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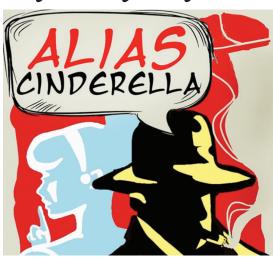
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Matinee Theatre presents 'Alias Cinderella' a Justin Thyme mystery



By Liz Adams

"Alias Cinderella," that delightfully bawdy playlet created by Bruce Kane, awaits you at **3 p.m. on Friday, June 27** at Cribari Auditorium. It's free of charge and refreshments will be served after the performance.

Directed by Kellen Perry, "Alias Cinderella" is a private-eye caper, with Justin Thyme, the tough talking, hard-nosed Bogart-like detective, played by Jayme Dickson (fresh off the stage as Perchik, in "Fiddler on the Roof"). He'll solve the mystery or "Find the Skirt!" and in record time (or is it Thyme?).

The rest of the cast of characters are:

Effie, Thyme's curvaceous and super attractive secretary played by one of your favorites, Connie Hendrickson.

Anna Reksic, a sexy femme fatale and an old adversary of Thyme's in a performance to be remembered, played by Susan Pastorini.

Cinderella, a young, sweet-talking damsel played by Elsa McLaughlin.

Prince Charming, self-described as "God's gift to women" played by Jason Herfurth.

Pinnocchio, a youthful shoemaker, with a "chip on his shoulder," played by Nelson Frick.

Lackey (Charming's unappreciated servant), Ursulala (Anna's ugly stepdaughter), and Vinny (a gangster) all played by Larry Miller (a guy with split personalities!).

A minister played by Tom McLaughlin (really). The Announcer, played by Leo Ruth who's brand new to VAT. Remember to give him a warm welcome when he takes his bow.

This cast of characters is certainly one to remember; they will entertain you like no other, and you will leave the auditorium with a warm, pleasant glow from a job well done!

The show begins at 3 p.m., but the doors open at 2:30 for first-come-first-served seating.

2025 Election Results

Thank you to all candidates and your willingness to serve!

The Villages Golf and Country Club Director Election

Howie Blumstein-elected to a term of 3 years.758 votesAndy Altman-elected to a term of 3 years.740 votesMira Dytko507 votes

The Villages Association

Stephen Gilbert-elected by acclamation to a term of 3 years.

IRS Resolution—Passed

For—1,010 votes Ag

Against-60 votes

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Director Election

Morton Cordell-elected by acclamation to a term of 3 years. **Donna Ostheimer**-elected by acclamation to a term of 3 years.

IRS Resolution—Passed

For—114 votes

Against-4 votes

Humorist/magician/mentalist to entertain at VMFSC luncheon

On **Tuesday, July 1,** David Martinez, an award-winning humorist/magician/mentalist will present a comedy and magic show at the Villages Men's Fun Social Club luncheon. David combines features of comedy, magic, and murder mystery into this entertaining show.

Social Club members should make lunch reservations at least a week in advance on the website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.

Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **11:30 a.m.**

David is a seasoned magician and former senior Apple executive and is now dedicated to delighting audiences across San Jose and beyond. He has performed for some of the largest corporations in the area including Apple,



Google, Facebook, Amazon, Uber, and Comcast. He has performed magic for over 20 years and performed in more than 1000 events. Just this last month, David appeared for a successful show in our Villages Bistro. His show is mind-bending comedy, with lots of laughter, and magic. You'll learn secrets to easy, amazing, and comical magic tricks.

His show features a murder mystery comedy magic show loaded with amazing magic and fun humor. The situation is a murder in the room. By participating in fun demonstrations of magic and mind-reading, the audience will solve the mystery. You'll be amazed when the audience deciphers important clues, cheer as messages are revealed and laugh at the jokes and situations.

You will want to attend this show and see how David combines all three areas of laughter, magic, and murder mystery into this exciting entertainment experience.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Pulse letter received this week.

1 Pulse letter published this week.

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

Regarding the General Manager (GM) presentation of CBOD financial issues 5/28/25:

After listening to the GM presentation, in my opinion, we need a course correction, but I did not hear one offered. I challenge our GM and management team to provide three options addressing our financial issues. One being the plan presented to the Villagers 5/28/25 representing as much as a 27% increase in Club dues. I suggest another option, budget cuts over six years for each operational fund while maintaining our amenities and continuing to provide services. There should be a moratorium on all new Club Corporation capital improvement projects for six years or until funds are in line with current and projected expenses. Lastly, a third option would reflect a compromise between the two mentioned above. I think the final decision of the options suggested above should be based on the majority vote by Villagers. It should be the Management responsibility to represent, and include, members in decision-making. I believe Villagers would be willing to pay higher HOAs IF they know the GM and her management team would embark upon a new course to implement stringent, more restrictive, spending policies.

—Mary Jo Lyons

Publisher's Response: The Town Hall presentation (slides 8, 10–11, 14, 20, 29) outlines the necessary financial correction following years of policy misalignment and underfunding. The Strategic Plan (2025–2028), also on the Member Portal, presents a long-term framework for financial stewardship and reinvestment (Initiative Four, p.14). The Board has a fiduciary duty to fund operations and preserve Club property per Bylaws §§8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.5 and Articles §4. Annual dues do not require a member vote (Bylaws §3.3). Members are encouraged to participate in upcoming surveys and planning efforts to help shape the Villages future priorities.

Strategic Plan https://tinyurl.com/tvgcc-board

Town Hall Presentation & video https://tinyurl.com/tvgcc-board

THANK YOU

The family of Bill Travis would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the thoughtful cards, flowers, generous food, and unwavering support as we mourn his passing. Your kindness brings us comfort and strength, and we are deeply thankful for the compassion shown to our family by all of you.

