Koransky
- Jane Michaels
- Mary LeGrand - Guest
- Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson

SHONIS

Tuesday, April 8

All Nets

Flight One:

- Betty Hall 23
- Tied - Manoli Kelly
and Pauline Robertson 26
- Teddy Morse 27

Flight Two:

- Schinae Ogihara 23
- Peggy White 24
- Bonnie Evans 27

Flight Three:

- Fran Schumaker 19
- Tied - Dee Garfinkle
and Jan Trusso 23
- Jonna Robinson 25

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, April 9

Maribeth Berlie	126
Aloma Lazetera	274
Remy Pessah	309
Sylvia Rozewicz	354

Friday, April 11

Sylvia Rozewicz	167
Maribeth Berlie	168
Remy Pessah	255
Shirley Bellavance	260

BOCCE

Spring Mixer Week #5

Monday 10 a.m.

Sure Shots 8-2
Prime Rollers 6-4

Springers 1-9
Bay City Rollers 5-5

Monday 12:30 p.m.

Bocce Buddies 8-2
Bawlers 3-5

Goombahs 3-7
Ladies & Laddie 4-4

Monday 3 p.m.

Pallino Hunters 5-5
Diamonds in the Rough 5-3

Bocce For Fun 3-7
I'll Drink to That 5-3

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Big LeBocce 8-2
Pallino Pillagers 1-9

Ballers 6-4
Palino Pirates 5-5

Wednesday 12:30 p.m.

Rolling Rockstars 4-6
Roll Models 4-6

Blastards 7-3
Mission ImBocceble 5-5

Wednesday 3 p.m.

High Anxiety 3-5
Four Body Problem 5-5

Bocceholics 8-2
Rubins Rookie Roller 2-6

Thursday 10 a.m.

Crunchy Rollers 8-2 B
New Kids on the Block 3-7

occe Rollers 2-8
Village Idiots 7-3

Thursday 12:30 p.m.

Beginners Luck 3-7
Lucky Rollers 5-5

Village People 5-5
Wild Cats 7-3

Please note there are still makeup games to be played.



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

A high-level map and up-to-date outline of the vendor's various activities for March can be found at The Villager Online. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material. Bella Vista has also provided hard pruning maps which show the locations of different plant material to be hard pruned.

o The aeration of lawns throughout all the districts is occurring the week of April 7 and April 14. Turf fertilization will occur the week of April 21.

- Why is aeration beneficial?

• Relieves Soil Compaction – over time, foot traffic, lawnmowers, and general use cause soil to become compacted, restricting root growth and reducing water, oxygen, and nutrient absorption.

• Enhances Root Growth – Aeration allows roots to grow deeper, making the turf more resilient to drought, disease, and stress.

• Improves water infiltration and drainage – Compacted soil leads to poor water absorption, causing runoff and puddling. Aeration helps water penetrate the soil more effectively.

• Boosts nutrient uptake – By opening up the soil, aeration allows fertilizers and natural nutrients to reach the root zone more efficiently.

• Reduces thatch build-up – Thatch (a layer of dead grass and organic matter) can block water and nutrients. Aeration helps break it down by introducing microbes that aid decomposition.

• Enhances microbial activity – Aeration promotes beneficial soil microorganisms that help break down organic matter and maintain soil health.

- Bella Vista will be utilizing a state-of-the-art aerator that does not leave behind soil plugs in the larger turf areas. In smaller turn areas, Bella Vista will be using a traditional aerator; Villagers should expect to see soil plugs in these areas.

• Pest Control

o Treatment for Voles, Moles, Gophers, and Squirrels – Village Heights, Village Hermosa and Village Olivas – **will occur on 4/21.**

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

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.

• Watering Schedule

Bella Vista and Management anticipate turning the water on throughout the community this week. All irrigation will be turned on by Monday, April 21st at the latest.

Club Maintenance

• Community Pool Closures –

o All pools are open with the exception of the Montgomery Center. Last week, The Villages has submitted updated plans which incorporated the county's redlines of the previously submitted plans. Management continues to partner with the county to address their concerns and expedite the opening of the pool. 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.

