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Come to Memorial Day Tribute on May 26

By R.S. Semple

All Villagers, especially Veterans, are invited and encouraged to attend this year's Memorial Day Tribute on **Monday, May 26** at **11 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.

This event will feature a "Say Their Name" segment—an opportunity for audience members to recognize and honor a service member they knew. Musical tributes will include a 20-voice chorus, solos by Bill Rodman and Margaret Orandi, and Catherine Ellacer as director with Tammy Welsh on piano.



Lt. Col. P. Walker Pearce-Percy and his wife Kristi

The featured speaker will be our special guest, Lt. Col. P. Walker Pearce-Percy, a 2001 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering. Lt. Col. Pearce-Percy attended pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, and in 2008 he was assigned to fly the C-5 at Travis AFB. He is a command pilot, having logged over 4500 hours in both airlift and tanker aircraft including the KC-135. He also is currently a commercial pilot for United Airlines. His many awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Stand with us as we recognize and honor those veterans who could not be here today. (There is no cost to attend and registration is not required.)



State Senator Dave Cortese honors Villages as Firewise community



Personnel from the San Jose Fire Department and California State Senator Dave Cortese recognize The Villages as a Firewise community on National Wildfire Preparedness Day. Senator Cortese presented a commendation to The Villages Firewise Safety Committee. (See article and picture on page 4)

Get tickets for Concert Band's 'Hooray for Hollywood' music collage

"Hooray for Hollywood!"—The Villages Concert Band, inspired by our Southern California neighbors will share a unique collage of musical medleys on **Sunday, May 18**, in Cribari Auditorium at **2:30 p.m.** The program includes themes from Hollywood as well as music scores by Los Angeles-based composers for a special afternoon treat. Melson Varsovia directs our band comprised of Villagers, scholarship students from nearby schools, and friends in our neighborhood.

You can purchase \$20 tickets in advance on **Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in Cribari Lobby from the Villages Music Society or at the door. Another option is to place a phone order for a house charge, call Roberta at 408-685-3386. With your ticket, you can get a 10% discount on an entrée at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride, contact Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) at 408-238-4230 to arrange your free transportation.

The Villages Concert Band welcomes musicians of all backgrounds to join with them in playing with other musicians and bring music to the Villages. Sign up to find out more in the Lobby or talk to one of the band members. The band meets Tuesday evenings in the auditorium starting at 7 p.m. The band is part of the Villages Music Society, which includes dancers, singers, musicians and more. Visit VillagesMusicSociety.org for more information.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

Pulse deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

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

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

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

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

2 Pulse letters received this week.

1 Letter not meeting Pulse requirements.

1 Deferred letter to be published.

2 Pulse letters published this week.

This is a continuation of a concern I have regarding the published calendar of events both on portal and in printed editions of *The Villager*. In my opinion the published calendars are unreliable and sometimes inaccurate. Nothing has been done since I wrote on this subject previously and no other letters have been published, which tells me not many care, so why have them. Latest example: The Village Voices Spring concert which had a front-page article on May 1st edition showed the event correctly as May 2nd and May 4th at 2:30PM. However on the calendar of events page the time was 1:00 p.m., the online calendar of events is even worse there is nothing about the event. It is apparent fixing the calendars is not a priority of Management and we are to blame.

When we accept mediocrity we can only expect to continue to get more of it. I have lived here for 9 years and the ongoing theme has been to improve communications. The problem is that it is not happening, it has deteriorated.

— George Muller

Following is an excerpt I recently read on the *Online Villager* discussing “The Villages 2025-2028 Strategic Plan guides us to a secure future.”

“To offer an active and enriching lifestyle for our residents means that our Capital Replacement Funds must rise from the current \$2.7 million in dues revenue to \$3.9 million, or our ability to maintain this lifestyle will not be possible. The Club Board must remove constraints on Club policies and bylaws in order for us to responsibly invest in The Villages.”

Modifying constraints on policies and Bylaws deserves serious consideration. Changes may alter the current checks and balances.

My concern is that the Club Board might approve projects members don’t desire and may not want and then members would be forced to pay for with increasing assessment or dues.

This Pulse letter was submitted before the Directors approve the FY26 budget next week. Information presented at a recent Club Board FY26 budget meeting is that the Directors will approve assessments/dues by an increase of ~\$115/month (~27%).

—Howie Blumstein

BOUQUETS

This month an e-blast went out to all Cat Club members about a cat found in Glen Arden. A picture was posted, and the approximate location was given. Villages Director of Operations and Maintenance services John Rivera (who is on the Cat Club e-blast list) recognized the cat and was instrumental in getting it back to its rightful owner. All pet lovers/owners are encouraged to thank John for his above-and-beyond service to our community!

—Bette Loomis, Cat Club President

ABOVE & BEYOND

Since I moved into The Villages three years ago, there are many things that have impressed me about my new home. Near the top of my list is the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC). I have never seen a community so well prepared for an emergency with supplies and volunteers in every sector, ready to check on all of the Villages family. I am even more impressed with the information that the whole thing was set up by a very hard-working volunteer leadership group. A staff member has now been hired to be in charge of the EPC response team. I hope there will be strong recognition of the volunteer leaders who dedicated so many hours, weeks, and months to help keep us safe in an emergency.

—Carol Baker

IN MEMORIAM

Carmen John Citrigno
December 21, 1931 — April 7, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Stanley Duane Ecklund
March 18, 1939 — April 8, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Phyllis Ann Ebersole (nee Snyder)
1940 — 2024
A Celebration of Life will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 13. Please RSVP.
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

John (Jay) F. Campbell II
December 22, 1938 — April 29, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

DEADLINES

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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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

FROM THE ASSOCIATION BOARD

Thank you, David Cook!

Congratulations to Montgomery’s David and Evonne Cook. After 13 years they are saying goodbye to The Villages and hello to their new home in Manteca. David Cook was an Association Director on the Board of Directors for six years. He was President of the ABOD for three of those six years.

David was President during turbulent times. He helped pull us through the COVID-19 Pandemic, two droughts and a new management agreement.

After leaving the ABOD, David chaired the ABOD Insurance Committee that has done a super job of helping The Villages manage our biggest expense, insurance. He was also a board member of the Bocce and Pickleball Club, webmaster for the Bocce, Pickleball and Pinseekers Clubs. He was Vice President of the Ironmen Short Nine men’s golf club, five years of Handicap and Championship calculations for the Ironmen, Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee member for the Club Board, Staffer at WOW training sessions and a volunteer for EPC communications staff. David also created The Villages Webmaster Guild and served as its President for three years.

David hiked all of The Villages hiking trails in one day. And that was just for a warmup so he could actually climb, at age 65, Mt. Kilimanjaro. But his real claim to fame was hitting a golf ball off the top of Kilimanjaro with a 7-iron and posing with a copy of *The Villager*.

He has also hiked Mts. Fuji and Whitney. David has participated in three Ironman Triathlons in France, Florida and Idaho. He has done dozens of shorter triathlons and mountain bike triathlons, dozens of marathons, one 50-mile ultramarathon run and several 50-K mountain ultramarathons. David has run segments of Calistoga to Santa Cruz 18-hour group run (including the full-moon midnight section over the Golden Gate Bridge past the National Guard units stationed there just after 9/11), a dozen Alcatraz to Aquatic Cove and Crissy Fields open water swims.

David has done the San Francisco to Los Angeles Diabetes Ride. Mountain biked San Jose to Capitola for brunch. His favorite “short” bike rides these days are through the hills from The Villages to Morgan Hill to meet up for lunch with his wife. In fall 2024, David did a bucket-list ride up Mont Ventoux in France, one of the hardest peaks in the Tour de France routes.

Born in Modesto, California, he rewrote his high school’s Student Association constitution, and earned a college scholarship from the *Modesto Bee*. He was a Life Member CSF and gave the invocation at his high school graduation. It’s no surprise David became President of The Villages Association.

David went on to graduate from UC Davis in Electrical Engineering and a BS in Chemistry, was President of the UC Davis Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and student speaker at the College of Engineering Graduation in 1973. He was President of the student chapter of IEEE.

David received his MSEE from Stanford University (Got an A+ in Donald Knuth’s Algorithms graduate computer science class at Stanford), and graduate seminars with Vint Cerf on this new thing called the internet! Robert Metcalf was his advisor, who had just invented and deployed the ethernet at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC).

Not only was David there at the beginning of the internet, but he also attended the Homebrew Computer Club meeting and spoke with two young guys introducing their new invention. Their names were Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs, and they were introducing their Apple 1 personal computer.

David’s career as an engineer had him traveling internationally and earning him multiple million-mile frequent flyer miles. He’s made 60-plus trips to Japan, side trips to Hong Kong, China and one round-the-world trip—Japan/Hong Kong/Thailand/Nepal/India/Egypt/UK—and now, Manteca.

David has expressed his enjoyment here at The Villages, with the supportive and friendly environment created by the clubs and staff and the beautiful and safe environment. He wants to share his constant amazement at the diversity, skills, and knowledge of Villages residents, and give thanks to the many friends he and Evonne made over the years and their kindness. He will miss The Villages and The Villages certainly will miss him. Thank you, David, for your time and your many contributions. We wish you and Evonne, your bride of 52 years, the best at your new home.

One last thing. David’s new home is a Davis-Stirling HOA community. We wonder what he’ll be doing in six months!

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT** and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 18, 19 & 20

May 28 Town Hall—FY 25-26 Adopted Budget Wednesday, May 28, 5 to 6 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium

You’re invited! Join us for an informative session on the fiscal year 2025-26 Adopted Budget with General Manager Theresa Ostrander and Chief Financial Officer Blake Kennedy.

Come ask your questions and learn the important differences between Club dues and homeowner assessments—knowledge that helps every Villager be well informed.

Open to all residents.

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

Both the CBOD and ABOD appreciate having your questions addressed.

For questions for the Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors, please email Julia Meadows at: jmeadows@the-villages.com.

For questions to the Villages Association Board of Directors, either go to The Villager Online and click the far-right tab to submit your questions online, or place your question in the drop box in Building A’s parking lot.



David Cook on the summit of Kilimanjaro.



Donation and Collection Event!

Why donate to ROOTED? It is good for the community, the environment, and YOU! Donations are fully tax deductible!

Rooted is a nonprofit program offering reuse and recycling services for clothing and household items with a commitment to social responsibility. We focus on healing and transformation for formerly incarcerated adults by providing a vital training ground & employment for people to become empowered business leaders.

CAN accept:

- All clothing items
- Purses, bags, shoes, tools, and toys
- Electronics, TVs, microwaves, blenders, printers, and laptops

CANNOT accept:

- Furniture, beds, pillows, large appliances, batteries, or junk

We will be in YOUR neighborhood!

Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Cribari East Side Parking Lot

**Contact: Debi Higgs
408-838-6351 (Villager)**

www.carrythevision.org
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MANAGEMENT

Welcome, New Residents! New Resident Orientation is May 21

There will be a New Resident Orientation **Wednesday, May 21** at **3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other valuable information.

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

Note: New Resident Orientations are held quarterly, and the next one following this one is scheduled for July 16. For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-754-1333 before May 16 to confirm attendance.

Villages receives state commendation at Wildfire Preparation Event, Ready Set Go

As part of its commitment as a Firewise-recognized community, The Villages observed the National Wildfire Preparedness Day on the first Saturday in May. The event featured State Senator Dave Cortese and a distinguished panel of experts, including San Jose Fire Captain Anthony



Club Board Director Michelle Breslin, Debra Spencer, Julie Wash, Jim Ware and Deb Gordon accept the honor from State Senator Dave Cortese.

Ibarra, Deputy Director Jay McAmis of the San Jose Office of Emergency Management, and Dr. Liz Dietz, Disaster Disability Integration Advisor for the American Red Cross Pacific Division.

Villages' leaders, including Association Board Director Deb Gordon and Architectural Control Committee Chairman Jack

McCarthy, also shared valuable insights on personal wildfire preparedness. Senator Cortese presented official commendations to the Villages Firewise/Fire Safety Committee, recognizing The Villages as the first Firewise community in San Jose. Councilmember Candelas attended the event to show his support.

See BOARD CANDIDATES' Pages and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 18, 19 & 20



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Electronic waste recycling drop-off event is May 21

Recycle your E-waste with us for free in a drop-off event in partnership with the Villages Golf & Country Club. Collection date is **Saturday, May 21** from **9 a.m. to noon** at the Cribari east parking lot.

- Items that are accepted include:**
- Laptop computers
 - Computer towers
 - Copiers and printers
 - Flat screens
 - DVD players
 - Stereos
 - Microwaves
 - AC units with refrigerant
 - Televisions
 - Faxes
 - Calculators
 - Cell phones
 - And more

- Items not accepted include:**
- Batteries
 - Light bulbs
 - Refrigerators
 - Stoves
 - Washers/dryers
 - Large household appliances
 - Tires from generator companies
 - Bicycle tires

For more information, please contact Mary Tatum at 408-754-1334.




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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AG NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of June are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **Friday, May 23**.
Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5 at 9 a.m.** in **Montgomery Center**.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Budget a bit stressed? Don’t sacrifice nutrition!

One of the food programs available to lower income seniors and disabled people in Santa Clara County is Free Food, sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank.
Two mornings a month, a team of volunteers brings a truckload of fresh food out to local sites for eligible individuals to help stretch their budgets and make sure they have healthy food. Sample Free Food Items: chicken, eggs, fresh produce, cereal, rice and other staple items.
Free Food participants also benefit from workshops and activities that focus on healthy eating, nutritious recipes, and food safety. Newsletters and other educational materials, provided in multiple languages for our diverse population, address health issues and other information relevant to seniors.
If you are unable to pick up your food, a friend or relative can pick it up for you.
We are fortunate to have a local site very near The Villages at the Evergreen Community Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Eligibility: Low-income seniors age 60 and above and disabled individuals age 55 and above who meet the income guidelines set by USDA and EFAP.

Second Harvest Food Bank Income Guidelines

1 Person: Annual Household Income \$37,373; Monthly Household Income \$3,114.
2 People: Annual Household Income \$50,353; Monthly Household Income \$4,196.
3 People: Annual Household Income \$63,333; Monthly Household Income \$5,278.
4 People: Annual Household Income \$76,313; Monthly Household Income \$6,359.
Household income includes all income whether taxable or nontaxable including Social Security.