-Denise Travis

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Raymond Buck March 26, 1945—May 30, 2025

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

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

To place an In Memoriam notice, please contact Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

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Boards & Committees

Homeowners' Corporation President's Message — Annual Meeting, June 11, 2025

The annual meeting is a time to reflect on our accomplishments. As I do so, one that I believe will have the biggest impact in the future is our participation with the Club and Association in the Firewise Program. Several single-family homeowners have begun on their own to make property changes that will improve their fire protection. Owner interest in the Firewise Program helped us accomplish one of our goals for the year which was a business/social gathering. We held our March Quarterly Meeting late in the day so that more owners could attend. After the meeting we had a presentation on Firewise with a chance for owners to ask questions. We followed this with a social time with refreshments. In addition, the Architectural Control Committee completed Firewise updates to our rules. Once reviewed by legal counsel these new rules will prepare us to aid homeowners in assuring that the exterior changes they make to their homes in the future are ones that promote fire protection for their home and our community.

We are ending the fiscal year with high hopes that the budget changes voted on by all three boards will result in costs being distributed appropriately between each corporation. Thus, homeowners can take comfort in the fact that the amount they pay is for the services they receive. This is something I have personally championed for several years.

Let's get to the main event, the results of the election.

I am excited to see Morton Cordell continue on the board as he is an asset, especially in the area of our architectural control responsibilities. As chair and board liaison to the committee he works diligently to guide the committee in its responsibilities to our owners.

I got to know Donna Ostheimer through her service on the Estates District Advisory Committee and her attendance at our board meetings. She is enthusiastic, dedicated, thorough, and energetic. My decision not to run for a fourth term is partly based on the fact that Donna was willing to run. She brings a fresh perspective to the board, which in turn benefits our owners.

I've loved serving the community as a board member, but when there are dedicated people ready to step up and serve, it is time to move on and let the next generation of leadership step in.

I plan to continue to support our board through attendance at board meetings and keeping abreast of what is happening. I encourage all Villagers to do the same. This is our community, and it can only get better if we participate and at a minimum support those Villagers giving of their time and talent to lead us.

-Teddy Morse, Homeowners' Corporation Board President

Association Board President's Annual Meeting Message—June 11, 2025

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting for 2025. I would like to thank the Association Board for its outstanding work this past year. I thank Pat Reardon for her work as Vice President and for her work on the Landscape Committee, among other things. I thank Patrick Barber for his work as Treasurer and keeping a close eye on our finances. I thank Deb Gordon for her work as Secretary and also her very hard work heading up Firewise for the Association. I thank Steve Gilbert for his work on the Landscape Committee and on special projects as he is needed and welcome him back for another term on the ABOD. I thank Dave Dimmick for his work on the Insurance Committee and for taking over the leadership of that committee now that David Cook has moved away. Finally, I thank David Raskin for accepting an appointment to the Board and serving this past year after the sudden loss of John Epperheimer. I thank David for serving on the Rules Review Committee, the Rules Committee and the Policy Committee. I thank him for agreeing to continue to serve on those committees now that his time on the ABOD has concluded. I am also happy David will be going back to serve on the Montgomery DAC so the Villagers will continue to benefit from his willingness to serve the community.

I am very proud of everyone on this board and the time commitment they have given to the Villages. When I tell people I am president of a homeowners association the standard response is why would you take such a thankless job. My answer is because I have a fantastic group of people to work with on the Board as well as excellent management and staff. The issues are important and interesting and I am never bored. While it does interfere with my golf once in a while, I get a lot of satisfaction working with a great group of people.

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

-Michael Schwerin, Villages Association President

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.



At the 2025 Annual Membership Meetings



The Wednesday, June 11 meeting was well attended with a near-capacity audience.



CBOD President Richard Zahner delivers his final President's Report and recaps the Board's accomplishments over the past year. Andy Altman (at left) was subsequently selected to fill the Board President's chair. (See page 13 for more pictures of the Annual Membership Meeting)

Photos by Frank Langben

MANAGEMENT

E-waste event to take place July 12

The e-waste event scheduled for Saturday, May 31 was cancelled

The new date for the event will be **Saturday, July 12**. More details are to be published later.

For more information contact Special Projects and Sustainability Services at 408-754-1334.



Lithium Ion Battery Recycling Day coming

Sustainability Services will be offering lithium ion battery recycling as a separate recycling event beginning in July.

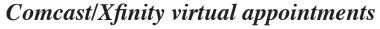
Villagers have been requesting this service for several months. Batteries that are used to power cordless power tools, cordless appliances, laptops, tablets, smart

NO charging units, car batteries, golf cart batteries, e-bike batteries and scooter batteries.

Please bring each battery in a plastic bag. The monthly household battery collection will continue to accept the button lithium ion batteries and the household A, AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt lithium batteries.

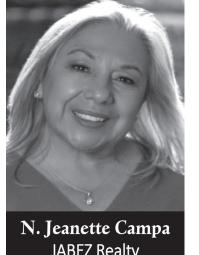
phones. alarms, and the like will be accepted for recycling. Please,

Please direct questions to Sustainability Services at 408-754-1334.



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

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Cattle grazing returns to the Hill Lands for fire mitigation



Beginning the week of June 16, approximately 50 head of cattle will be reintroduced to The Villages Hill Lands as part of our seasonal fire fuel reduction efforts. The animals will arrive via a 16-foot trailer through the Upper Gardens gate at the top of Valle Vista Village. Grazing will continue from mid-June through mid-November annually.

The delay in resuming this program followed the January 2024 sale of the Richmond Ranch. With the rancher now resettled, we are moving forward to address overgrown vegetation and identified fire hazards through targeted grassland grazing. Go to https://tinyurl.com/cattle-grazing for "The Benefits of Livestock Grazing California's Annual Grasslands."