• Cribari Center Electrical Work – The electrical work has been completed. Public Works needs to complete the finish work which should be completed by 4/25/25

Association Maintenance

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

• Village Cribari – Environmental roofing has resumed work on the flat roof and will be working on units 5380-5384 the week of 4/14 and 5384-5387 the week of 4/21.

• Village Heights – Gutter Cleaning throughout the village will start on 4/21.

• Village Olivas – All bids have been received for the Olivas Deck Coating Project and are currently under review.

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

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Public Safety would like to remind you, in the event of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first.

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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.

Missed your Villager?

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

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FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

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

This month's installment is about Aviation pioneer, John J. Montgomery's lasting legacy.

Gone but not quite forgotten—the legacy of John J. Montgomery (part 2)

Although sidelined by history, there are a good number of places where the “Father of Basic Flying,” John J. Montgomery's legacy is preserved, these include several sites in the Bay Area.

Historic Markers: Two California Historical Landmarks are associated with Montgomery:

- **Montgomery Memorial** at Otay Mesa near the Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center, the site features a 93-foot high stainless steel test wing panel for a Consolidated B-32 Dominator mounted upright and visible for miles—it was dedicated in 1950.

- **Montgomery Hill Park** in San Jose, adjacent to Evergreen Valley College. The hill was named Montgomery Hill and declared a historic landmark by the County of Santa Clara on September 12, 1966. The marker—Historical Landmark #813—was installed on October 31, 1967 on the day of Montgomery's fatal crash on the hill. The city of San Jose received the master plan for Montgomery Hill Park in 1979 and now—46 years later—many visitors can be seen enjoying the green grass, spectacular view of the hills and valley, and 1.2 miles of unpaved hiking trails.

Montgomery Plaza, features a nearby monument to Montgomery—the 30-foot-tall steel sculpture of a glider wing, reminiscent of the ones Montgomery was testing, designed by San Francisco artist Kent Roberts. It was installed in 2008 just down the hill at the intersection of San Felipe and Yerba Buena Roads. The sculpture sits on a 32-foot-diameter plaza. A historic marker there bears the inscription: Three-quarters of a mile northeast is Montgomery Hill, site of the 55 successful flights of John Joseph Montgomery's ‘aeroplane’ that demonstrated aerodynamic developments still indispensable to modern aircraft. Montgomery combined his engineering skill with the basic principles of aerodynamics that he discovered to produce a heavier-than-air flying machine which had complete control: cambered wing, rear stabilizer, flexible wingtips, and wing-warping aileron.

Evergreen Valley College also honors Montgomery's memory with a green space (Montgomery Grove), a lecture hall (Montgomery Hall), and an observatory (Montgomery Hill Observatory).

Other Places:

- In 1919, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors changed the name of the Marina Flying Field just east of Crissy Field to **Montgomery Field**. The name remained from 1920 to 1944 and served as an airmail facility. It is now known as the **Marina Green**.

- On May 20, 1950, the former Gibbs Field, an airport, six miles north of San Diego, was renamed Montgomery Field in honor of Montgomery. The airport was renamed **Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport** in 2016, and is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the world. The 456-acre airport has three runways and three helipads. In 2023 a replica of the Santa Clara glider, on loan from the San Diego Air and Space Museum, was installed in the lobby of the Crownair Aviation building at the airport.

- There are five San Diego area elementary schools that bear Montgomery's name, as well as the **Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center** near the location of his first glider tests at Otay Mesa.

- A **granite obelisk** was dedicated in 1946 at Santa Clara University commemorating the 1905 flight of the “Santa Clara” glider launched from 4,000 feet above the campus.

Also, an engineering building on the campus was dedicated in 1924 as the Montgomery Laboratories; however, that building is now gone.

- In 1949, a section of what is now part of the Interstate 5 freeway that passes through the former site of the Montgomery 1880s Fruitland Ranch—on a stretch of road from the Mexican border to downtown San Diego—was named the **John J. Montgomery Freeway**.

Museums:

- In 2016, the **San Diego Air & Space Museum** established an exhibit for John J. Montgomery in its main rotunda, including The 1911 Evergreen glider and Montgomery's original Soaring Flight manuscript from 1896. Montgomery was inducted into the **International Air & Space Hall of Fame** in 2017 at the museum.