Application Process: The easiest way to register is by phone through the Food Connection (a Second Harvest Program) at 1-800-984-3663. Your registration will be processed and you will be referred to the closest center, which for Villagers will be the Evergreen Community Center.
You can also stop and pick up an application before your first visit. The application will be reviewed and completed during the program hours. A photo ID is required. Warning: If the site is busy, you may have to wait in line this first time. They will provide a member card to be used each time you come. Also, if you don’t call ahead, new clients may not receive the full amount of food at the time of applying but will be included in the next distribution as a registered member. Please register at only one Brown Bag location.

Note: The purpose of Senior Resource Services (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.
The 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@sbccglobal.net.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Annual Membership Meeting for all The Villages corporations is **Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Working Session (Directors Only) is **Tuesday, May 20 at 11 a.m.** in the Building A Conference Room.
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Annual Membership Meeting for all The Villages corporations is **Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.

Homeowners

- The Annual Membership Meeting for all The Villages corporations is **Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.
- 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)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Springtime reminder: coexisting with coyotes

As spring settles into The Villages, it’s important to remember that we’re sharing our beautiful community with local wildlife, including coyotes. This time of year marks pupping season, meaning coyotes will be more active as they protect and provide for their young.
While coyotes rarely pose a threat to humans, they are opportunistic hunters, and smaller pets may be seen as potential prey if left unsupervised outdoors. Although we haven’t seen any aggressive behavior toward domesticated animals here at The Villages in over two years, it’s always best to remain vigilant and take a few simple precautions.
Safety Tips for Coexisting Peacefully
Supervise small pets outdoors. Always keep dogs and cats on a leash or harness, especially during early morning and evening hours when coyotes are most active.
Remove attractants. Outdoor pet food, fallen fruit, food waste, and bird feeders can unintentionally attract coyotes.
Keep coyotes wary of humans. If you encounter a coyote nearby, haze it by yelling, spraying it with a water hose, waving your arms, or tossing a ball toward it.
Secure your home and yard. Keep bushes and landscaping trimmed low to discourage wildlife from coming too close to homes.
Stay alert when near brushy or wooded areas. Coyotes often build dens in sheltered spaces. If a coyote appears to be staring, following you, or acting defensively, calmly leave the area and notify others to avoid it for a few weeks. Do not run.
Coyotes are naturally protective during pupping season, but once pups are old enough to survive outside the den, coyotes typically relocate and become less visible. With a little awareness, staying alert and looking out for one another, we help keep our community safe and welcoming.
Report Aggressive Behavior
While sightings alone aren’t a cause for alarm, if you observe any aggressive behavior toward people or pets, please report it immediately to the Public Safety Plaza at 408-223-4665.

Scams—What to look for in suspicious emails

Have you received a suspicious email recently? The sender, someone you know, is asking you to urgently send them some money through PayPal or Zelle. If you are savvy, you give them a call to see what’s going on. In almost all cases, their email contacts lists have been “hijacked” (stolen). Your friend or family member is fine. They (and you) are part of a well-executed plan to separate you from your money.
Here are some signs that may indicate an email is a scam:
- Urgent Need—They need the money NOW.
- Method of payment—They specifically require the money through untraceable, speedy sources like Zelle, PayPal, Gift Cards.
- The email address of your “friend” has changed. Depending on whether you are using a phone, tablet or computer, check the email address of the sender. Today’s scam artists are able to make the name on your device look like it’s from your friend, when it’s not. If it’s not your friend’s usual address, don’t respond.
If the email is a scam, delete it immediately, and don’t take it personally. You have protected yourself. Unless you send money or open up any attached links, your computer, phone or tablet is safe and has not been “infected” or harmed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 16

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-Adv.	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Veterans Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC

10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	Study Groups: iPhone	MC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Chapel Lay Board	F
2 p.m.	Village Readers	MC
3 p.m.	New Resident Orientation	CH
3 p.m.	Macintosh User Grp (MMUG)	SEQ
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

10 a.m.	Memorial Day Tribute	A
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, May 27

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 a.m.	Men’s Golf Home & Home	CH
11 a.m.	9-H Women’s Golf Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Chapel Women Fellowship	MC
1:30 p.m.	Club Board	FC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Arts&Crafts Free Art Film	CR
4 p.m.	History of Israel	SEQ

Wednesday, May 28

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	MC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5 p.m.	Budget Town Hall	A
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, May 29

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11 a.m.	Club Technology Cmte.	F
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Adv. Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18-H Women’s Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Healing Session	FC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
4 p.m.	Arts&Crafts Assoc. Board	AR

Friday, May 30

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:30 a.m.	VMA Task Force	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club-Adv.	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	9-H Women’s Golf	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, May 17

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	EPC Orientation	A
9 a.m.	Concert Band Ticket Sale	L
9 a.m.	P.E.O. Club Social	CR
10 a.m.	Watercolor Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
12 p.m.	18-H Women Social Lunch	MC
5 p.m.	Korean Club Golf Dinner	CH
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	CR

Thursday, May 22

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	VMA: Parkinson’s Support	F
10:30 a.m.	Beginner - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Bible Small Grp.	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
4 p.m.	18-H Women’s Invit. Cmtee.	PR
7 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	VC

Friday, May 23

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 Adv.	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2:30 p.m.	Dragon Boat Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Swingers Golf Dinner	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
3:30 p.m.	Village Glen Arden Social	FC
4:45 p.m.	Study Groups: Movie Group	SEQ
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	CR
6 p.m.	Korean Club Games/Dance	VC

Saturday, May 24

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
3:30 p.m.	Village Glen Arden Social	FC
4:45 p.m.	Study Groups: Movie Group	SEQ
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	CR
6 p.m.	Korean Club Games/Dance	VC
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 Worship	A
2 p.m.	Bluegrass Music Jam	FC
2:30 p.m.	Concert Band Fundraiser	A

Sunday, May 25

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	VGC Six Clubs	VR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC

Sunday, May 18

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 Worship	A
2:30 p.m.	Concert Band Performance	A
4 p.m.	Chinese Ballroom Dancing	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite	SEQ

Monday, May 19

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee	F
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Feldenkrais	MC
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support	SEQ
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
6 p.m.	Cribari DAC	SEQ
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, May 20

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	VMA: Hearing Life	MC
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Senior Academy: Lecture	FC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Camera Club	VC
7 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	PR

Wednesday, May 21

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

Calendar Highlights

Concert Band ‘Hooray for Hollywood’

Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium

Memorial Day Tribute to Veterans

Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium

Chinese Club Ballroom Dance

Sunday, May 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Foothill Center.

Bluegrass Club Jam

Sunday, May 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

Crafty Flea Mkt.

Saturday, June 7 from 9 to noon in Cribari Auditorium.



EVENT LOCATIONS

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

CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS

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

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

Events

May 31: Reception for Terri Ford’s Solo Exhibit of her Award-Winning Pastels. Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. All Villagers and their guests are welcome.

June 7: Crafty Flea Market. 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Cribari Auditorium. Sale of useable art or craft supplies. Table \$12. Contact Claudia Welch at Claudia.welch@yahoo.com

June 20: Deadline to enter Annual Members Juried Show. Contact Michael Sunzeri at twosunzeris@comcast.net

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

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

June 20 and 27, July 18 and 25, August 1, 8, 15, and 22: “Art Journal Time” with Pat Remington in the Cribari Center Art Room. Fridays, 12:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eight different art techniques. Any four classes for \$50. All materials furnished. Max: 12 students.

June 25 and July 2, 9 and 16: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa, Wednesdays, 9:50 a.m. – 12 noon, in the Cribari Center Art Room, \$70. Members only.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, May 21 - John & Sandy Petrin (530-927-7024 and 530-412-1744) will lead a hike at Mountain View’s Shoreline Park. This location on SF Bay offers flat and mostly paved trails where many types of waterfowl can be seen. (Binoculars recommended.) The hike will be about 4 miles with an optional lunch at the adjacent Shoreline Lake American Bistro, where free parking is available. We will meet at Cribari Center at **9 a.m.** for a 9:15 departure, and carpool about 20 miles to the park.

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, May 21 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Larkspur Hill. We’ll walk through the Villages’ gate to San Felipe Road where we’ll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, May 28 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, June 4 - 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 Lite, Wednesday, June 11 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Valle Vista and the lower Joe Marsh Trail. We’ll walk around the Village View Loop and up to the end of the circle to the shorter lower Joe Marsh Trail. The trail has a gradual hill where some of us may walk a bit slower than others. We’ll end up at the garden and then walk back to our cars. Drive up the hill to Valle Vista, then turn right on the first street “Village View Loop” and park. Meet at 9 a.m. Use of insect repellent and poles advised.

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, June 18 - Katy Peretti (408- 531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We’ll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water-way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, June 25 - 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.

Missed your Villager?

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

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

VMA EVENT CALENDAR

REGISTER ONLINE: VMAVILLAGES.VGCC.CLUB
OR CALL: 408-238-4029
Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Upcoming Programs

ABCs of Feldenkrais: Awareness – Breathing – Centering – Janet Lee PT, a physical therapist, fitness coach and certified Feldenkrais Practitioner will present techniques to free yourself from pain, maintain balance and experience well-being throughout your body. **Monday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Hearing Life AND Clear Captions will both be offering their free services for Villagers on **Tuesday, May 20 from 10 a.m. – noon** at Montgomery Center. Hearing Life will offer free screenings while Clear Captions will provide free caption phones and services for qualified, hard of hearing residents. To register for your screening time, please call 408-238-4230.

Support Groups

Parkinson’s Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson’s. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, May 22 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all are welcome.

Grief Support Group: The Grief Share group led by The Villages Chapel’s Pastor Bill Hayden meets every Monday (except Memorial Day) in Sequoia from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** ending June 2. There is a workbook as part of the group—cost is \$20.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts 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.

RV CLUB CALENDAR

More information and photos from outings on villagesrvclub.org

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

Aug.3 - Annual Barbecue

Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14 - Dumbarton Quarry Campground (full hook-ups), Fremont

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

Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1, 2 - Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach

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

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2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 5/19 to 5/25

Monday, May 19
Coconut Curry Chicken

Tuesday, May 20
Ground Pork and Kimchi

Wednesday, May 21
Cicken Farro Soup

Thursday, May 22
Ham and Split Pea

Friday, May 23
Clam Chowder

Saturday, May 24
Chef's Choice

Sunday, May 25
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 408-223-4687 Press #2. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 15% Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price.**

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

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

We want your opinion!

Have you seen the comment cards in the Bistro and Clubhouse? They are available in the main entrance or in your bill folder. The 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

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 5/20 to Saturday 5/25

Chilaquiles: Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Tortilla, cooked in Salsa Verde and topped with Cotija Cheese, Sour Cream, Cilantro and Sliced Red Onions **\$16**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 5/19 to Saturday 5/25— 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cuban Melt Sandwich: Roasted Pork, Smoked Ham, Pickles, Swiss Cheese and Mustard on a Toasted Torpedo Roll with Choice of Side **\$17**

Grilled Paprika Lamb Chops: With Greek Salad—Tomato, Cucumber, Feta Cheese, Mixed Olives, Sredded Lettuce and Roasted Gold Potatoes **\$27**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 5/20 to Saturday 5/25— 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Greek-Style Roasted Branzino: Whole Fish with Dill, Red Onions, Oregano with Olive Oil Lemon Sauce and Choice of Two Sides **\$33**

Zha Jiang Minh: Fresh Egg Noodles with Ground Pork and Sweet Bean Paste Sauce, topped with Cucumbers, Bean Sprouts and Edamame **\$28**

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. *

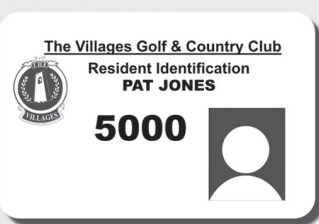
* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

Single Diners' Night

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



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

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

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



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

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

** Item must be of equal or lesser value.*

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

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



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering at: www.clubhouserreservation.com

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



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

See page 20 for the entertainment schedule for the Clubhouse Music series

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- 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

Monday Night
MAGIC

WITH DAVID MARTINEZ

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JUNE 2 & JULY 7
5:00PM - 7:00PM
IN THE BISTRO

RECREATION

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

Sign up for Beginner and Advanced Aqua Aerobics

Date/Time	Location	Reg. Deadline
Thurs., June 5 - July 3 Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45	Foothill Pool	
Cost	Instructor	
\$66	Bay Sports	May 27 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-b

Register for the Advanced class at tinyurl.com/aqua-aerobics-a.

Or sign up in person with Recreation Services in Building D.

Join the fun with Zumba Gold

Date/Time	Location	Reg. Deadline
Wed., June 4 - July 9, 5 to 6 p.m.	Conf. Room	
Cost	Instructor	
\$80	BaySport	May 27 at 4 p.m.

Join the fun with Zumba Gold! This low-impact dance class blends Latin-inspired moves with a pace that’s perfect for everyone—whether you’re a beginner or an experienced dancer. Improve your heart health, flexibility, and balance while having a blast. Designed especially for active older adults or those seeking a gentler workout, Zumba Gold ensures you stay energized and engaged in a friendly, supportive environment. The session price includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/zumba-gold-new or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time	Location	Reg. Deadline
Wed., June 11 - July 16, 10 to 11 a.m.	Auditorium	
Cost	Instructor	
\$80	BaySport	June 2 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-transform or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Explore wonders of Marine Mammal Center

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Friday, July 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Sausalito	\$158
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, June 23 at 4 p.m.	



Join us for a fun and educational outing to the Marine Mammal Center, where you’ll get a behind-the-scenes look at rescued seals and sea lions while learning about marine conservation efforts. Afterward, we’ll head to San Francisco’s iconic Fisherman’s Wharf for a delicious lunch at Cioppino’s, known for its coastal dishes. It’s the perfect day to enjoy ocean views, great food and fascinating wildlife. Don’t miss out on this memorable seaside experience!

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

See a new twist on a classic tale: Don’t miss ‘& Juliet’ at the Orpheum!

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, July 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	San Francisco	\$231
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, July 7 at 4 p.m.	

Enjoy a fabulous day of music, fun and theater with a trip to see “& Juliet,” the smash-hit musical that reimagines Shakespeare’s classic with a fresh, empowering twist and a soundtrack packed with pop favorites. This high-energy show blends humor, heart and chart-topping hits from well-known artists to tell Juliet’s story on her own terms. Before the show, we’ll enjoy lunch at Max’s Café before heading to the theater. Join this outing for bold storytelling, great music, and a whole lot of fun!