Trail users should be aware of shared space with cattle and exercise appropriate caution.

Go to https://tinyurl.com/cattle-grazing for "What to Do Around Cattle." Plans are in development to monitor effectiveness, assess environmental impact, and balance recreational access with land stewardship.

This initiative is part of our broader strategy to protect lives, homes and habitat in the Hill Lands through sustainable, cost-effective vegetation management.

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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

PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000. To report or get info about an outage call PG&E's 24-hour Outage Information Center at 1-800-743-5002.

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

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

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

Please notify Member Services of death of household member

Please remember if you experience the passing of a household member or spouse, please notify Member Services at member-services@the-villages.com or 408-754-1333.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Executive Roundtable is June 25

Please attend the Executive Roundtable (Three Board Presidents/GM – Q & A) on **Wednesday, June 25** at **3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room. This is an opportunity for residents to meet their new Board presidents! It is an open Q&A.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Villages business offices closed for July Fourth holiday

Villages business offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 4. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

SRS SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Home Safety Tips and Reminders—Part II

We're all vulnerable, but there are many things we can do to stay safer at home.

Fall Prevention

Remove tripping hazards by securing rugs, keeping cords off floors, and decluttering pathways. Improve lighting to ensure bright lighting in all rooms, especially stairs and hallways, and consider adding motion-sensor lights. Install grab bars in bathrooms, near toilets, and in tubs/showers. Apply non-slip strips to floors and in the shower or tub. Consider mobility aids like ramps, stairlifts, and walkers that can help in navigating your home. Declutter to remove unnecessary items and create a more open and safe space.

Fire Safety

Ensure that your smoke detectors are functioning properly by testing them regularly and replacing batteries. Also, while changing the battery in your smoke detector is important, please remember that **smoke detectors have an expiration date**, typically about 10 years. An expired unit may not function correctly even with a new battery. Check the manufacturing date on the back of the detector and replace the entire unit if needed.

Keep fire extinguishers handy with one in the kitchen and others in any areas with electrical equipment. Store flammable items safely out of reach and away from heat sources. Never leave candles, stoves, or other heat sources unattended.

Other Safety Tips

Take medications safely and be aware of potential side effects. Consider home modifications, such as widening doorways, installing raised toilet seats, and replacing doorknobs with lever handles. You may also want to consider getting a medical alert system for quick access to help in case of an emergency and also to provide health information for your first responders.

Thanks to Matthew Hidalgo, Public Safety Director, for additional notes for this article.

Summer is already in full swing at The Villages!

Summer is almost here, and activity is already thriving at three of our most popular amenities: the golf course, pickleball courts, and bocce courts. What do these lively spots have in common—besides being filled with happy, active residents? They've all received critical support from the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF).



Thanks in part to the generous Dutch Johnson Legacy donation made possible by the EVF Planned Giving Program, the golf course now boasts gleaming new white sand traps. According to Villages golf-

ers, they're easier to escape—though still all too easy to land in! Meanwhile, the expanded bocce and pickleball courts are buzzing with tournament excitement and resident play.

Year after year, the EVF continues to play a growing role in enhancing our amenities. As the Club Board pursues future improvements, if the projects are in keeping with our mission, the EVF will be right there, helping bring them to life. We encourage

all Villages residents to become a part of this ongoing support of our community.

You can join our efforts by becoming an EVF Sustaining Member—for as little as \$5 a month. To join and learn more about the EVF's mission, and the benefits that come with EVF membership, visit https://evfsj.org.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, June 24** at **9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Study Session Re: Policy, Procedure and Rule Changes is **Tuesday, July 15** at **9 a.m.** in Foothill Center.
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting—open to all—is Tuesday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
 Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

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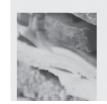






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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Art Open Studio

2 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

June 27: 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. Most classes are for members only, but you can join Arts & Crafts for \$10 per year.

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 for \$100. All materials furnished. Max: 8 students. Members only.

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. Plus extra practice at Open Studio on Saturdays, June 28 and July 5, 12, 19. Members only.

June 28: "ScratchBoard Workshop" with Sandra Jones. Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. \$70. Members only. All Villagers and their guests are invited to take this workshop.

July 2 and 9: "Card Making" with Mandy Book. Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. \$15 per class, \$30 for both classes.

July 22, 24, 29 and 31: Pastels with Terri Ford. Two Tuesdays and two Thursdays, 1 – 3:30 p.m. \$75.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCH

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 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.

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

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

Rambler Lite Hike Wednesday, July 16 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivas and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9:00. Rambler Lite Hike Wednesday, July 23 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through

south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite - Wednesday, July 30 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

RV CLUB SCH

Information and photos from outings are on villagesrvclub.org

June 21 - Open House at the RV Storage Lot

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

August 3 - Annual Barbecue

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

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

October 30, 31, November 1, 2 - Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach

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



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All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at the villagesgcc.com

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

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For the week of 6/23 to 6/29

Monday, June 23 Crockpot Vegetable Soup

Tuesday, June 24 Beef Caldo

Wednesday, June 25 Chicken Lemon Orzo

Thursday, June 26 Pork Dumpling Soup

Friday, June 27 Clam Chowder

Saturday, June 28 Chef's Choice

Sunday, June 29 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 Press #2, Online: clubhousereservation.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 "Takeout 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 6/24 to Sunday 6/29

Turkey Sausage Avocado Toast: Toasted Sourdough Bread. Smashed Avocado, topped with Two Eggs Any Style \$17

Lunch Specials:

Monday 6/23 to Sunday 6/29-11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Honey Walnut Prawns: With Kimchi Fried Rice and Seasonal Vegetables \$24

Grilled Steak Sandwich: Grilled Flat Iron Steak with Arugula, Creamy Horseradish, Caramilized Onions on Telera Bread with Choice of Side **\$24**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 6/24 to Sunday 6/29-5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jumbo Scallop Scampi: Fresh Dayboat U-10 Scallops with Tomato, Capers, Garlic and White Wine Sauce with Choice of Two Sides \$39

Sizzling Pork Sisig (Pork Belly): With Shallots, Chilis, Onions, Soy and Lemon with Garlic Fried Rice \$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

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:**

Breakfast:

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *

* Last seating at 7:30 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. *

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

* 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 singe 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.