The Evergreen glider still exists and was displayed in the Dawn of Flight Gallery at the San Diego Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park (an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute). Currently not on display, the glider is now in storage.

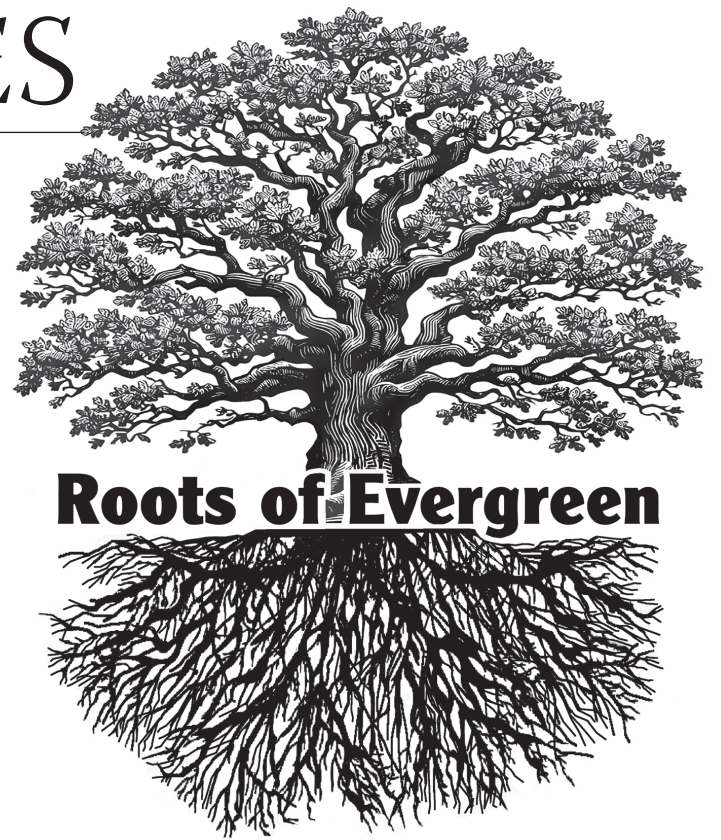
- On April 5, 2008, a celebration of the 125th anniversary of John Montgomery's first glider flight took place at the **Hiller Aviation Museum** in San Carlos, California. A full-scale model of this machine is in this museum at the San Carlos Airport just off Highway 101.

- On March 19, 2005, Montgomery was the focus of a Centennial Celebration of Soaring Flight, held in **Aptos**, California at the location of some of his early glider trials. At this celebration, a marker was placed there in honor of the first manned high-altitude flights. The inscription on the marker reads:

First High Altitude Aeroplane Flights March 1905

One hundred years ago, in the skies above this monument, three soaring flights were made on March 16th, 17th and 20th, by an aeroplane-glider flown by Aeronaut and par-achute daredevil, Daniel John Maloney, which had been designed and built by Professor John J. Montgomery.

The frail craft, weighing only 42 pounds was constructed of spruce, wire, and fortified canvas



and had tandem wings with a 24 ft. wingspan and a four-sided tail. It was taken aloft here at the then Leonard Ranch by a smoke-balloon rented by Fred Swanton and owned by Frank Hamilton, to heights of 800 ft., 1,100 ft., and 3,000 feet. The longest flight lasted over 18 minutes and covered over 2 miles. From a letter by Prof. Montgomery to his mother...

“...my machine flew three times, each time better than the other and descended beauti-fully, going in different directions under perfect control of the aeronaut and landing in a spot selected by him as gently as a feather.”

These flights were the result of 22 years of experimentation and flight testing by Profes-sor Montgomery, beginning with his first glider flight in 1883 at Otay Mesa near San Di-ego and ending with his accidental death in 1911.

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.

Dedicated March 19,2005

Awards:

John J. Montgomery was inducted into the **National Aviation Hall of Fame** in 1964, **U.S. Soaring Hall of Fame** in 2001, **California Aviation Hall of Fame** in 2015, and **International Aerospace Hall of Fame** in 2017.

The National Society of Aerospace Professionals and the San Diego Aerospace Museum established a **John J. Montgomery Award** for aerospace excellence in 1966. Members of the X-15, Mercury, and Polaris programs received the award, including Neil Armstrong and other astronauts.