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/musical-and-juliet or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Spin, play and win with a day at Graton Casino

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Santa Rosa	\$70
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, July 21 at 4 p.m.	



Try your luck and enjoy a day of excitement with a trip to Graton Resort & Casino! Whether you’re into slot machines, table games, or just soaking up the lively atmosphere, Graton offers something for everyone. With over 3,000 slots, a variety of gaming tables, and multiple dining options, it’s the perfect escape for fun and entertainment. Gather your friends, enjoy the ride, and get ready for a thrilling casino experience.

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

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Recreation Services office offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. *Please check your personal calendars prior to committing to an event, class or trip. Once registered for an*

activity, you are responsible for the cost of the activity. All sales are final after the registration deadline.

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored activities independently. We

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

Employees are not per-

mitted 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.

Montgomery Pool now open to residents

Good news for Montgomery pool users! The Villages received approval for a temporary fence at Montgomery Pool. After installation and inspection, the County of Santa Clara authorized the pool to reopen for the season.

This chain link fence is a temporary solution until we can complete the permanent fence replacement this coming winter.

See SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, August 13, 10:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	San Francisco	\$161
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
H. Salazar	Monday, July 28 at 4 p.m.	



Cheer on the San Francisco Giants for an exciting day of baseball while they play the San Diego Padres at Oracle Park.

Each ticket comes with a \$25 concession credit for participants to use for whatever ballpark snack they desire! This is the perfect way to enjoy America’s favorite pastime. The bus will pick up all participants from the Cribari Center East Parking Lot.

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/sf-giants-sdor with Recreation Services in Building D.

Restore balance and vitality with QiGong class

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wed., June 11 - July 16, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium	\$80
Instructor	Reg. Deadline	
BaySport	June 2 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. Suitable 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-class-rec or with Recreation Services in Building D.

See ‘A Beautiful Noise’ — waitlist available

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.	



Our trip to see “A Beautiful Noise” is sold out, but a waitlist is available in case of cancellations. 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. Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/neil-diamond-musical or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Who said you can never have too much?

VMA sheds are full!

Are you or anyone close to you in need of a four-wheel walker, having a knee or hip replaced in the near future, or are in need of a wheelchair? VMA is currently finding they have excess equipment and materials they are willing to “give” to Villagers and/or their family/friends. You may also find pictures of most of our equipment on the VMA website at vmavillages.vgcc.club under the “Medical Equipment For You” tab.


Our biggest surplus items include the following:

- Four-wheel walkers (rollators) • Transport chairs
- Ice therapy machines • Transfer benches and shower chairs
- Incontinence supplies in various types and sizes.

For equipment, simply call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 and ask if the item you need is a surplus item. If so, the VMA desk will schedule a volunteer to deliver the item to your home for you to disperse as you see fit.

For Incontinent Supplies, stop by the VMA office and take whatever you can use.

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Thank you for all you do.



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CLUBS & EVENTS

Join Chinese Club for Ballroom Dance

By Judy London

Love Dancing with the Stars? Well, put on your dance shoes and come to the Chinese Club Ballroom Dance on **Sunday, May 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.** at Foothill Center. With music from our own Ed Knott, we will dance the afternoon away! Troubleshooters will be on hand to help those who would like a refresher. Open to all Villagers, space is limited so sign up now and for a mere \$5 entry fee, have a ball! Remember to bring water. Register online at: sites.google.com/site/villageschineseclub/events-calendar



Village Readers: Do you want to join a book group?

A meeting of The Village Readers Club will be held at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21** at Montgomery Center. Any Villager who



would like to join an existing group or to form a new group is invited to attend. There are currently 14 book groups, each with eight to 10 members. Each book group is managed independently and functions differently, from the genre of books read to the snacks provided.

Groups usually meet once a month in members' homes. If you love to read, want to make new friends, and enjoy interesting book discussions, please attend. Please contact Trudy Nicholls at trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com with any questions.

Special Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) Meeting - now open to all



The **May 21** meeting of the Villages Macintosh Users Group will be open to all Villagers who would like to learn how to use their phone to take better photos. There will be no charge for this meeting. There are so many new enhancements our presenter will show us how to use. Please come join us in the Sequoia Room in the Cribari Center at 3 p.m.

Join Bluegrass Club Jam on Sunday, May 25

The next Bluegrass Club Jam will be held on **Sunday, May 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center. All Villages residents and their guests are invited to attend. This is a free event. We will spend the afternoon playing Bluegrass, Vintage Country, and Gospel Music. You are welcome to bring your acoustic instruments to play along, sing, or just relax and listen to the music. The jam will be led by members of the Scotch Creek Band that is based here in The Villages. Sometime before the jam, a link to song lyrics and chords will be sent out to all on the Bluegrass Club mailing list. If you are not already on the list, please contact Alan Rich at alanrichgis@gmail.com.



Bluegrass music was derived from old time and mountain music from Appalachia and popularized by Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys. Lester Flat and Earl Scruggs further popularized it with their theme song for the "Beverly Hillbillies" television show and the movie "Bonnie and Clyde."

VMA: Learn ABCs of Feldenkrais: Awareness-Breathing-Centering

You are invited to a demonstration of the Feldenkrais Method of pain relief and body awareness



Janet Lee, PT and Feldenkrais Practitioner

Monday, May 19 in Montgomery Center at **10:30 a.m.** Janet Lee, PT, a physical therapist, fitness coach, and certified Feldenkrais Practitioner will show interactive, practice-at-home techniques how to free yourself of pain, maintain your balance, and experience well-being throughout your body. What is the Feldenkrais Method? Developed by a Moshe Pinchas Feldenkrais, a Ukrainian-born physicist and athlete, the Feldenkrais Method teaches better physical movement by learning of alternative movement patterns, that you carry out in an active and conscious way,

A Physical Therapist for over three decades, Janet noticed a distressing trend with patients. "Despite patients following exact routines to heal, they would return again with recurrent pain and frustration." Desiring to better help her patients, Janet studied and practiced under clinical supervision, the Feldenkrais Method (FM). Using FM,

Janet observed that when "patients understood how their bodies worked and how to move more effectively, their pain was relieved," often for good.

During her presentation, Janet uses a model skeleton, nicknamed Fred, for you to trace the source and course of pain in your body. She will also guide you in:

- Awareness of your body by "waking up" your shoulder and your feet.
- Breathing to help you relax your body and mind.
- Softening your feet to better feel the floor.
- In-place Exercising to mobilize your feet and leg bones.
- Standing up to experience the alignment of your leg to your pelvis and from your pelvis to your head.

Feldenkrais functional awareness and movement teaches you small, simple, and effective changes and connections to awaken your body and mind, and to realign them, so they work more smoothly together—often pain free.

Learn the ABCs of Feldenkrais! Space Limited. Register now on our website, vmavillages.vgcc.club (click on Register for Programs) or call our office at 408-234-4029.

Stolen Identity: Outsmart the thief before it's too late



Protecting your identity starts with awareness and smart habits. Join us **Monday, June 2 at 5 p.m.** at Foothill Center for a powerful presentation where you'll learn how to defend your digital self and protect what matters most—your identity and your finances.

Presented by U.S. Bank Manager Olga Dandoy and hosted by The Villages Study Groups Club, in this session, you'll discover: what identity theft is and how it happens; how to spot the warning signs; proven ways to stop and prevent identity theft; and how to report it quickly and effectively.

A GREAT DEAL! Villager Business Card Ads \$43 per week! Call 408-223-4655

Master Gardener Judy Hecht to present at Cat Club meeting

Master Gardener Judy Hecht will be the featured speaker at the Cat Club meeting on **Monday, May 19** at Vineyard Center from **2 to 4 p.m.** This meeting promises to be a fun and educational event. Judy Hecht will guide us on planting wheat grass and catnip. All supplies will be provided. Bette Loomis will share some history of both of these plants and the importance to your cats.



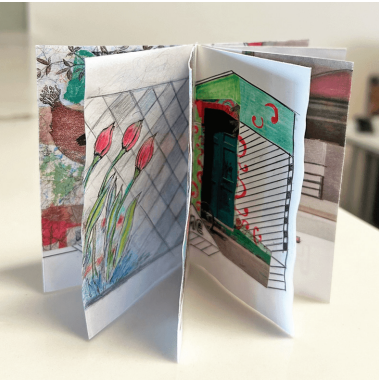
Remember to bring something for the “leave something take something” table. Again, this is always free. Also continue to sign up for the Evergreen College Theater production. The play will be a great one for the Villages community. It’s called “Evergreen stories: 50 years of Life, Laughter, and Learning” commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the college. (We will carpool and go as a group on November 22, 2025.)

For our May meeting, look for the yellow Cat Club sign in front of the Vineyard Center. **We only have enough supplies for the first 60 Cat Club members, so register on the website.** If you are not a Cat Club member sign up (free) at sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club or text Bette at 408-234-9798.



Explore unexpected creativity with Wendy Fitzgerald’s new collage class

Wendy Fitzgerald is offering a summer fun class on **Tuesdays, June 3 to 24, 10:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The fee is \$60, with all materials furnished. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. All levels are welcome, however, there is a limit of eight students and the class is open to members only.



If you’d like to build multiple small accordion sketch books with your own abstract artwork by using mixed media, this is your class. We will learn different approaches in building these sketch books. You may choose your preferred way to build your own and enjoy having them in your collection.

Wendy will brief us on the secret ingredients to create a balanced art and in-class exercises on various ways to create abstract art by incorporating collage pieces as inspiration. The metaphor of collage triggers magical responses in your brain and unexpected creativity may surprise you as a result.

Retired Military & Spouses: Learn your veterans home care and other health benefits

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education Coordinator

Did you or your spouse serve in the United States Armed Forces? If so, sign up today for “Know Your Retired Veteran and Spousal Rights Workshop,” **Wednesday, June 4** in the Sequoia Room from **11 a.m. to noon**. Darlyn Escalante, Director of the Santa Clara Veteran Service Organization and an Air Force Veteran will be the presenter. Determine if you, as a retired service member, are eligible for benefits to help with home health care, prescriptions, hospitalization, and burial. Moreover, as the survivor of a service member, you may also be eligible for financial and other benefits. The best time to find out about these benefits is when you are calm, unhurried, and not in need.

- In her on-hour presentation, Darlyn plans to cover:
- Who is the Santa Clara County Veteran Service Organization (SCCVSO), and how they differ from the Veterans Administration (VA).
 - Services provided by the Veterans Service Organization.
 - Benefits to which you are entitled as a retired military veteran.
 - Survivor benefits to which your spouse is entitled.

Darlyn Escalante is Director of the Santa Clara County Office of Veterans Services. She served in the United States Airforce. She is nationally accredited to assist veterans and their families in obtaining their benefits through Federal, State, and local organizations. As a veteran herself, Darlyn knows well the importance of knowing and using the benefits you and your spouse earned serving your country.

The best time to understand your veteran benefits is in a familiar setting, in which you can comfortably ask questions and take notes. On June 4, as a retired veteran or the spouse of a retired vet, you will have that opportunity. Yes, you may bring a family member to the presentation. Sign up now. Space is limited to 40. Register online by visiting vmavillages.vgcc.club and clicking on “Register for Programs.” Or call the office at 408-238-4029.



Darlyn Escalante

Stanford’s public art brought to our doorstep

By Arlene Versaw

It may catch your eye as you drive by. Or adorn a street corner on your daily walk. Public art can be abstract or realistic; a sculpture or a mural; huge or not so big. But it generally gets your attention and usually in a good way, although art of any kind is subjective.



“Pars pro Toto” by Alicja Kwade.

The Stanford University campus in Palo Alto is graced with a multitude of examples of public art, and fortunately for us, Diane Levinson, an artist and an art/art history professor will bring it to our doorstep in a Senior Academy presentation. She will take us on a virtual grand tour to introduce us to work from familiar favorites, such as Auguste Rodin, and to explore several of the newer works installed on campus within the last few years.

Diane Levinson has taught at DeAnza College, City College of San Jose, Monterey Peninsula College, Santa Clara University, and Bellarmine College Preparatory. Since retiring from full-time teaching, Levinson has offered Art History classes for Osher/OLLI at Santa Clara University, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU East Bay, and San Francisco State University.

Join us on **Tuesday, May 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Foothill Center for a delightful visual exploration Stanford’s public art. Register at senioracademy.vgcc.club or call Bev Murphy at 408-921-0296.

Free art film: ‘Paul Cezanne: The Man Who Inspired Picasso’

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association will present another inspiring film on the life and work of Paul Cezanne hosted by Marion Rose on **Tuesday, May 27 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room.

Paul Cezanne worked closely with Impressionist artists who were his friends, Renoir, Monet, Pissarro and Degas but his work was rejected by them in his early years. He strove for a new way of looking at things that wasn’t dictated by traditional artistic approaches. He didn’t want to learn how to copy other artists which was the mode of learning at the time but wanted to explore his own vision. He was ahead of his time and did not receive any recognition until late in his life. Cezanne is credited with being the precursor of cubism and modern abstract expressionism and inspired the likes of Picasso, Kandinsky and Mondrian by approaching painting for its own sake and not just to tell a visual story.



This show is free to all Villagers and their guests. Popcorn will be served. An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film. This film runs for just under an hour.

Pedestrians on the Golf Course

Attention Monday Walkers: The golf course will be closed to pedestrians on **Monday, May 26** (Memorial Day) from **7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.** because of scheduled golf play!

Summertime is Lunch Buddies time!

Join VMA and your Lunch Buddies in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, June 18 at 11:30 a.m.** If you're looking for someone to talk to, someone who wants your company as much as you want theirs, someone who needs to get out and about, someone who needs a dose of fun, then pick up the phone right now, and call VMA at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation.

We will provide a ride from your home to the Clubhouse and home again if you let VMA know you need a ride. We'll still provide a lovely lunch charged to your house number—a half sandwich with a salad, ice cream, iced tea, lemonade and coffee upon request, all for \$12.

We'll have a great time once again! We'll chat about this and that, laugh a bit, and enjoy every moment of our time together at lunch. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Lunch Buddies. Remember, pick up that phone right now to make your call to the VMA office no later than Monday, June 16 by noon.