555 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.clubhousereservation.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.



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Dinner For Two

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



Dinner For Two Grilled Tri-Tip \$55 Whole Chicken Asada \$45

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

WHOLE CHICKEN ASADA \$4

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



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



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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 Nirvana Fitness

Date/Time Location Mon., July 28 - Sept. 29, 9 a.m.to 10:15 a.m Conf. Room Wed., July 30 - Oct. 1, 9 a.m.to 10:15 a.m Conf. Room Instructor Reg. Deadline July 21 at 4 p.m. \$134 Barbara B.

Nirvana® fitness combines Yoga and Pilates with mood-en-



hancing music to create a flowing rhythm that promotes mindful breathing and a strong mind-body connection. Movements are done both standing and on the floor, so participants must be able to get up and down independently. Please

bring a yoga mat; kneepads are recommended. Instructor Barbara Bitonti, a certified FWHA Wellness Health Coach, Nirvana® instructor and immunologist, brings medical knowledge and a passion for holistic wellness to every class.

Register for the Monday class on the Member Portal online at tinyurl.com/nirvana-mon and/or register for the Wednesday class at tinyurl.com/nirvana-wed. Or sign up in person with Recreation Services in Building D.

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time Wed., July 23 - August 27, 10 to 11 a.m. Auditorium Cost Instructor Mariko D.

Location Reg. Deadline July 14 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a rejuvenating yoga experience designed for all skill levels. This session features gentle movements to improve flexibil-

ity, 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-7-23 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Sign up for Beginner and Advanced Aqua Aerobics—now on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Date/Time

Tuesdays, July 8 - August 5 Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 Cost Instructor

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Thursdays, July 10 - August 7 Foothill Pool Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 Reg. Deadline June 30 at 4 p.m.

The Villages is offering both Beginner and Advanced Aqua Aerobics classes, providing lowimpact, 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 class(es) on the Member Portal at: Tuesday Beginner Class - tinyurl.com/aerobics-tue-beg Thursday Beginner Class - tinyurl.com/aerobics-thu-beg Tuesday Advanced Class - tinyurl.com/aerobics-tue-adv Thursday Advanced Class - tinyurl.com/aerobics-thu-adv Or sign up in person with Recreation Services in Building D.



Join Zumba Gold for low-impact dance class

Date/Time

Wed., July 16 - August 27, 5 to 6 p.m.

Cost Instructor Elena R.

Location Conf. Room Reg. Deadline July 7 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. No class on July 30.

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/zumba-7-16 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Restore balance and vitality with QiGong class

Date/Time

\$80

Wed., July 23 - August 27, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Instructor Cost

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

Mariko D.

offer everyone. The session price includes six classes. Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/qigong-7-23 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

a peaceful retreat or better physical health, QiGong has something to

Location Auditorium Reg. Deadline July 14 at 4 p.m.



RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

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

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant's ability to participate based on each individual's physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

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

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

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

Date/Time Wednesday, July 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Attendant M. LeGrand Location Cost
San Francisco \$231
Reg. Deadline
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 Shake-speare'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/TimeWednesday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Attendant**M. LeGrand



Location Cost
Santa Rosa \$70

Reg. Deadline
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.

See SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres

Date/TimeLocationWednesday, August 13, 10:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.San FranciscoAttendantReg. DeadlineH. SalazarMonday, July 2

Location Cost
San Francisco \$161
Reg. Deadline
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-sd or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Marine Mammal Center trip sold out waitlist available

Date/TimeLocationCostFriday, July 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.Sausalito\$158AttendantReg. DeadlineM. LeGrandMonday, 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.

Get on the waitlist by visiting Recreation Services in Building D or calling 408-223-4643.

Join us at the Pool!

As the summer season brings sunshine and warm weather, The Villages' swimming pools and spas are a wonderful place to cool off and enjoy time with friends and family. To help ensure everyone has a safe and pleasant experience, we'd like to remind all residents and their guests of a few essential pool guidelines.

Residents are welcome to bring guests to enjoy the pools and spas, but guests must always be accompanied by the resident while in the pool area. Please remember that there is no lifeguard on duty at any time. Everyone swims at their own risk, and public health ordinances regarding the use of pools and spas are strictly enforced, as well as the posted pool rules.

The Foothill Pool is prioritized for lap swimmers, and is reserved for adults aged 18 and older.

Children under 18 are welcome at the Cribari, Montgomery, and Vineyard pools, but only during specific children's hours:

- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Cribari
- 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Vineyard

On **July 4**, Montgomery Pool's children's hours are extended from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. To protect our facilities and everyone's health, children must be toilet-trained and wear swimsuits—diapers, swim diapers, and training pants are not permitted in the pools.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you poolside this summer!

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

Matter of Balance – Managing Concerns About Falls - an award-winning 8-week program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels is brought to you by ComForCare's CEO Clifford Shaw along with Sheryl Javier. Every Monday starting July 7 through August 25 from 1 – 3 p.m. in Sequoia. Cost is \$10 per person. Only 12 spaces for this class, so please register early.

Hearing Life along with Clear Captions will provide free hearing aid clean and repair and information on the free Clear Caption service on Tuesday, July 15 in Montgomery Center starting at 10 a.m. Please call office at 408-238-4230 to register for a time.