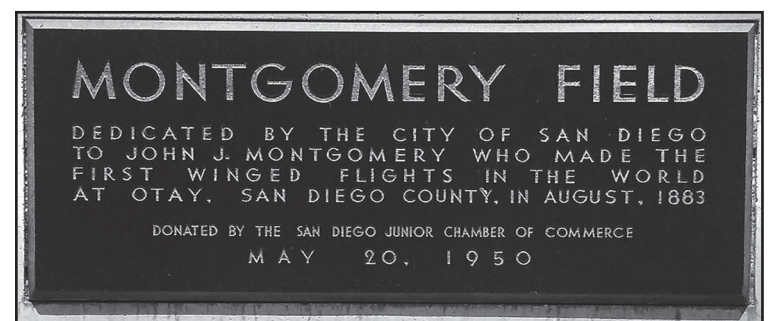
In 2023, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers established an annual **John J. Montgomery Award for Distinguished Innovation in Aerospace**.

Books

You can read more about Montgomery in the book *Quest for Flight, John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West*, by Craig S. Harwood and Gary B. Fogel.

Movies

Glen Ford played John Montgomery in a 1946 film called “Gallant Journey.”



The marker at the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport near Otay Mesa, San Diego in honor of John J. Montgomery.

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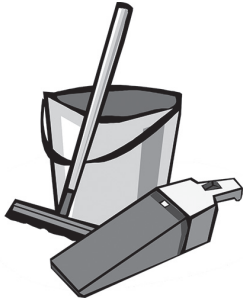
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OBITUARY

Rodney Herbert den Dulk April 23, 1941 – February 10, 2025



Rod was born in Ripon, CA passed away at home in San Jose surrounded by family and friends. He leaves his wife Linda, their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, and foster sons.

The course of Rod's life took various paths. In his early life he worked in family businesses, on the farm and at the family service station. After graduating from Ripon Christian High School, he attended Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he met Linda. Both graduated in 1964 and married in August of that year, before relocating to San Jose. Rod continued his education at San Jose State University, earning a Master's degree in Marriage, Family, Child Psychology and later in Educational Psychology.

Through his long career, Rod had a profound impact on many lives, particularly in black communities in Grand Rapids and Latino communities in San Jose. In his private practice he helped many people transform their lives and find greater fulfillment.

Celebration of Life will be held on April 26, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Vineyard Center.

OBITUARY

Teres Ryan December 8, 1934 – March 14, 2025

Teres Ryan was born on December 8, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois. She grew up in Denver, Colorado where she found her love for dance and theater. She graduated from Denver University in 1956. At 22, she moved to California. She stayed in the San Jose area for most of her life.

Teres was an outstanding, dedicated educator. She taught 5th and 6th grades for 25 years in the Morgan Hill School District. Her teaching legacy lives on in her daughter and two of her grand-daughters. She retired in 1993.

Teres was known as a best friend to many people due to her loyalty to her friends. At The Villages, she enjoyed playing bridge and going to Bible study every week. Her love of photography and her competitive nature kept Teres busy looking for places to take the best photographs and then editing the photos to be ready for the monthly competition. Her photos will keep our memories of her alive. She loved these activities, but mostly she loved being with her dear friends.

Teres was also known for her fierce love of her family. Teres' husband, Daniel Ryan, passed away in 2007. However, she was blessed with four children: Steven (& Linda), Zann (& Mike), Quinn (& Rebecca) and Daniel. She dearly loved her six grand-children: Devon (& Joyce), Bryan (& Bianca), Roy, Nicole, Lauren (& Jacob), Emily and one great grandchild, Felix. She always took time for her family and was a big part of their lives. She put her children above herself.

Last December, she celebrated her 90th birthday in grand style. Her family and friends joined her in a happy celebration with great food and Johnny Cash music. The party is now a wonderful memory of her joy and love. She was so happy to be with friends and family. She will be forever missed by all who knew her. The Lord blessed her life and now she is forever in His presence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Montgomery Center on Saturday, May 10 at noon.