Explore Art Journaling all summer long with Pat Remington



Pat Remington is offering eight weeks of summer fun with Art Journaling on Fridays. The class will be held in the Cribari Center Art Room from **12:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 20 and 27, July 18 and 25, August 1, 8, 15, and 22.** You may take any four classes for \$50 or all eight for \$100.

The agenda is: June 20: Creating layers with stencils; June 27: Morning still life; July 18: Put a bird in it; July 25: Secret message pocket; August 1: Walk the dog; August 8: Mosaic garden; August 15: Passageways; August 22: More collage fun.

All art supplies are furnished, including an 8.5 by 8.-inch hard cover art journal. You might want to bring your small, sharp collage scissors.

The class is limited to eight students and open to members only. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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.

Come to the Crafty Flea Market Saturday, June 7

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association is hosting the Crafty Flea Market—back by popular demand—on **Saturday, June 7** from **9 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari Auditorium.

BUY: Need arts and craft supplies for a new hobby or some fun with your grandchildren? Shop for art and craft items at discount prices! (Bring cash or checks for purchases.)

SELL: If you have *usable* art or craft supplies gathering dust, sell them and make some space for new hobbies!

DONATE: Don't want to sell your stuff, just want it gone? Donate it to VACA and we'll sell it—proceeds will be used for Art Room supplies. Bring items by **8 a.m.** on **Saturday, June 7.**

To reserve a space (\$12 per table). Share a table with a friend! Sign up early to choose the best spot! Contact Claudia Welch at claudia.welch@yahoo.com. For more information, visit villagesartsandcrafts.org.



GVCC to host special Healing Room session on grief and loss

Is grief holding you hostage? On **Thursday, May 29 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** at Foothill Center, the Global Villages Community Club (GVCC) invites you to a profoundly meaningful Healing Room event—one unlike any we've held before. This session is dedicated to those carrying the weight of deep grief and loss. Participation will be limited to a small, intimate group of 10–15 individuals to ensure a safe, supportive environment for healing.

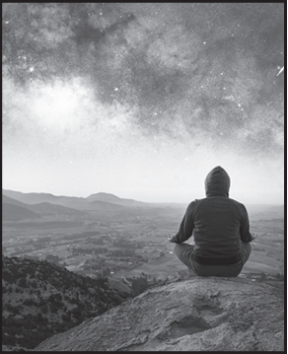
Certified Life Coach Kim Silverman will lead this therapeutic group session, drawing from her own experience of profound loss following the passing of her husband at just 50 years old. She knows firsthand that grief does not follow a straight path—it lingers, hides, and can resurface decades later through unexpected triggers.

Grief, when left unspoken, can take many forms—addiction, isolation, or a quiet surrender to hopelessness and depression. But even in the heaviest moments, healing is possible. This session is about beginning that process—releasing what no longer serves you and finding space for light again.

Kim will be joined by Laura Quirke, an intuitive energy healer and coach, who will support the group energetically and lead a closing meditation. Her work focuses on gentle shifts across the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual levels.

If you or someone you care about is struggling with the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to share this offering. Sometimes, the smallest steps toward healing begin with a single conversation in the right space.

This event is free to attend, however, pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Register at <https://www.kimsilvermantransformation.com/healing-room-registration> Email Kim Silverman if you have any issues with registering at kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com



Kristin Lindseth to demo at Arts and Crafts meeting

By Michael Sunzeri

Arts and Crafts has another inviting Membership meeting on **Monday, June 2 at 1:45 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference room. Our featured artist is Villager Kristin Lindseth. She will be bringing visuals of her fine art mediums and showing them on the big screen. Kristin also plans a short demo that she is putting together.

Kristin Lindseth is an internationally exhibiting sculptor, printmaker and educator. Her sculptures are figurative and symbolic works and are each one of a kind. She works in both wood multimedia constructions and in metal. Her work has been represented in over 200 exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally. Her sculptures and intaglio printmaking are included in private collections in Sweden, Germany, Spain, France, England, United Arab Emirates, and Greece. Recently she completed a series of 18 wood multimedia constructions and carvings in response to the California wildfires of Fall 2020. This body of work is titled “San Ardo Refuge” and has been exhibited in four solo shows in museums and art centers.



Solo exhibitions of her sculptures have been held locally at several museums like the Euphrat Museum of Art in Cupertino and many museums from Los Gatos to Eureka, Palm Springs, and several other venues in between.

Kristin's work has also been represented in several Galleries like Vorpall Gallery in Palo Alto and Freeman Gallery, Palo Alto, as well as the Oakland Museum Collectors Gallery in Oakland among many others.

Kristin is a professor of Art at Mission College in Santa Clara CA where she teaches Digital Art, Drawing, and Sculpture. Do join us and we will save a seat for you.

Arts and Crafts accepting entries for Annual Members Juried Show

By Michael Sunzeri

The Arts and Crafts Association announces our upcoming and long-awaited Annual Members Juried Show. This popular show has history dating back to 2007 and features beautiful eclectic art from our very own talented Villagers. On Monday, July 14, between 1 – 1:30 p.m. we will be accepting works of art to be juried in the Art Room. The exhibition and reception with refreshments follow the next day on July 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Our Juror, Carole Cameron of East Valley Artists will be present and your guests, as well as all Villagers, are welcomed. There are five categories: 1. Water Color 2. Oil or Acrylic 3. Mixed Media, Collage 4. Dry Media of Pen, Pencil, Pastels & Charcoal 5. 3D, Sculpture including Ceramics.

Artists will find a Contract entry form on our website at villagesartsandcrafts.org, in the Art Room, or in our Cribari Mail slot. All Artists must be Arts & Crafts members. If you are not a member, please submit \$10 and a Membership application form to Claudia Welch and place it in our Cribari Mailbox. You can find that membership application on our website or Cribari mailbox. There is a single \$10 Contract entry fee for the AMJS Artists’ works. Artists may enter two 2D works but they must be in different categories. For 3D artwork, two pieces are allowed unless you also enter a 2D piece. We now accept, to be juried and exhibited at the reception, large-scale 2D work over 36”x 42”, but see the contract for more info. Submit the Juried Show Contract form with \$10 to Michael Sunzeri, same Cribari mailbox. The absolute deadline to enter the show is Friday, June 20.



Back by popular demand: A fresh take on salads

To members of the Global Village Community Club and new members: Please join us for another presentation from the Healthy Eating group on **Tuesday, May 27** at Montgomery Center at **7 p.m.** Registration for this evening’s presentation is a must. Become a new member and/or register by emailing globalvcclub@gmail.com.



Marie-Paule Wood

A letter from Chef Marie-Paule Wood:
“Bonjour, my friends,
Last month’s Healthy Eating class at the Global Village was such a joy; I loved every minute of sharing my seasonal salad recipes, homemade dressings, and a few laughs with all of you. It was such a pleasure seeing you light up at the taste of something fresh, simple, and made with care.
Right now, I am traveling through France, reconnecting with my roots, visiting with old friends, and (of course) tasting everything I can get my hands on. I am finding inspiration in the markets, gardens, and kitchens of home, and I can’t wait to bring it back to you.

But while I’m away, the show must go on... and this time, Darrel (yes, that Darrel) will be leading the next class. Now Darrel has no formal training, no apron collection, and

frankly, no business holding a whisk, but he does have one of my favorite recipes, a good sense of humor, and a deep appreciation for fresh food. That’s all you really need.

He’ll be sharing my Rainbow Thai Salad—a vibrant vegetarian dish that’s crunchy, zesty, and totally plant-based. It’s a recipe I love because it’s so colorful and full of flavor, and it’s easy enough for anyone to make—even Darrel. He will also be adding two new dressings to your collection. You will love how easy it is to make them.

So come join us for an evening filled with laughter, a little learning, and a salad you’ll want to make all summer long.

With warm wishes from across the sea, Marie-Paule”

VMS Voices perform to standing room only

By Barbara Zahner

Amidst a standing-room-only audience, the VMS Voices Spring Spectacular brought forth cheers and standing ovations for the upbeat “Live, Love, Sing” concert performed May 2 and May 4 in Cribari Auditorium.

The Voices thanks all those engaged in the production including the Villages Handbell Ensemble, Village Dancers, and the staff of the Villages Recreation and Communications Department. Special hats off to Director Catherine Ellacer and Pianist Tammy Welch.

A no-audition choir, the Voices invites all Villagers to the Open House and Sneak Preview of the Winter Show on September 3 at 7 p.m. at Foothill. Come improve your health, expand your mind, and feel the joy of communal singing. Join the fun! Watch The Villager for more details.



The Voices receive a standing ovation at the ‘Live, Sing, Love’ concert.

Art exhibit reception to feature pastel artist Terri Ford

By Michael Sunzeri

All Villagers are invited to the Terri Ford Pastel Exhibit, which is now showing in the Cribari Conference Room. Do make the effort to see all her fine art. You will have a very good chance to view this excellent art at her reception on **Saturday, May 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.**



Terri’s fine art is featured globally as well as locally. She has had shows and gallery exhibitions in some very prestigious places. To mention a couple, there is the National Arts Club in New York and locally at the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara, and let’s acknowledge her achievement of Master Circle status in the International Association of Pastel Societies. Needless to say, there is much more to discover about Terri and her achievements but do attend and find out from her firsthand.

The reception of refreshments and wine is open to all Villagers. Look for promotion flyers for this event in *The Villager Online*, in Cribari Hallway, and in the Art Room. We invite you to join Terri Ford and really enjoy her fine art.

Save the date—Italian Club Street Faire is October 11

The Villages Italian Club’s 25th Anniversary Street Faire, scheduled for October 11, 2025 at Cribari Plaza, is starting to take shape. There will be a full menu of Italian favorites including meatballs, sausages and peppers, pasta, salads, and a lot more. Guests will be able to enjoy live music both outdoors in the patio and inside Cribari Auditorium, and we’ll have games, a magician, and tarot card reader.



The Club will offer special “Membership Appreciation” pricing for members in good standing on July 31. If there’s room for guests, they will pay a few dollars more. Save the date—it’s going to be great!

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

Here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among the bestsellers. We’re open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our latest recommendations (available in Large Print):

“**Summer in the City**” by **Alex Aster**. Publisher’s description: “27-year-old screenwriter Elle has the chance of a lifetime to write a big-budget movie set in New York City. The only problem? She’s had writer’s block for months, and her screenplay is due at the end of the summer. In an attempt at inspiration, Elle ends up back in the city she swore she would never return to, in an apartment she could never afford. It’s the perfect place to write her screenplay...until she realizes her new neighbor is tech “Billionaire Bachelor” Parker Warren, her stairwell hookup from two years ago. When seeing him again turns into a full night of hate-fueled writing, Elle realizes her enemy/twisted muse might just be the key to finishing her screenplay... if she can stand being around her polar opposite.”

“**25 Alive**” by **James Patterson**. Publisher’s description: “SFPD homicide detective Lindsay Boxer knows her way around a crime scene. But nothing can prepare her for the shock of recognition: the victim is Warren Jacobi, Lindsay’s onetime partner who rose to chief of police. A top investigator until the end, Jacobi managed to leave Lindsay a clue. Following a trail of evidence along the west coast, the Women’s Murder Club pledges to avenge Jacobi’s death before the killer can take another one of their own.”

España

June 7 & 8, 2025
at the California Theatre

Grab your passport and join Symphony San Jose for the season's grand finale in Spain. **Rodrigo's** *Concierto de Aranjuez*, by far his best-known work, cemented his reputation as one of Spain's most significant composers.

We'll also view the Iberian Peninsula through the lens of two visiting composers, **Ravel** (France) and **Rimsky-Korsakov** (Russian), and hear how each portrayed Spanish music through their distinct writing styles.

Join us for an unforgettable pre-concert experience! Indulge in delicious Spanish tapas and Churros available for purchase at the concession stands, while enjoying a mesmerizing flamenco dance show and live music that will captivate your senses. Sip on refreshing sangria and immerse yourself in the vibrant and passionate atmosphere of Spain.

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More CLUBS

Pariter Vocal Ensemble to perform spring showcase at Cribari

Don't miss the Pariter Vocal Ensemble's spring performance, "When We Sing: Reflections of the Soul" at Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m.** This tenor-bass choral group from Silicon Valley offers a wide range of music styles from early renaissance to gospel and barbershop



music. The Villages Music Society sponsors this event.

You can purchase your \$20 tickets on **Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Cribari Lobby** or at the door. Optionally, to place a phone order for a house charge, call Roberta at 408-685-3386. With your ticket, you can get a 10% discount on an entrée

at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride, contact Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) at 408-238-4230 to arrange your free transportation. Also, the conductor of our Villages Concert Band, Melson Varsovia, sings with the Pariter Vocal Ensemble. Both the band and Pariter welcome new members. Sign up for information in the Lobby or see Melson after the concert.

For its fourth season, Pariter Vocal Ensemble presents a new experience showcasing its talented members in new ways! Come join us for a special afternoon that features the members of Pariter Vocal Ensemble in small ensembles, solos, and duets alongside the whole ensemble in a wondrous gathering of music for the soul. The ensemble is excited to share a wide range of styles of music from early renaissance to gospel barbershop music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pariter is Latin for "equally" or "together." In August 2021, conductor Albert "Albee" Mabeza recruited a group of tenors and basses from all over the Bay Area. Many singers from the Resounding Achord community joined this new ensemble. Pariter performs repertoire written for tenor-bass ensembles from many different genres.



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Gorgeous single level home with beautiful serene and peaceful setting. Must See!!

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VILLAGE HERMOSA \$699,000
2 Bd | 2 Ba | 1370 sf
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VILLAGE CRIBARI \$550,000
2 Bd | 2 Ba | 1223 sf
Perfect blend of luxury, comfort & serenity! Updated throughout! Must See!!

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PENDING

VILLAGE OLIVAS \$999,888
2 Bd | 2 Ba | 1473 sf
Beautiful single level end unit with stunning setting! Must See!!

FOR SALE - RODDA REALTY TEAM



PENDING

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Club Board Candidates

Howard ‘Howie’ Blumstein

9045 Village View Loop

I’m running for the Club Board because I believe our Community is heading in the wrong direction —with skyrocketing dues and decisions being made without enough Member input.

Here’s what’s happening:

- In the FY26 budget, monthly dues jumped 27% —that’s an increase of **\$115.08**, bringing dues to **\$540.03 per month**.
- That’s a 43% increase from the FY24 dues of \$377.40 in just two years.
- These steep increases may force friends and neighbors to move—putting more homes on the market **hurting our property values**.