Living With Glaucoma – Dr. Rajvi Mehta, a Board-certified glaucoma specialist experienced in complex cataract and glaucoma surgeries, will explain glaucoma, who's at risk, some traditional treatment options and the role of alternative medicines. Please join us on **Tuesday, July 22 at 11 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room. Please register online or call office.

Clear Caption's Pizza Lunch and Learn – Elli Tehrani will tell us about a free captioning service and phone for those with hearing loss on **Tuesday**, **July 29 at 11 a.m.** in the Sequoia room. Register online or call office.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all are welcome.

Grief Support Group: In-person grief support will be on hiatus until **September 8** but one can still find guidance, here are some optional contacts:

GriefShare – griefshare.org – 800-395-5755 Hospice of the Valley – hov.org – 650-530-6970

With Grace Hospice – with gracehospice.com – 408-444-5500

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

Clubs & Events

Join Saturday Sing-along for music and friendship

The Saturday Sing-along playalong group meets **every Saturday** at **10** to **11:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia room at Cribari Center.

We have books of music to share with over 140 familiar songs

Come and join us for a great way to start the day, with music, friendship, and memories. No membership required. For more information call Carol Baker at 408-838-5833.



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Real Estate

We are slightly lower at 41 active listings for sale.

The market is down 3 active listings at 41. We are still seeing a good number of active listings for sale. The pending sales are up by 3 at 12 pending sales. We are one-on and one-off the market. Cribari is still dealing with a large number of active listings. I am sure that some sellers will decide to rent their homes, but those who need to sell will be lowering their price. It has already happened these last few weeks. Unfortunately, this is supply and demand at work creating a buyers' market.

Even a few of the higher priced homes ended up lowering their price a bit. That seems to work for some as a few larger homes went into contract after lowering their price.

My beautiful Montgomery Listing sold in just a few days. A lovely home having a beautiful view truly helps. Though some of us who have lived in The Villages are used to having baby geese and ducks waddle by our homes and deer take naps right outside our patios, those who are new to The Villages find it amazing. While helping our new Villager in his new Montgomery home, we realized that a large deer was napping right outside his new living room window. He truly has a window on nature. We tend to forget how amazing our environment is. Those coming from a concrete jungle really see and feel the difference.

What are the secrets of the homes that sold while the other homes sit on the market and do not sell? Are there ways to ensure your home sells in a tough, competitive market? Yes, there are key points and actions that need to happen to make that home sell

against the competition and it is not just a lower price. I share a lot in my articles, but I don't "tell all". I share my secrets with those who want a really dedicated agent on their side.

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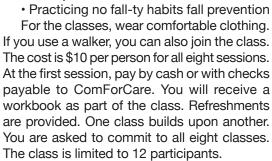
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VMA Presents: 'A Matter of Balance: Fears of Falling Addressed' 8-week class

By Barbara F. Zaher, VMA Health Education Coordinator

Fear of falling may trip your mind and feet. From **July 7 through August 25** from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in Sequoia, Com-ForCare Coaches Clifford Shaw and Sheryl Javier will teach A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls. Developed by MaineHealth's Partnership for Healthy Aging and used and adapted by Boston University, the sessions cover:

- · Exploring your thoughts and concerns about falling
- · Exercises and fall prevention
- · Assertiveness and fall prevention
- Managing your concerns about falling
- Recognizing fall-ty habits
- Identifying fall hazards in your home and community



Clifford Shaw, CEO of ComForCare, a non-medical home-care company, completed the coach certificate for A Matter of Balance in 2024. Clifford says he took the training when he noticed that fear of falling prevents many older adults from social interactions. Clifford



Sheryl Javier

says, "This lack of in person connection with family and friends increases isolation and depression. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent."

Register now for "A Matter of Balance," online at https://vmavillages.vgcc.club (by clicking on Register for Programs) or call 408-238-4029.

Tai Chi Club to host talk on Traditional Chinese Medicine and Tai Chi

On **Tuesday, June 24** at **10** a.m. at Vineyard, the Tai Chi Club is pleased to host a talk by our own Dr. Christine Van Aken on the principles of Eastern Medicine (Traditional Chinese Medicine) and how this relates to the health benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. All Villagers are welcome!



Dr. Van Aken recently moved to The Villages. She was born and raised in South Korea until her family moved to the USA over 50 years ago. After high school she went on to University of California in Berkeley (UCB), getting a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She went back to school after her three children were grown to study Eastern Medicine (Traditional Chinese Medicine)

at Five Branches University in Santa Cruz, getting her Master and Doctorate degrees. She is licensed in California for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.

Caron Shahrestini to speak at June Cat Club meeting

Heather Haven is still under the weather and had to cancel her presentation for the **Monday, June 23** Cat Club meeting from **2** to **4 p.m.** at Vineyard Center. **Look for the yellow Cat Club sign.**

With a stroke of luck, Caron Shahrestini is available and will step in. Caron will be presenting Paws, Paint and Portraits. Her skills and knowledge of the topic is surely one not to miss! A Cat Club member and cat owner, Caron shares her love of cats through her self-taught portrait skills. Plan to get immersed in a heartfelt 20-minute talk. Caron will share the story of how she discovered her artistic voice, developed her style and found deep meaning in creating portraits (especially memorial pieces to honor pets who've passed).

Caron's journey is one of creative exploration, emotional connection and a love for the furry companions who inspire her work.

Please plan on attending and support Caron who willingly volunteered to present at the last moment!

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

If you need a painted ladybug rock, please bring a rock to have painted. Have the rock in a baggy with your name on or in the bag.

Continue to sign up and invite your friends to join us for a performance at Evergreen College Theater on November 22 at 2 p.m. Tables will be arranged so you will be sitting with your neighbors. Get to know others in your Village to share cat sitting responsibilities.