More BOARDS & COMMITTEES Focus Group Volunteer Survey

All three of the Villages Board of Directors (The Villages GCC, The Villages Association and The Villages Homeowners Corporation) are working with McMahon Group, a professional club consulting firm, to conduct a survey of the membership at The Villages Golf & Country Club. We want to receive input from members so that we can provide the programs, services and facilities to best meet the needs of the Club and its membership.

As the first step in the survey process, McMahon Group will conduct focus group discussions with groups of members on the dates listed on the following schedule:

Wednesday, May 7

- 8 a.m. – Over 65 Group #1
- 10:30 a.m. – Under 65 Group #1
- 2 p.m. – Over 65 Group #2
- 4 p.m. – Under 65 Group #2

Thursday, May 8

- 10 a.m. - Purchasers (2020 to recent) Group #1
- 1 p.m. - Purchasers (2020 to recent) Group #2

The purpose of the focus groups will be to identify issues to be incorporated in the survey. These meetings will last approximately 60 to 90 minutes.

In tandem with this work, we are pleased to share that Sussner Design Company—our branding partner—will also be joining this process. Given that focus groups are already underway, this is an ideal opportunity to align member feedback with our branding initiative. Sussner's goal is to develop a brand strategy that authentically reflects who we are as a Club and community. Their insights will be stronger and more informed by your real-time input.

If you would like to volunteer for the focus group discussions, please complete the survey in one of the following ways:

- Online: Fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GT5LGML>.

(Please see QR Code on page 12)

- In Person: Pick up and return a hard copy at the General Manager's office in Building A.

All surveys must be submitted by Monday, April 21, 2025.

Since each of the groups will be limited to 20 participants, we apologize in advance if there are more volunteers than openings and you are unable to participate. The survey itself will allow every member to be heard. To allow as many member households to participate as possible, we ask that only one adult from each household take part in the focus groups. Every member will have an opportunity to complete a survey later in the process.

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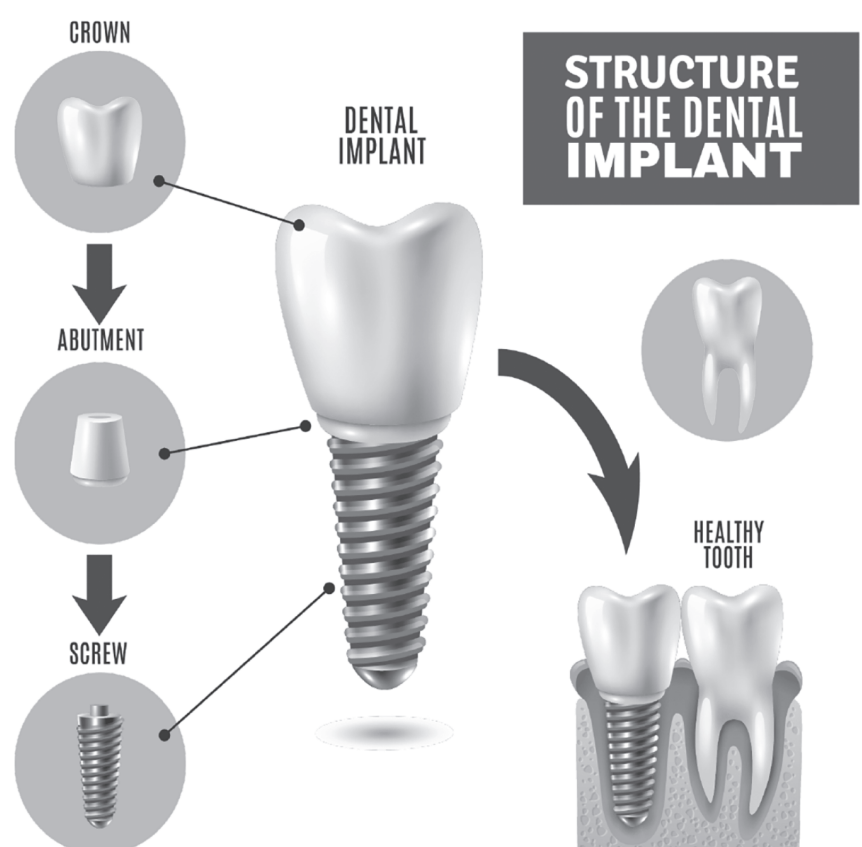
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