As one concerned Member told me: “Assessments are increasing so rapidly that it will erode our property values because prospective buyers won’t be able to afford to live here.”

I’m also concerned by a recent statement in a *Villager* article: “The Club Board must remove constraints on Club policies and bylaws in order for us to responsibly invest in The Villages.”

Removing these constraints could give the Board a **blank check** to spend our money without proper oversight – leading to even **higher dues** in the future.

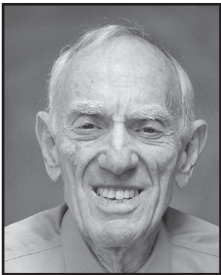
We need to:

- Control spending and avoid unnecessary costs
- Maintain our community and enhance lifestyle **responsibly**

- Make decisions with **Member input**
- Protect our home values and affordability

I bring an **MBA in Finance** and a strong financial background. If elected I will be a **voice for the Villagers** —focused on smart budgeting, transparency, and protecting what makes our community great.

“HOWIE”—for Fiscal Responsibility and Member-First Leadership



Mira Dytko

8402 Chenin Blanc Lane

My husband Tom and I moved to The Villages eight years ago.

I was born in Ukraine and earned an M.S. in Geophysics and a Ph.D in Stratigraphy and Paleontology at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Lviv.

In 1991, we moved to Thunder Bay, Canada. I was a member of the Ukrainian Canadian Coordinating Counsel. Also, due to my Geological background, I was invited to speak at Thunder Bay City council about the danger of nuclear waste disposal in the Canadian Shield.

In Canada, I worked as a scientist, a project manager, and managed a staff of 20.

In California, I worked as a lab researcher at the USGS. Later, I transitioned from academic writing to technical writing. I worked for several companies including, the Boeing company, Sanmina SCI, ByteDance (Tik Tok), Google, and Hatachi.

Here at The Villages, I have participated in many activities including pickleball, tennis, yoga, U-Jam dancing, biking, and hiking.

If elected, I would like to promote and expand existing club activities, increase visibility, and motivate participation through innovation. Encourage fresh ideas and foster partnerships with clubs and its members.

Due to my unique background, life, and work experiences, I believe I will be a valuable asset to the board.

I appreciate your support in this new endeavor.



Andrew ‘Andy’ Altman

7119 Via Portada

My wife Christy and I moved to the Villages about 6 years ago from The Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth, Maine. After 17 years of living and raising our three children in Monte Sereno, we went to Maine for a career opportunity. Upon retirement, in the fall of 2018, we wanted to escape another brutal New England winter and get back home to CA to be close to our children and year-round golf.

Since becoming a Villager, I have been an active golfer, bocce player, RV Club member and participant in the Senior Academy. I currently serve on the Club Board as Treasurer. I recently concluded a 4-year term as President of Congregation Shir Hadash, in Los Gatos.

I was raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and received my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Biochemistry from UC San Diego, and my MBA from Stanford.

Professionally, I provided the tools and resources needed to advance life science research. I began as a sales rep and progressed to VP/General Manager roles with Varian, Thermo-Fisher and IDEXX. All of those roles had global responsibility. The hallmarks of my success have been enhancing the customer experience while driving operational efficiency.

My focus as a Director is to enhance the Villager experience. We need to find ways to make our community better while controlling costs. Doing so will make our lives richer and increase the value of our properties.



Question 1: What are the most important issues for the Club Board to consider and how are you prepared to handle them?

Howie Blumstein answer to Question #1

Out-of-control dues increases.

The Board recently approved a staggering 27% hike in FY26 Club Dues—an increase of \$115.08 per month bringing dues to \$540.03. That’s a 43% jump from the FY24 dues of \$377.40 in just two years. This kind of unchecked growth is unsustainable and threatens the very fabric of our community.

I will fight to reverse this trend. I will scrutinize every budget, cut waste, challenge unnecessary spending, and demand accountability. Our goal must be to preserve and enhance the lifestyle we love—but with financial discipline, not bloated budgets.

I’m deeply concerned that this FY26 budget will push longtime residents—our friends and neighbors—out of the community they helped build, simply because they could no longer afford it.

I hold an MBA in Finance and bring a proven record of financial leadership. If elected, I will be a relentless advocate for Villagers—committed to smart budgeting, real transparency, and putting Members first.

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Mira Dytko answer to Question #1

The Club Board reviewed the 2026 fiscal year budget. It has been recommended an increase in HOA fees for current operations and to meet our strategic goals.

How am I prepared to handle them?

Recommendations:

- Better financial investments, according to our capital bank statement, we only earn 4.27% per year
- Cut expenses, our labor expenses are high
- Yearly performance review of each employee (166 total headcount)
- Increase other revenues by active member engagement and participation

Andy Altman answer to Question #1

- Aging Infrastructure
- Villager Experience

Addressing our aging infrastructure and improving the Villager experience are the two biggest challenges I see. Our Club facilities were designed to support a Senior’s lifestyle in the 1960s. Our generation is more active, and, as such, desires facilities to support that lifestyle. Doing so will increase our enjoyment, improve our home values and ensure the wellbeing of our community. Some elements like paint and carpet are more obvious than the unseen water, electrical and sewer systems that run under our homes and streets. Many of these have gone without improvement since their construction. The board must exercise operational efficiency to prioritize projects and constrain costs.

Improving the Villager Experience was the primary reason I ran for the board. We have made remarkable progress. Our Food and Beverage services have markedly improved since Chef John joined our team and shared his vision for the dining experience. Better integration between our recreation and food and beverage teams is another opportunity. Many of our clubs use outside food vendors to control costs. Imagine golf, tennis, pickleball and bocce events supported by our Villages F&B team at competitive price points. These improved experiences don’t have to cost more. They just need to become a priority for our management team.

More CANDIDATES: See the candidates’ answers to Question 2 on page 20

Homeowners’ Board Candidates

Donna Ostheimer

8840 Wine Valley Circle

My husband Yanni and I moved from Connecticut to the Bay Area thirty years ago, happy to leave cold, snowy winters behind. We didn’t know we could love the Bay Area more until we found our forever home in the Estates eight years ago. We are fortunate to have friendly neighbors and a great sense of community within The Villages.



I have been an active member of our community, serving as Secretary of the Villages Camera Club, as a member of the Homeowners’ ACC, and of the Estates DAC.

My work experience includes nine years as a Principal Consultant supporting marketing projects for international Medical Diagnostic companies, eighteen years at LifeScan, a J&J Company, in a variety of roles, including people management, project management, sales and marketing support, quality assurance, and field product support, and over fifteen years in the hospital industry in managerial and technical roles in the Clinical Laboratory. I have a BA in Medical Technology, an MBA, and an MS in Pathobiology.

My favorite activities are photography, golf, walks with Yanni and our dog Lenny, traveling to Greece and CT to visit friends and family, and socializing with my good friends in The Villages.

My goal is to represent your interests through open communication and strong collaboration with the Association and Club Boards, and Management team. Fiscal responsibility is of utmost importance as the community navigates an ever-changing regulatory environment and fire safety requirements. I look forward to being an advocate for your needs and concerns.

Morton Cordell

8319 Chianti Court

I moved to the Villages in June 2013 with my wife Susan after living in the Bay Area for 30 years. We discovered the Villages while looking for a golf course gated community close to family. We found a SFH in Hermosa and have enjoyed our new neighbors and the friends we have made here while preparing for retirement.



I am active in Villages governance by serving on various board and committees.

Marketing Committee – 4 years, Chair for 3 years
EVF – Director for 10 years serving as Marketing Director, Projects Manager, COF coordinator.

ACC – member for 4 years, 3 years as Chair

CAC – currently a voting member.

HBOD – Director and secretary and currently CFO, HBOD appointed Chair to the ACC

I was born and educated in London, England

I began my working career in accounting, swiftly moving to an international trading company where I was CFO, overseeing both domestic and European offices.

We moved to the San Francisco area in 1983 where I worked for eighteen years as head of an international import and distribution company. In 2002 I co-founded Silk Road Associates LLC, an overseas sourcing and trading company with offices in Shanghai and San Jose producing both private brand and our own brand products. I have in-depth knowledge of business management in manufacturing, marketing, and distribution. I am still active in Silk Road Associates today.

I feel that my business background together with my knowledge of the Villages and the various committees on which I have served will be an asset to HBOD. I am committed to building a socially responsible community to protect our current assets and plan for the growth and wellbeing of all residents, present and future.

Voting Tips:

Want Your Vote To Count?

Use both envelopes and keep the bar-code intact!

Why Use Two Envelopes to Vote?

The inner one keeps your vote a secret!

The outer one registers you as a member in good standing who is eligible to vote!

Is My Ballot Secret?

Yes, if you seal both matching colored envelopes!

Why Are Ballots in Different Colors?

- Blue is for the Association election.
- Tan is for the Club election.
- Green is for the Homeowners’ election.

Don’t get them mixed up!

Don’t Mix Up Ballot and Envelope Colors

The colors have to match for your vote to be valid!

Save the date! Attend the **Annual Membership Meeting** for all The Villages corporations on **Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.** in the Villages Clubhouse.

2025 Annual Member Meetings and Elections—Update

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 has announced Howie Blumstein, Mira Dytko, and Andy Altman as its candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

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 is 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.

For the 2025 Director election there are two qualified candidates, Morton Cordell and Donna Ostheimer. Per Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws, as of the deadline of May 1, 2025, no additional candidates have come forward, they are to be declared elected by acclamation and will begin their terms as Directors

on June 11, 2025, upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members. The Special Open Meeting to count ballots under the direction of the Inspectors of Elections for all three corporate votes is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Vineyard Center.

Question 2: Why are you running for the Club Board? What life experiences, abilities, skills, and knowledge do you have that would qualify you to be a Board Director? How have you prepared for being a Director?

Howie Blumstein
answer to Question #2

I’m running for the Club Board because I believe our Community is heading in the wrong direction—with skyrocketing dues and decisions being made without enough Member input.

I was a Club Board Director, regularly attend Club Board of Directors monthly meetings and keep abreast of important decisions that the Directors make. My interests are in maintaining our assets, providing needed services for residents, and enhancing our lifestyle.

I have an MBA in Finance and a strong financial background. If elected I will be a voice for Villagers—focused on smart budgeting, transparency, and protecting what makes our community great.

Vote HOWIE—for Fiscal Responsibility and Member-First Leadership.

Mira Dytko
answer to Question #2

To support our Board Mission and Vision

What life experiences, abilities, skills and knowledge do you have that would qualify you to be a Board Director?

- My life experiences: lived and worked in four countries
- Great research skills: worked as a scientist for over 15 years
- Knowledge and work experiences for non-profit, public, start up businesses

How have you prepared for being a Director?

- Actively engaging in the Club activities
- Participating in the Hermosa District Advisory Committee (DAC) activities and meetings
- Participating at Board of Directors meetings
- Reading the Club Board meeting minutes and the Villages Member Portal

Andy Altman
answer to Question #2

I’m running for re-election to improve our community. I want our home prices to go up, our experiences as residents to improve and our community to flourish. This requires making tough decisions, especially around economic issues. My wife and I were fortunate to live in an active Country Club community for 8 years before moving to The Villages. That experience provides me with insight into what is possible. I will share that vision with my colleagues and our General Manager to fulfill our stated vision: “to be the active Country Club Community of Choice for people age 55+ in Northern California.”

In my professional life, I was a General Manager of several large multinational companies. In those roles, I was responsible for both developing and implementing strategy. I know that success depends on communicating the strategy across the organization and laser focus on key deliverables. This means continually asking, “Is what we are doing aligned with our strategy?” and holding everyone accountable for staying on task. Now that we have a solid management team in place, the board must provide direction and prioritization. As a Director I will encourage crisp execution to contain cost and produce timely deliverables.

Candidates’ biographies and answers to questions are also available on The Villager Online at: news.thevillagesgcc.com

Music at the Clubhouse

May Wednesday, May 28	Bistro	Steve Guttman 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
June Thursday, June 12	Bistro	Luke Westbrook 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
July Thursday, July 10	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16	Bistro	Steve Guttman 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30	Bistro	Luke Westbrook 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
August Thursday, August 14	Bistro	Luke Westbrook 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
September Thursday, September 11	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24	Bistro	Steve Guttman 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Double Play Jazz
Bass & Piano



Luke Westbrook
Guitarist



Steve Guttman
Guitarist

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The EVF Planned Giving Program—Give Where You Live

The recently completed golf course bunker project was supported in part because of the Dutch Johnson Legacy Fund, a substantial bequest through the Planned Giving program of the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF).



A Planned Giving bequest is the perfect way to make a lasting contribution to The Villages as part of your personal legacy. Any size gift will be appreciated. It is easy to include the EVF in your estate planning. For more information about our Planned Giving program please contact Morton Cordell at 707-491-4550 or Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

Projects such as the new golf course bunkers are consistent with the Evergreen Villages Foundation’s mission to enhance the quality of life at The Villages through expansion and/or enhancement of Villages amenities, which contribute greatly to the desirability and viability of our Villages community.

If you would like to support the EVF by contributing to the General Fund, there are several ways: become a sustaining member; make a one-time donation, or donate through the EVF’s Planned Giving program. For more information, please visit us at evfsj.org.

RELIGION

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!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Foundational Faith’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Acknowledging that you believe in God, the Father of all creation, is good. Traveling on the lands, seas, and skies above, we observe nature’s wonders, beauty, and mystery. Some individuals have been blessed to have seen the Earth from deep space. Simply believing in God doesn’t assure us of having a relationship with Him and going to heaven. The Devil believes and knows that God exists, but he is determined to keep you from Him.

It is good to quote the stories you have heard about God’s involvement in the destiny of nations. This doesn’t give a person a ticket to try and use what God did in the past for what they desire Him to do in their future. On the other hand, when the condition of a person’s heart is proper, miracles are available.

Praying for God to bless you and others in all your endeavors is good. However, this doesn’t give you the right to live recklessly by counting on others to pray for your successes. There is a law of sowing and reaping for which you are held accountable.