Please sign up using our website, http://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club or text Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798.

Riding Club News: The Luck of Lucky



Say hello to Lucky, one of the newest residents at The Villages barn! This handsome 18-year-old Thoroughbred has an apparent racing history, marked by the tattoo on his lip. Lucky is indeed fortunate; he was purchased and brought to our barn by Barbara Sunseri and is now enjoying a well-deserved life of leisure and fun here at The Villages. Lucky is a friendly guy who gets along famously with everyone—both people and horses. You'll often find him happily hanging out in our pasture with his barn mates. Be sure to stop by and say hello to Lucky on your next visit!

RV Club to host summer Open House



Join members of the Villages RV Club for their summer Open House at the RV storage lot on **Saturday, June 21** from **10 a.m.** to **1 p.m.** Several styles of RVs will be on display including a Class A motorhome (about the size of a school bus), Class B van conversion, Class C built on a truck frame with sleeping space above the cab and a "5th Wheel," a large towable trailer that hitches into the bed of a truck. We'll grill up some hot dogs until they are gone. The RV Lot is across from 6324 Whaley Drive. We're also organizing a canned food drive for Second Harvest. Please bring donations to the RV Open House (check that cans are within the use-by date).

No VMUG June meeting

The Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) will not be holding its June meeting because the presenter will be out of town. The next VMUG meeting will be held in July.

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

Highlights of the 2025 Annual Membership Meetings



Residents and board colleagues hold up signs thanking retiring Homeowners' Corporation Board President, Teddy Morse, for her many years of service.



Club Board director Liz Kung expresses her gratitude to residents and fellow Board members as her term on the CBOD ends.



Fellow Association Board members bid David Raskin (in hat) a fond farewell.



Inspectors of Election announce the results of the 2025 Director Election.



Rob Kirschbaum takes his turn giving well wishes to retiring Homeowners' President Teddy Morse.

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Build a Bagel!

Sunday, June 22 10 a.m. at Foothill Center

Build a bagel with the Villages Jewish Community. We supply the bagels and cream cheese. You bring your favorite toppings to share. Let's get together to kibitz and nosh.

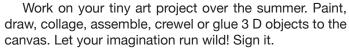


Complete our Summer Art Project: Tiny Treasures

Arts & Crafts members are invited to complete a summer art project which involves several challenges.

- 1. Think about painting small for a month or so.
- 2. Create your art on a 5-inch by 5-inch square canvas.
- 3. The artistic creation can be drawing, painting in any medium, collage, assemblage, jewelry or any that you can create or glue on to that tiny canvas.

Pick up a 5-inch by 5-inch canvas from the Art Room. Sign the participants' sheet. You can pick it up during any Open Studio, Monday or Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Art Room.



Bring it to the New Members Reception on Monday, September 15, in the Art Room to display. The purpose is to have everyone create new work the same size that shows great imagination. Use no frame to distract from your artwork. At the end of the Reception, members might swap or trade for other artistic creations!

For more information, email barb.gottesman@gmail.com



Join LSAL Fitness Club. Show up twice a week and strengthen yourself for your future. You're worth it. Let us help you feel, look, and move better to maintain your independence. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is free. Sign up in class.



Scratchboard—Discover the art medium you didn't know you would love!

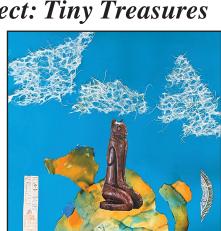
Curious about trying a user-friendly art medium? Discover the bold beauty of Scratchboard in this hands-on "Intro to Scratchboard Workshop" designed for artists of all levels. You'll learn how to create striking, high-contrast images by gently scratching through black ink to reveal luminous white detail beneath—and you can add bright color if you'd like. Best of all, no drawing experience is required and mistakes are easily corrected! The process starts with tracing

Sandy Jones

the outline of your subject, then proceeding step-by-step to gradually add more scratches until the contrast is correct. It's a

fun, relaxing process that anyone can enjoy, and you'll leave with a stunning piece of framed art-and a new creative skill! Attendees will have four choices of subject matter from which to choose. Supplies and frames for the finished piece are included in the \$70 class fee.

Join Sandra and the experimenters on Saturday, June 28 in the Cribari Center Art Room, from 1 to 4 p.m. for a new way to look at art. Members only, but you can join Arts & Crafts for \$10 a year. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com







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More CLUBS

Chinese Club celebrates Dragon Boat Festival

By Margaret Lam

Over 200 members of the Chinese Club celebrated the annual Dragon Boat Festival on May 31 in the Cribari Auditorium.

Members enjoyed traditional celebratory food such as whole roasted pigs, soy sauce noodles, chicken broccoli, and zongzi sticky rice dumplings which are the iconic dragon boat food.

Entertainment kicked off with two dance sequences, followed by a light-hearted cultural talk show led by four couples from different regions of China, sharing how they celebrate Chinese New Year and weddings.

The highlight of the evening was a high-octane Lion Dance, an acrobatic Kung Fu show with two golden lions dancing, accompanied by thunderous drumbeats. It was lively and exciting!

The grand finale was an international fashion show with 27 members on a catwalk. Each participant was dressed in traditional costumes of their native country. The countries represented include China, Japan, Vietnam, Iran, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, and the USA. The costumes showcased the rich history and deep heritage of the country they represent. The show was simply breathtaking!

Over 60 volunteers participated in making the festival a success. The Chinese Club Board appreciated everyone's effort, talent and commitment. We couldn't have done it without you!

For more information on the Chinese Club, visit our website at: https://sites.google.com/site/villageschineseclub/home



Lion dancers perform at the Dragon Boat Festival.



The Dragon Boat Festival starts with a dance number.

1936 Babies celebrate turning 89



The 1936 Babies held their annual luncheon with this year's theme, "89—Time For Wine!" Left to right: Mary Stowers, Adele Ratcliff, Chuck Benjamin, Jean Corrigan, Alice Glazer, Phyllis Mueller, Dick Schroeder, Jean Gillette, Madeline Naftzger, Edie Herbst, Tommi Elefant, Bill Ruona.

Study Groups tours City Hall; engages with city leaders

By Marty Schlager, Villages Study Groups President

On Wednesday, June 4, 28 members of The Villages Study Groups Club were given a special behind-the-scenes tour of San Jose City Hall, offering an up-close look at city governance and operations.

The private tour was led by Sachin Radhakrishnan, a knowledgeable and engaging member of District 8 Councilmember Domingo Candelas' staff. Thanks to his guidance, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the inner workings of local government.

Tour Highlights Included:

and direction.

- A panoramic view of the city from the top floor of City Hall, offering a unique perspective on San Jose's landscape and development.

- A special meet-and-greet with Mayor Matt Mahan and District 8 Councilmember Domingo Candelas. Members had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions on pressing issues such as homelessness and the city's budget. Both officials answered openly and candidly, leaving participants with confidence in the city's leadership

- A visit to the City Council Chambers, where public meetings and committee discussions take place. The group observed how the theater-style seating is designed to enhance accessibility and engagement for the public.

- A final stop at the iconic Rotunda, a stunning glass-enclosed structure rising 10 stories high. Not only is it a striking architectural centerpiece, but it also serves as a public event space—one of our members even held their wedding there!

The Villages Study Groups Club extends its heartfelt thanks to Sachin Radhakrishnan for making the visit informative, enjoyable, and inspiring.



Villages Study Groups Club hosts Informative Identity Theft Seminar

The Villages Study Groups Club, in partnership with U.S. Bank Vice President and Branch Manager Olga Dandoy, recently hosted an informative seminar on the growing threat of identity theft. The event aimed to educate the more than 50 participants on how to recognize, prevent, and respond to identity-related fraud.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses another person's personal or financial information without permission—often for financial gain. This can include stealing Social Security numbers, bank account details, credit card information, or other personal identifiers.

Key topics that were covered included:

- How to Monitor Your Information: Participants learned how to routinely check credit reports and financial statements for suspicious activity.

Warning Signs of Identity Theft: Attendees were shown how to spot red flags such as unfamiliar accounts, unauthorized transactions, or sudden changes in credit scores.

- Protection Tips: The program offered practical advice on safeguarding personal information online and offline, including using strong passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, and

- What to Do if You're a Victim: Clear guidance was given on reporting identity theft to authorities, credit bureaus, and financial institutions, along with steps to begin recovery.

Olga Dandoy emphasized the importance of being proactive. "Identity thieves are becoming more sophisticated," she noted. "It's essential for everyone, especially retirees and seniors, to take steps to protect the financial security they've worked hard to build."

Attendees received brochures and online links to key resources, such as www.ldentityTheft. gov—a one-stop resource provided by the Federal Trade Commission for reporting and recovering from identity theft; the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion), where individuals can request free annual credit reports; and information on fraud alerts and credit freezes as tools for added security.

The event concluded with a Q&A session and hands-on demonstrations of online safety tools.



It served as an important reminder of the need for continued vigilance in our increasingly digital world.

Note: Prior to the seminar our Study Groups Club President, Martin Schlager, informed the attendees that our Current Events/News Study Group was in trouble with low attendance and the resignation of its moderator. However, our Study Groups Board is addressing this situation with ideas on changing format, time and day for the discussions. Our first goal to rejuvenate it is to get a new moderator. Martin asked for ideas to be sent to Joey Stern at sternjo@pacbell.net

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: June 20 Contact: Bob Lapidus

408-693-9498

Judy London 650-469-9624

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Can You Please...Help me?'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Do you find yourself needing a little help lately? For the most part, you have been living independently and managing without asking for help from anyone. You are proud of what you have been able to do for yourself, without asking someone to help you manage your affairs. You now realize it would be wonderful if you had a little help with the mundane things that steal your energy and time.

Let's start by praying, since you recognize the need, which is good. Prayer is simply having a conversation (brief or lengthy) with our sovereign God, who knows the complexity of our lives. Look, you don't have to be religious to pray, but you do have to believe God is.

I find it interesting that some people who say they don't believe in God or religion, pray! Think about this: If you are desperate and in need of saving your life because of an accident, would you look for someone, or cry out for help? There are situations in life that may cause us pain and discomfort. Some of the most urgent and powerful prayers have been short, such as *Help! Lord! Oh God! Please! Jesus! Mercy! Sorry! Save me! Forgive me!*

We are at a crucial period as a nation with complex issues from within and abroad...without prayer, the effects could be devastating to our way of life. Desperate people seldom turn down prayer from someone who believes God can improve their circumstances! Mainly, everyone desires peace and joy with all the good that life affords them.

The Spirit of God calls on those who He has called to be vigilant and instant in prayer. When we pray, faith is essential to receiving the answers to our prayers. **Hebrews 11:6 NKJV** "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Faith requires us to wait patiently and be prepared for what seems to be delays in what we have asked for. There are bound to be delays and long days of waiting because God is infinite in wisdom. We may feel we have done our part, and why hasn't He fulfilled our request? Well, in the process of waiting for God to respond, we are being tested. On the other hand, faith, courage, and perseverance are applied to our disposition to trust God's wisdom.

If we believe God is in control, let us pray and trust Him to deliver us from our foes! Please join us in celebrating Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium **this Sunday** at **10 a.m.** to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place for needs to be met, faith to be affirmed, and new friends to embrace. You can view our worship services on YouTube at www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Join Villages Catholic Community and Council

By Patricia Galli

The Catholic Group of St. Francis of Assisi at The Villages is open to all Villagers. This group is connected to St. Francis of Assisi Parish on San Felipe Road. A Council serves as the organizing and planning group for this organization.