Believing that God exists is the primary doorway to understanding your identity and the purpose for which you were created. The one valid reason that you were created was for a relationship with Him and to enjoy all He made without sin and regret. After entering the doorway, our path is made clear: *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”* **Proverbs 9:10 NKJV**

Your faith in God is paramount in receiving His grace to sustain you when you fail to trust Him. His grace calls you to invest all in the One person that never comes up short in His faithfulness to you...Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

1 John 5:12 ESV *“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” primary*

Join us in the Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m. when Pastor Bill will deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message to you, then enjoy fellowship afterwards with some coffee, cookies with friends. Please visit our Villages Community Website at Villagescommunitychapel.org

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., May 26 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 holds Passover Seder

The Villages Jewish Community held a wonderful Community Passover Seder on April 9 at the Clubhouse, led by educator Chuck Dietz. Fifty people sang, chanted, and recited the ancient text (the Haggadah) which retells the story of the Exodus and the journey of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom so we can relive the experience of our ancestors. The Seder is a ritual meal that highlights the events of the Exodus through symbols such as the eating of Matzot (unleavened bread due to the haste in which



the Jews departed E g y p t lest Pharaoh might change his mind), and bitter herbs which symbolizes the bitterness of 430 years of backbreaking slavery. One of the highlights of the Seder is the asking of four questions by the youngest child in which the adults are required to answer to ensure that we don’t forget the story year after year and generation to generation so that we might feel as if we personally had been enslaved and then redeemed. The message of the Seder is a universal story for all people who are oppressed and struggling to attain the blessings of freedom.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Reaching Out’

By Lerma Simpson, Pastoral Associate, St. Francis of Assisi

Have you ever shopped at the Farmer’s market that is located at the Evergreen Village Square? The market operates on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sunday afternoons, you will see a few men, women, and youth wearing blue vests carrying boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables to load in a nearby van. They are not vendors but volunteers from St. Francis of Assisi parish. Every Sunday for the past 16 years, rain or shine, the volunteers gather to collect surplus food and deliver them to the Family Supportive Housing Project on North King Road. The shelter provides temporary housing and supportive services to single- and two-parent families who would otherwise be living on the streets. Close to 60 percent of the shelter residents are children under the age of 18. The volunteers’ efforts and the generosity of the vendors help the shelter provide the families with fresh vegetables and fruit year round. Last year, the volunteers collected over 40,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables for the shelter. This year, they hope to do the same.

Some of these volunteers come directly from Sunday Mass to help. Nourished by the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the community they go forward to glorify the Lord by their lives. When we leave Mass, we are being dispatched to our mission of bringing Christ to those around us. Wherever we are, we have a chance to show others the face of Christ. One way to do this is through acts of service and caring. Perhaps you are already actively involved in a ministry that help those in need. However, if you are seeking for another opportunity to do so, the Farmer’s Market volunteers, as they call themselves, are always in need of extra hands, especially during the summer months when their collections increase due to the abundance of summer fruit. The help they need range from collecting empty fruit and vegetable boxes from Costco to weighing the filled boxes so they can keep track of the number of pounds of food that is gathered at the end of the day. The packed boxes can get heavy; so when it comes to the task of collecting and carrying the boxes to the loading area, someone with the physical ability to do so would be most essential in this capacity. This is also a great ministry for teens who are looking for service hours and an opportunity to display young discipleship in action.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering or simply finding out more about the Farmer’s Market volunteer ministry, please contact Chris Simpson at christophersimpson@yahoo.com or at 408-205-1808.



SPORTS NEWS

WOMEN’S 9-HOLE



Judy Owen



Madeline Naftzger

By Mary Wagle

Captain’s Trophy Play Day was on May 6. It was a beautiful spring day, and 70 ladies came out to vie for the coveted trophy. Congratulations to Judy Owen, who won on the front nine with a net 32, and Madeline Naftzger won on the back nine with a net 31. We saw a number of low scores on this play day, too. Good job to all of you, ladies!

Our Captain, Gisele Barber, has appointed a nominating committee, so Sheryl Driskell, Sherry Benz, and Joyce Mukuno will be seeking candidates for the 2026 Executive Board (Co-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer). If you would like to self-nominate, please contact one of them. Sheryl, who will be Captain in 2026, will also be looking for candidates for other vacant positions on her Board of Directors.

Registration will be open on May 16 for Villagers to sign up for the May 30 Friday Night Twilight Nine and Dine. These events are very popular, so sign up as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. Line up your foursome now. The next Twilight Nine and Dine will be on June 27, and the shotgun starts will always be at 4:30 p.m.

Our club has been invited to San Jose Country Club’s Invitational, Breakfast at Tiffany’s, on Tuesday, June 17. The cost is \$140 per person accompanied by the registration form that was distributed recently. Your check and the form must be received by them no later than June 7.

In conclusion, we are implementing a new program during Captain’s Trophy Play Days. Starting on the next trophy day, June 10, you will now be counting your putts. Practice your putting, because the ladies on the front and back nine who have the lowest putts will win \$5 each.

Sign up for ‘Saturday Only’ Bocce Volo Tournament

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.

SHONIS



Captain’s trophy winners Bonnie Evans and Teddy Morse.

is on a hot streak. She had a gross of 34 so grabbed the low gross Trophy. And Bonnie Evans had a great low net at 19.

Congratulations, ladies on your games. And thanks to Sabrina for the festive sombreros.

By Betty Hall

What a beautiful golf day. Sunny and warm. The Shonis celebrated Cinco de Mayo today and enjoyed themselves on the golf course.

No birdies today so the pot will roll over to next week. And no Putting for Pesos but it will be back next week.

There was one qualifier today. Terri Matsumura so that makes four games for her. Just one more to go.

Today was our May Captain’s Trophy day. And two of our long-time Shonis grabbed the trophies day. Teddy



Bonnie Evans and our new Shoni, Linda McChesney, wearing their mini-sombreros.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

The Villages Tennis League (VTL) concluded play on Thursday, May 8. The spring season consisted of three mixed doubles with each team playing about 10 matches through the course of the season.

Play began in mid-March under cool conditions with occasional threatening skies. The season ended under bright sunny skies on exceptionally warm courts. All the matches were very competitive with only a few points deciding many of the sets. Spectators were treated to exciting tennis with some matches decided by a third set 10 point tie-break.

The final team standings were somewhat lopsided with Jim Murphy’s team dominating. Of course, some questioned Jim using Andre Agassi as a sub. Numerous new friendships were made as the mixed doubles format allowed players to partner with someone they may have never met.

While all the players gave it their all, one player deserved and received the MVP award. Linda Wong was a member of the champion team as she was ready to play when called upon by her captain or she agreed to fill in as a sub if needed elsewhere. She received a large momentary award presented by her captain (see attached photo). Linda was very excited to see the \$10,000. bill until she realized that the photo on the bill was that of captain Jim Murphy.

The league’s final standings and results are as follows:

Captain	Wins	Losses	Draws
Jim Murphy	7	3	
Roy Pennington	4	6	1
Betty Olsen	3	7	1

Thanks to all for participating and making the VTL a success. Continue to work on those tennis strokes as we prepare for next season.



MVP Linda Wong with her “\$10,000” prize.

New to Bocce? Sign up for Bocce Boot Camp

The next Bocce Boot Camp will be held **Tuesday, May 27 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** This boot camp is limited to 30 people.

Have you always wanted to learn how to play bocce? Here’s your chance. Bocce Club members, be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the fun we are having on the bocce courts! The Bocce Skilz Team have put together a great program to get you started.

This program is a fun, interactive session designed for the beginner to learn bocce fundamentals. Hands-on experiences as well as bocce rules, scoring, rolling skills and court set up. Skills and confidence building will be enhanced by experienced bocce players who have great skills and love for this game.

This event is geared towards new players. If you are already on a team and have attended a boot camp in the past, check out the bocce calendar and join one of the courses geared towards existing players.

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/May-Bocce-Boot-Camp> or contact Tom Hunt at tom.villages@gmail.com or 408-205-0313.

MEN’S GOLF CLUB



Horserace winners Kyle Finley and Mike Tuft



Steve Tomei and Len Townsend



Joe Beltrano and Marlo Beltrano

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming Events
2025 Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club Summer Open & Annual Picnic—This will take place on June 14 so get ready, it’s right around the corner. Scramble, four-man teams, Shotgun-8 a.m. Flighted. Barbecue at Gazebo – Coffee / Donuts.
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! 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 wljandeaj1944@gmail.com
2025 Member/ Member Tournament—Look for the final results on the Scoreboard page! Hope your team did well.
And let’s give a shout out to Clayton Krinard, Jeff Steinberg and Scott Steele and the Pro Shop for presenting us with another stellar tournament and for getting golf clubs out of trees! (Who threw their golf club into the tree you ask? I don’t want to mention any names, but his initials are Bill Morefield.)
And a very special thanks to Quincy Virgilio for his continued support and generosity for helping to make this one of our best events of the year. Thank you so much sir!

April Eagle Shooters
I know this looks a little creepy, but it’s Deja vu all over again, all over again, all over again! This is absolutely incredible, but **Scott Stevens** went positively nuts during the month of April! He had three eagles... yes three. These all took place on Hole #2 which Scott has got dialed in pretty well, I would say right now. He accomplished this on April 19, 23 and 26. Sir you are truly amazing and I’m calling first dibs on you for the Member/ Member for 2026. Just sayin’.
Why don’t we add another Scott into the mix! I’m sure you’ve seen this loveable face before! Our very own **Scott Steele** eagled Hole # 5 on April 22 with just a driver and a gap wedge from 107 yards. That’s some mighty fine shooting “Pro”!
And this just came into us a short while ago, and we couldn’t be happier! **Reggie Smith** had an eagle on 4/16 on hole #16 with chip in from 42 yards. Reggie can’t miss. Golf balls fall out of his bag and immediately go into the hole. He is just that good... I’ve seen it.
Age Shooters for April? Oh you betcha! All of the holes are now open, and gentlemen are going low!
It is great to see Mr. Dolce again in this section. He shot his age at Spring Valley on 4/21 with a sizzling 73! Welcome back, buddy!
Nobody would ever admit it out loud, but deep down you know you are delighted to see him in the paper again. C’mon... you can’t help it. **Larry Angel** shot his age twice in April. Once on the 26th with a 77, and the very next day with an 81. We missed you, Lawrence!
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 **June 3, 2025**. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

IRONMEN

By Jerry Juracich
The Ironmen are in morning play, gathering every Thursday at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest-to-the-pin.
On Thursday, May 8, 2025, 12 Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf. There was a three-way tie for first place between Joe Alarcon, Sol Bello and Dave Hathaway, all with net 26s. Arki Galicki took second place with a net 29. Walter Lucas and Sang Nam finished third with net 30s.
There were no birdies today.
Jim White won closest to the flag on hole 7 at 27 feet 3 inches.
Dave Hathaway won low gross with a score of 30.
Dave Hathaway won “Golfer of the Day” honors with a low gross and first place. Way to go, Dave!
Reminder: If every Ironman takes the time to fill in all divots and repair any green damage noticed during the round, we would be making a big contribution toward maintaining our course.
The Ironmen 9-hole, par-3 group would love to welcome new members. We’re a very sociable group, and we play pressure-free golf. Plus, your first round is on us! Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283. You can also visit our website at ironmen.vgcc.club.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Mary Wagle
The Handicap Tournament match play started on what was probably the hottest day so far of the season, Thursday, May 8. The following ladies were red hot and won their matches:
Championship Flight - Carol Zaccheo, Millie Anne Schwerin, Jane Hong, and LoAnne Rube
Flight One - Janelle Salvatierra, Susan Anderson, Vicki Krattli, and Priscilla Piper
Flight Two -Marky Olsen, Sue Park, Betty Sharps, and Michelle Chung
Flight Three - Diana Hallock, Suk Pau, Jay Lee, and Eileen Parks
Flight Four - Mary Jo O’Neill, Kathy Apgar, Delma Juarez, and Barbara Weisend
Congratulations to those ladies.
Also to be congratulated are the following ladies:
Chip-ins: Mary Jo O’Neill #10, Patti Bell #17, Mary Ann Diridon #1, Mary Wagle #7, and Mazie Rice #10
Birdies: Janelle Salvatierra #15, Monica Saneholtz #8, Priscilla Piper #11, Betty Sharps #15, and Kathy Apgar #11
May 29 is Guest Day. Ladies are encouraged to play a practice round that day with their Invitational partners. The Invitational, Viva Las Villages, starts with the horse race on Wednesday, June 18, followed by two days of play, June 19 and 20. Mazie Rice and her committee have been busy planning a wonderful event, and all ladies playing in it should have a “gambling good time.”
The first Friday Night Twilight Nine and Dine planned by the Ladies Long Nine Club is May 30, so sign up starting May 16 by calling the Pro Shop with names and house numbers. The flyer should be coming out soon.

Villagers support high school golfers



By Diana Hallock
The Villages is to be commended for all its efforts to support student athletes in our community. The 18 Hole Women have sponsored the Silver Creek Girls Golf team since 2018 with equipment, uniforms and cash. Several Villagers coach local high school boys’ teams (thanks, Jeff Steinberg, Bob Gordon and Dave Gonzales). Our golf pro, Scott Steele, allows students to practice/play in the late afternoon when our course is underutilized, and today, The Villages donated used golf mats to Coach Gerry Santos, which will be used by both boys and girls teams at the Silver Creek High School campus. Villagers can be proud of our commitment to youth and to the schools in our area.



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PICKLEBALL

By Kim Silverman

The paddles were swinging and the stakes were high as The Villages took on Silver Creek Country Club on Sunday, May 4, 2025 in the much-anticipated Paddle Battle Pickleball Tournament—and this time, The Villages came out on top, reclaiming the coveted paddle with a decisive 19-13 victory!

On a day made for pickleball, 16 teams—eight from each club—took to the courts for doubles matchups. Each team played four games within their division, keeping the action steady and the competition strong from start to finish.

Undefeated Teams— The Villages showed up in force, with three dynamic duos going undefeated. Congratulations to:

Farhad Hooshman and Steve Simler, Harry Soin and Srini Srinivasan, and Kim Silverman and Bobby Farhat

Silver Creek wasn’t going down quietly, with one team holding their own undefeated streak:

Catherine Liang & Katie Wilson

For full results, go to: <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/tournament-results>

Shoutouts & Gratitude— Behind every great tournament is a rock-solid team, and we’ve got the best. Huge thanks to Michelle McQuay and the Pickle Pit Crew for keeping everyone fueled with a delicious breakfast and lunch. Gratitude also goes to Karen Ruth for expertly scheduling and organizing the tournament, and to Anahid Gregg, who ran the day-of operations like a pro. Of course we need to mention our very own club president, David Wong, who captured the day with an abundance of pictures.

You can view all of the pictures at <https://thevillages.smugmug.com/Pickleball-Club/2025/2025-Paddle-Battle-VGCC-vs-SCVCC-54>.



Join Pickleball Individual Round Robin Tournament

Registration is now open for the June 7th Individual Round Robin Tournament!

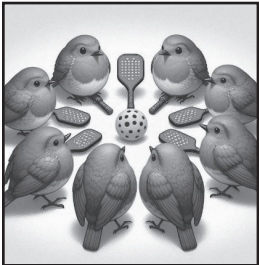
Players may be asked to help where needed. Even if you are not playing in the tournament, we can use your help! Please contact Michelle McQuay regarding volunteer options - michellemcquay.villages@gmail.com.

- The maximum number of players is 32 (don’t delay!), no limitation on gender or skill level. Since this is an individual round robin, there will not be partners assigned.
- Each player will play 7 games to 11, win by 1. Players will be placed into groups of 8 within their level.
- Within each group, each player will play one game with every other person in their group. You will receive a scorecard to record your wins and scores.
- The number of games won should be marked on the player’s scorecard. At the end of each round, each player reports their wins and scores to the tournament desk. At the end of competition, the top two players in each division will receive a prize.

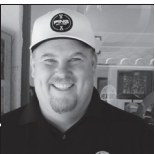
Registration closes Saturday, May 24 at 5 p.m.

Questions? Contact Karen Ruth at karenmichaelxyz@gmail.com

To sign up, go to YourCourts or our website, villagespickleball.vgcc.club



FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Club Fitting Days

Cobra - Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Come try the new Cobra Dark Speed Adapt with their new patented FutureFit33 hosel adapter with 33 adjustment options to dial in you ball flight. If you hit too low, too high, too far left or too far right, the new Cobra DS Adapt clubs can transform you ball flight to that high, straight, low sin shot that will maximize your distance and accuracy. The DS Adapt also boasts the fastest speed clubhead Cobra as ever made.

Callaway - Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come try Callaway’s new Elyte Driver, woods and irons. The Elyte is up to 8 yards longer with even more forgiveness than ever. The refined shaping promotes increased speed, while a new AI 10x Face is engineered to optimize spin and speed. And a revolutionary Thermoforged Carbon Crown is built to redefine mass properties in a driver. You have to hit it to believe it! You will be surprised how long and straight this club is.

TaylorMade - Friday, June 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Qi35 is ideal for a wide array of golfing abilities. It delivers explosive distance and unbelievable forgiveness. The Qi35 driver features five strategic materials in its construction: chromium carbon, steel, aluminum, tungsten and titanium. They all work together to deliver unparalleled performance from the tee. The Qi35 Trajectory Adjustment System has two movable weights that allow golfers to achieve optimal spin and shot shape control. In the weight-back position, dispersion is 13% tighter, and in the weight-forward position, the club provides five additional yards of distance. The Qi35 driver’s high inertia head incorporates a full suite of proven TaylorMade technologies including Twist Face™, Thru-Slot Speed Pocket™, a 4° loft sleeve, and an Infinity Carbon Crown making maximizing performance from anywhere on the clubface.

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 toward your new equipment.

May Golf Schedule

Saturday, May 17 – 18-Hole Women Tournament 8 a.m. tee times – Koren Club 1 p.m. tee times

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day – Schedule 7:30 a.m. tee Times – Range Open All Day

Tuesday, May 27 – Men’s Club Home & Away – 1 p.m. Shotgun 18-Hole Course closed

Friday, May 30 – Twilight Mixer – 9-Hole 4:30 p.m. Shotgun + Dinner – Last available 18-Hole tee time 12 p.m.

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 **TaylorMade Qi35 Drivers-Fairways-Hybrid**—used by Rory Mcllroy, Scottie Scheffler and Colin Morikawa

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

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— Drive for show...Putt for dough

Regardless of skill level, putting accounts for approximately 43 percent of your total strokes, taking into account your good putting days and the ones where you’re ready to snap your flatstick over your knee. So needless to say, how you do on the dance floor is going to have a *huge* impact on your game. I always recommend spending at least one-third of your practice time on the putting green if not more.

Here are two tips to help your putting practice

1. Keep your stroke “on-line” through the impact zone...Although this seems simple, this is the #1 issue with most golfers. They are not hitting the sweet spot; and even though their path is good, the face is opening or closing just a tad... which spells doom. You want your putt to roll off the face in the same direction your putter is heading immediately after impact. The simplest way to do this is go Old School and use the gate drill. Put a tee on both sides of your putter... just enough so you can swing through it. Try not to touch the tees. I call this the Tiger Woods Gate Drill.

2. “Never up, never in” - When you miss, your putts should end up roughly 12 inches past the hole. If you roll them faster, you’ll suffer more lip-outs. Roll them slower and the ball will be knocked offline by imperfections (footprints, pitch marks, etc.) in the green. Be confident and aggressive and always “go for it” on the green... nothing is more frustrating than leaving it short. Practice by placing 6 balls around the entire circumference of the hole at 15 feet...putt all 6 and if you leave any putt short, you must start over. Once you complete the 15-footer, move it back to 20 feet and do the same drill. You will be amazed at how many more putts you will make when you learn to hit it past the hole.

Truth is, like most things... if you want to be good, you need to practice. Also, always be open to trying new things to improve your game. **To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

The Bocce Club will host Chuck Wagon BBQ on Saturday, June 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saddle up and join us at Gazebo Park, by reserving your place with Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net.

Please include your steak preference and house # with your email.

The cost is \$35 members, \$40 non-members. Limited to 125 attendees. Deadline for signing up and **no** refunds after Wednesday, June 4. No shows will be charged. Confirmations will be sent by email.



Menu Appetizer: Sweet & Spicy Beef Kielbasa Bites

Ribeye Steak — Specify well, medium or med. rare when reserving your place.

**Baked Potato W/ All The Fixin's
Caesar Salad/Garlic Bread**

Dessert: Homemade Cookies

(Vegetarian option available by request).

Wet your whistle with complimentary wine or beer. Water and place setting with steak knife provided.

Music is provided by our own Cowboy DJ, Ed Knott.



Enter the Bocce Club's Cookie Contest at The Bocce Club's Chuck Wagon BBQ

on Saturday, June 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.
BBQ is limited to 125 attendees.

We're having a "Cookie Contest" with a \$75 first place prize. You must sign up to enter the contest.

Reservations for the BBQ, entering and instructions for the Cookie Contest can be found by emailing Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net



The PUZ-LER



In the previous PUZ-LER we wrestled with the problems that only 6 buckets can create. ABC were full of water and DEF were not. If you picked up B and poured it into E you now had alternate full, empty, full, etc. And you only moved one bucket. Those who scored big were Peter Groot, Don Fernandez, Jim Ware, Susan Mathews, Fred Mathis, Penny Johnson, Larry Broderick, Rob Howe and Judy Bushey.

No more nice guy: **A young man was having a terrible time with school, his job and his girl friend. He went to his favorite teacher and after explaining all of his problems the teacher thought a bit and gave him solutions that fixed everything. The next day the boy sent the teacher this message: YYURYYUB ICURYYMEMEMEME**

What was the message?

Have you even got a clue? Email me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com, include your first and last name and be sure to write PUZZLE in the subject line.

Thought of the day: I changed my IPOD's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Junior Summer Golf Camps are back—register now!

Back by popular demand we will be hosting Junior Camps again this summer.

Here are the dates and times for this summer's junior camps.

June 9-12 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

July 14-17 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

July 21-24 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$380 per junior per camp.

Junior Camps will be limited to 12-15 juniors per session, first come first served.

Call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension #1.

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BOOK SALE

The Villages Library Book Sale is open for business all year long on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. to noon.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S CLUB

2025 Member-Member Overall Prizes and Purse Payout

Championship Horserace

Win - Flight #1 Mike Tuft & Kyle Finley

Place - Flight #3 Steve Tomei & Len Townsend

Show - Flight #2 Joe Beltrano & Marlo Beltrano

Overall, Flight Winners

Flight One

1st Place Kyle Finley & Mike Tuft 58 points

2nd Place Cannen Shaw & Kurt Pagnini 54 points

3rd Place Tom Gibbons & Joe Kulakogfsky 53 points

Flight Two

1st Place Joe Beltrano & Marlo Beltrano 69 points

2nd Place Larry Soto & Mike Guidry 49 points

3rd Place Scott Stephens & Steve Balter 47 points

Flight Three

1st Place Len Townsend & Steve Tomei 73 points

2nd Place Arnold Bernal & Robert Hands 58 points

3rd Place Bill Drabik & Dan Murphy 50 points

Flight Four

1st Place Jim Kaczmarek & Bob Fillhouer 60 points

2nd Place Gary Chappell & Bill Johnston 55 points

3rd Place Eddie Taituha & Pete Manibo 49 points

Flight Five

1st Place Glen Seidel & Andy Altman 67 points

2nd Place Ted Briscoe & Bob Maass 55 points

3rd Place Victor Castillo & Sung Paik 51 points

Flight Six

1st Place Adrien Fournier & Clayton Krinard 56 points

2nd Place Jim Livingstone & Michael Bailey 56 points

3rd Place David Bacigalupi & Tom Nedney 52 points

Flight Seven

1st Place Terry Barnhart & Paul Lewis 69 points

2nd Place Shel Schumaker & Ray Blinde 51 points

3rd Place Noel Lanctot & Mike Singleton 46 points

Closest to Hole

Hole #4 Friday Dan Murphy 1 ft 4 inches

Hole #4 Saturday Jeff Steinberg 7 feet

Hole #11 Friday Mike Guidry 5 ft 10 inches

Hole #11 Saturday George Welch 5 ft 5 inches

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Friday, May 9

Kitty Heston	189
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Maribeth Berlie	296

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Real Estate

The summer increase in inventory has come early this year.

44 active listings for sale is the most homes on the market in The Villages in a long while. There are only 9 homes pending. 2 of the 9 pending sales are mine. My Montgomery Place listing and my Olivas listing both sold in less than a week. I chalk that up to excellent prep work, staging and pricing the homes appropriately for the current market. I must admit that excellent timing and a bit of luck helps in this business.

Cribari Village is taking a beating right now. Two did go into contract. One was \$418K, the lowest price I have ever seen in years. The second was a one-story Villa in the mid 500K range. Also low for that model of home. Action overall has slowed but the hardest hit has been Cribari.

Larger homes are now starting to load onto the Village market? In the very recent past, larger homes in Olivas and single-family detached homes would sell within days of being listed for sale. There are now four to five single-family homes and larger newer Olivas condos that are on the market and not flying off as soon as they arrive. Usually in past years, the market moves quicker in May. I am sure that the volatility in the stock market and higher mortgage interest rates play a role in this slowing market.

The latest furniture design seems to be round wood and fuzzy material.

Round is in. Round chairs, ottomans, couches and even rounded dressers and cabinets are showing up. Designers are incorporating the round look in all their latest designs. But we will not follow the leader on all of this. Rounded furniture does not always look or fit the best in homes with square or rectangular rooms, but I must say that it gives a softer feel. Call me anytime for any reason.



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

- Our landscape contractor has begun seeding lawns as previously scheduled. Our landscape contractor teams will follow behind the mowing operations to allow as much time as possible between seed application and the next mowing cycles.

Pest Control

- Treatment for Voles, Moles, Gophers, and Squirrels – Village Heights, Village Hermosa and Village Olivas will occur on 5/19.
- (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))
- For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact Public Works.

Annual Ant Spray

- Our pest control contractor will complete the annual ant treatment at the exterior perimeters of Association homes. Parking facilities and street frontage may be used for vehicle, material and equipment staging. Please see the planned treatment schedule below (subject to change and weather permitting)

Monday, June 2 – Sonata, Del Lago and Fairways
Tuesday, June 3 – Cribari
Wednesday June 4 – Hermosa and Montgomery
Thursday June 5 – Olivas and Estates
Monday June 9 – Highland and Verano
Wednesday June 11 – Valle Vista, Glen Arden and The Heights.

- Our pest control contractor will complete the annual ant treatment at the exterior perimeters at Club Buildings. Parking facilities and street frontage may be used for vehicle, material and equipment staging. Please see the planned treatment schedule below (subject to change and weather permitting)
- Thursday, June 12 – Foothill Center, Vineyard Center, Montgomery Center, Cribari Center, Clubhouse, Public Safety Plaza and Business offices (subject to change and weather permitting).
- For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact Public Works at 408-223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Member Portal.

Watering Schedule
To support the health and appearance of The Villages' landscape, the irrigation systems have been reactivated. BellaVista is fine tuning run times and adjusting schedules to meet the specific needs of each area within the community. If you observe any issues—such as runoff, leaks, or malfunctioning zones, please submit a work order to Public Works.

Club Maintenance
Community Pool Closures –

- The Montgomery Pool is open. The Cribari Pool is closed due to repairs needed for an electrical panel. The panel has exceeded its useful life and needs to be replaced. For facility hours and open status, check the Member Portal's "Today at a Glance" feature (<https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/>).
- Valle Vista Sewer—Management is reviewing the submitted bids to perform the repair to the sewer infrastructure in Valle Vista and will provide their recommendation soon.

Association Maintenance
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 roofs and will be working on units 5059-5066 the week of 5/12 and units 5082-5089 the week of 5/19.
- Village Olivas—On April 29, the Association Board of Directors selected a vendor to perform the Olivas Deck Coating Project. Management has contacted the vendor and is in the process of initiating the project. Notification will be sent out to the village as soon as the timelines have been confirmed and preconstruction work has occurred with the vendor.

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 the Wehner mansion and its designers.

The Mansion with an architectural pedigree

William Wehner laid out \$20,000 for the construction of his handsome new Evergreen home and named it Lomas Azules (Blue Hills). It was a grand, three-story wooden house on a stone foundation, a unique example of a late Queen Anne architectural style. Completed in 1891 the Wehner's mansion was set on a knoll overlooking the picturesque Evergreen Valley stretching out below. There were eight fireplaces and indoor bathrooms—early design innovations by the prestigious Burnham and Root architectural firm of Chicago. The repeated round arches on the exterior of the mansion's enclosed sun porch mirror similar arches on Burnham and Root skyscrapers in cities across the nation. Directly behind the house was a “summer kitchen” separate from the house, which still stands. Wehner's ranch, named Highland Vineyards, was mentioned in the San Jose Daily Mercury in 1901 as “...the finest and most beautiful vineyard in California.” In Wehner's original layout, a road snaked up to the house through a stone entry gate that still stands in the middle of the golf course by the ninth tee. A few of the old trees that were next to the road are still present.

The mansion was designated as an Historic Landmark Building by the city of San Jose on October 17 of 1989.

A rare residential design by the Chicago School titans

With his business success mostly achieved in Chicago, William Wehner associated with many businessmen who later became well known in the 20th century. He hired two architectural titans, Daniel Hudson Burnham and John Wellborn Root, partners in the architectural firm of Burnham and Root, to design his California home. At that time, the firm was also commissioned to design the Chronicle Building and the Mills Building in San Francisco.

The Burnham and Root firm was one of Chicago's most influential innovators during that city's massive 19th century building boom. Later referred to as the Chicago School, the city's architects were experiencing a golden age of urban design as the Chicago skyline stretched toward the sky. And Burnham and Root had major roles in revolutionizing Chicago architecture, pioneering tall buildings with innovative foundations and structural systems.

Burnham continued on with the firm, known as D.H. Burnham and Company, after Root's untimely death, at age 41, in 1891—the year the Wehner Mansion was completed.

The Wehner Mansion was an anomaly because the firm had moved away from residential structures, preferring to concentrate on the design of commercial buildings and skyscrapers and innovative urban plans. The Wehner home is the only known example of a residential design by the firm in all of California. Most likely Wehner and the architects had professional and personal interactions during their time in Chicago. It was also speculated that William Wehner and Willis Polk, the famous and prolific West Coast architect, also from Chicago, may have had earlier associations. Polk came to California about the same time as Wehner and became the head of the San Francisco office of Burnham and Root. Polk is well-known in the Bay Area and California for his numerous monumental buildings.

While Burnham and Root's early home designs were primarily for wealthy clients, the firm was known for its tall buildings. Burnham and Root had a significant influence on the skylines of every modern city on earth because of their innovations in steel-framed, high-rise structures that allowed modern building frames to bear the weight of extremely tall structures. It also pioneered the development of early glass curtain sheathing on large buildings, which vastly reduced the weight of building coverings, further facilitating the development of ultra high-rise structures. The firm also explored innovative “floating” raft foundations to compensate for Chicago's poor soil conditions and developed complex hybrid structural systems—their buildings pushed the limits of materials and technology available in the late 19th century. At the time of Burnham's death in 1912, his firm had become the largest in the country with more than 200 employees.

Anyone who has taken a modern architecture class in college has surely heard the name of Burnham and Root because of their milestone skyscraper designs. Some of these groundbreaking designs include:

- The 10-story Montauk Building, Chicago, 1882.
- The Rookery, 1886, one of the oldest high-rise buildings in Chicago.
- The Reliance Building, Chicago, 1891, an early precursor to modern glass-sheathed skyscrapers.
- The Monadnock Building, 1889-1891, which rose up 16 stories—the last of Chicago's great masonry skyscrapers, considered the tallest load-bearing masonry structure ever constructed.
- The Rand McNally Building, Chicago, 1889, at 16 stories it was the world's first all-steel framed skyscraper.
- The Masonic Temple, 1892, Chicago's first 20-story building—the tallest in Chicago from 1892 into the 1920s.

The firm also designed buildings in cities across the nation, including:

- The iconic 22-story Flatiron Building, New York City, 1922, called in its early days, “Burnham's Folly.”
- Union Station in Washington D.C.
- The Romanesque Revival styled Mills Building and Tower, in San Francisco's financial district.
- Montezuma Castle hotel, Las Vegas, New Mexico, a unique, ornate Queen Anne style.

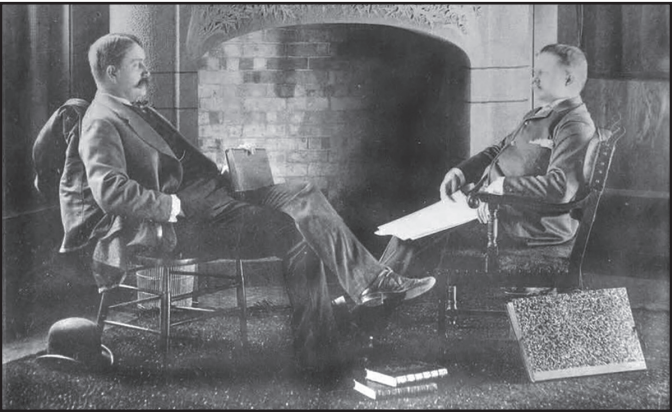
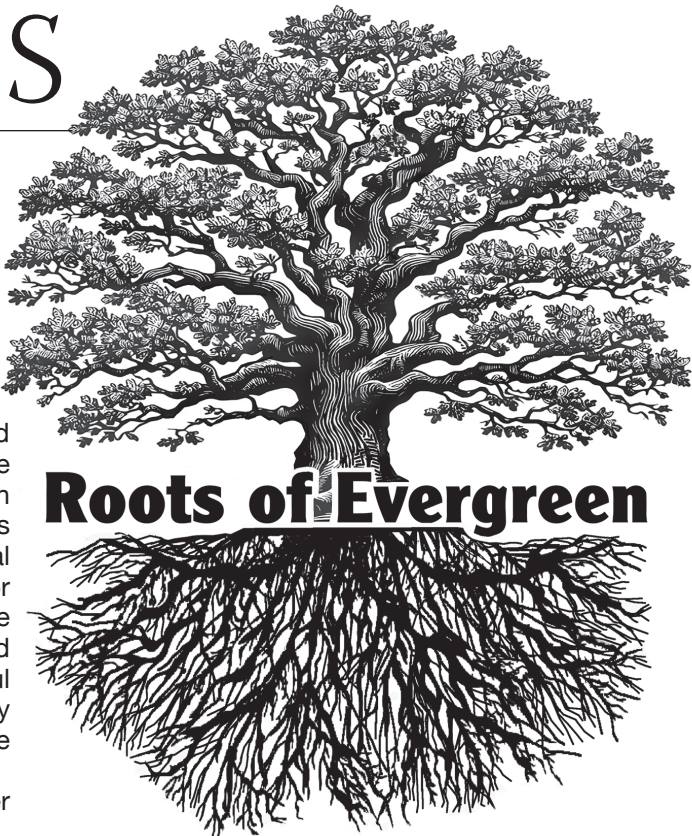
The firm also designed the plans for the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893

The Chicago 1893 World's Fair “White City” complex, with the Palace of Fine Arts as centerpiece—now the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, the only surviving building from the fair.

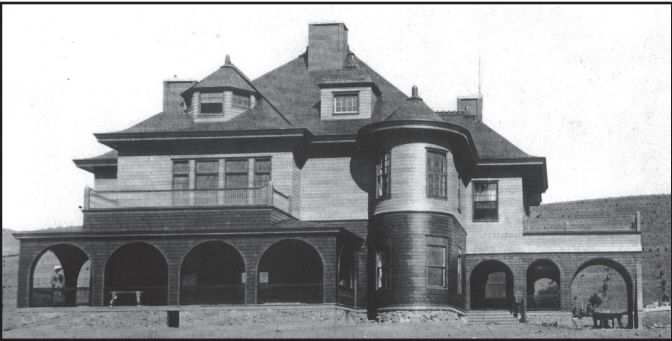
The firm also designed numerous urban designs for cities across the nation.

—Series compiled and written by S.R. Hinrichs

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Burham and Root



The brand-spanking-new Wehner mansion in 1891.



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OBITUARY

Carmen John Citrigno
December 21, 1931 — April 7, 2025

Carmen Citrigno passed away in his home on April 7, 2025 at the age of 93 with his family around him.
Funeral mass will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi located at 5111 San Felipe Rd, San Jose, CA.
Please read the entire obituary on Legacy.com for further information.

OBITUARY

Phyllis Ann Ebersole (nee Snyder)
1940 — 2024



Phyllis peacefully passed away at the age of 83 in her home at The Villages on August 14, 2024 with both her children by her side.

A lifelong resident of San Jose, Phyllis was raised in Willow Glen. She attended preparatory school at Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Washington. Upon graduation she earned her Bachelor of Education at the University of Oregon. Soon thereafter, she earned her Master of Education from San Jose State University. Phyllis was an elementary school teacher and media resource specialist for the San Jose Unified School District from 1963 until just a few months before her passing. Phyllis was passionate about educating children and was constantly recognized by her former students wherever she went. Her walls were decorated with artwork and letters of appreciation from her admiring students.

Phyllis is survived by her loving children Lewis Ebersole of Long Beach and her daughter Sarah Hall of San Jose. She was very proud of her grandsons, Nolan and Spencer Hall, both college students in San Jose. She is also survived by her 94-year-old sister Karine Lyon of Carmichael.

Phyllis enjoyed a blissful marriage of 54 years to Norman Lynn Ebersole, originally from La Verne, California who passed away in 2021.

She was adored by all who knew her and left behind many decades’ long friends. Phyllis enjoyed vacationing in Maui, playing bridge and attending musical theater. A lover of all creatures, Phyllis’s home was decorated with a menagerie of animal figurines throughout.

She enjoyed watching birds splash in her fountain, ducks swimming in the pond and seeing deer pass by her patio.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Villages Clubhouse in San Jose on June 13, 2025 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served and all are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in her memory to Shriners Children’s Hospital. Please RSVP to Lewis Ebersole at lewisebersole@gmail.com no later than May 30.

OBITUARY

John (Jay) F. Campbell II
December 22, 1938 — April 29, 2025

Jay Campbell passed away peacefully at home following a short illness. He was 86 years old. Jay was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in a Catholic family with four siblings. He was an altar boy and graduated from John Carroll Archbishop High School in 1952.

While attending the University of Maryland, he met and married his wife of 51 years, Sharon. They began raising their family on the East Coast. In 1973, a job opportunity with Service Bureau Corporation relocated them to San Jose. Jay retired from SBC in 1991. He pursued a second career in estate planning supporting others in their retirement goals.

Jay and Sharon moved to The Villages in 1999 enjoying many activities and new friendships. Jay was an active member of the St. Francis of Assisi parish holding different offices throughout the years. He enjoyed golf, the theater group, bocce, and spending time at the pool. He was beyond proud of his children and grandchildren.

Jay is survived by three siblings, four children, their spouses, and five grandchildren. He was a kind and gentle soul. His faith was his cornerstone. Jay, may you Rest in Peace, and know you are now reunited with your love, Sharon, as one of the Heavenly Hosts.

Services will be private. Any remembrances are appreciated through a donation to the VMA.



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In Loving Memory
Stanley Duane Ecklund
March 18, 1939 – April 8, 2025

Stanley Duane Ecklund passed away peacefully on April 8, 2025 at the age of 86, surrounded by his family after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, scientist, and friend, Stan will be remembered for his steady presence, deep faith, and kind heart.

Born in Minneapolis, MN, to Arnold and Mabel Ecklund, Stan graduated from Roosevelt High School and earned a B.S. from the University of Minnesota. He completed a Ph.D. in high-energy physics at Caltech in 1967. He dedicated his career to particle physics, working at several major laboratories, including Fermilab and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), where he contributed to groundbreaking research and accelerator design over nearly three decades.

Stan married Marian Holmgren in 1964, and together they raised three sons: Karl, Kreig, and Kier. They lived in Illinois and California, most recently in San Jose. Stan was a longtime member of Foothill Covenant Church, where he sang in the choir, led Bible studies, and served faithfully for 45 years.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marian; his parents; and sister, Audrey Gustafson. He is survived by his sons and their spouses, six grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



A Celebration of Life
Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak Avenue, Los Altos, CA
Monday, May 26, 2025, 2 p.m.
In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Keyara’s Gift at www.keyarasgift.org. Please include “In memory of Stan Ecklund.”



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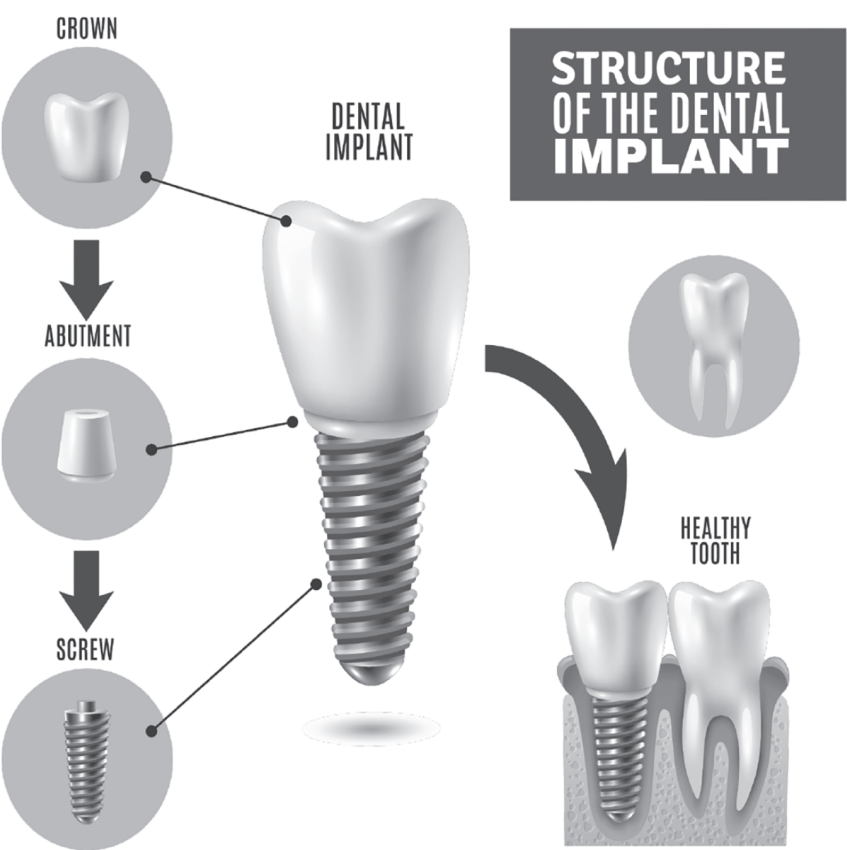
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