The Catholic Council is comprised of President, Past President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Ministry Groups to help carry out the activities of the Catholic Group at the Villages. The Catholic Group has the following roles:

- Provide for the celebration of Religious Services within The Villages
- Sunday 8:15 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium
- Friday (first three of the month) 9 a.m. Cribari Conference Room
- Promote attendance at the services
- · Minister to the sick and infirm
- Promote understanding of gospel values through Social Justice activities
- Welcome newcomers to the Villages to the Catholic Community, develop relationships within ne community
- Organize social events at the Villages such as the Spring Brunch and Fall Dinner
- Promote and support communication with St. Francis of Assisi Parish by participation in Parish activities

If you are interested in the Catholic Council, email villagescatholiccommunity@gmail.com

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Help build the next generation of leaders

Are you passionate about developing the next generation of Jewish leaders?

Join J Leaders board member Marilyn Goldsmith and Peter Hoffman, CEO of J Leaders following Shabbat services, on **Friday, June 20** at **8 p.m.** in Foothill to learn about J Leaders and the incredible impact this organization is having on Jewish young adults. We'll explore how J Leaders empowers individuals to become ethical, skilled leaders who are making a real difference in their communities and the world.

J Leaders is a dynamic non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and engaging young Jewish adults through leadership development and community building. They cultivate ethical and impactful leaders who will contribute to a vibrant Jewish community and work towards a better world. J Leaders achieves this through programs like the J Leaders Academy leadership program, and J Mentors, a personalized mentorship program connecting young adults with experienced professionals. They also foster community through events, networking opportunities, and the J Leaders alumni community.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., Monday, June 23** at **Vineyard.** We are meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.

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Sports News

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

It just keeps being great golf weather. On Tuesday, June 10, we had 23 Shonis plus our qualifier, Amari Thomas, who has one more game to go.

No birdies today so the pot rolled over. Here's hoping that someone grabs it next week.

Putting for Pesos winners for today were Manoli Kelly and Linda McChesney. Stuffing their envelopes for the next payout in December.

MEN'S CLUB

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

The results of the 2025 Summer Open are here! See the Scoreboard page for the list of winners.

Upcoming Events

Senior Net Championship August 9, Individual Play, Flighted by Age. Coffee/Donuts Shotgun-8 a.m. Catered Lunch at the Gazebo

Next in the queue:

September 13-14 Club Championship – 1st and 2nd Rounds September 20-21 Club Championship – 3rd Round and 4th Finals Championship Flight

Please make sure to put this on your calendars if you plan on participating. These rules will be strictly adhered too.

- 1. Play will be conducted over two consecutive weekends.
- 2. Tee times will be assigned by the Pro Shop.
- 3. Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted.

Belated Happy Father's Day Golf Thoughts (hope it was the best one ever)

My dad and his best friend Tom played golf together 2-3 times a week for 15 years. At the start, they were very evenly matched. They started having a driving competition, and if one guy outdrove the other, the loser took possession of a Flying Lady pink golf ball. This ball got traded back and forth pretty evenly for a few years. But eventually Tom started to lose distance, and he would go months in possession of the ball.

Dad died very suddenly one day. At the wake, Tom went up to my dad's casket and slipped something in his pocket. Then he leaned down and whispered in my dad's ear. Later at the reception, I asked Tom what he put in my dad's jacket. "The pink golf ball," he grinned.

I said, "Do you mind if I ask what you said to him?"

Tom broke into a huge smile: "I've got you now, you son of a b..."

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 **July 1.** MGC members are always welcome to attend.

Have you logged into the Men's Golf Club website recently? What are you waiting for...you're really missing out. Visit our website at www.villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's Golf Club information. **Kyle Finley** does a phenomenal job with the website, keeping us up to date with all the latest information we need to know regarding the club.



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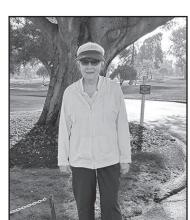
Pedestrian notice: Monday walkers... On Monday, July 21 - the course is closed for walkers from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Mary Wagle

June 10 was Captain's Trophy, and we had 61 ladies playing and doing their best to win the trophy on the front nine or back nine. Winners were Barbara Nilsen on the front nine, with a net 32, and on the back nine, with a net 34, was Joyce Mukuno. This was our first competition where we counted putts. This is another way to win a competition, while at the same time it also could help improve your short game. Winners of the lowest putts were Marky Olsen on the front nine with 14, and Jay Lee on the back nine with 13. There were no birdies on this date, but Rita Karlsten got a chip in on hole #1. Congratulations to all of these ladies on their accomplishments.

Some important dates to remember are the June 24 Shoni and Ladies Long Nine Mixer. There are two shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the Par 3 course, followed by lunch and prizes. Our next Twilight Nine and Dine, "Come One, Come All" circus themed, will be on Friday, June 27. Sign up after June 13 by calling the Pro Shop with your name and house number.



Joyce Mukuno, Captain's Trophy Winner - Back Nine

On July 15, our tournament directors, Pam Short and Gloria Lowry, have planned an even/odd game called Life's a Beach, along with the monthly luncheon. Also, on July 15, at 4 p.m. there will be a rules seminar, so keep an eye out for details on this fun way to learn the rules. We have some invitations from other clubs.

On July 16, Saratoga Country Club is having an exchange, and signup instructions are outlined in the flyer that was distributed. On July 31, Almaden is having their exchange, so save the date. The Club Championship, open only to primary members of the Ladies Long Nine Club, will be played on two dates, July 29 and August 5. Signups will be announced a few weeks prior.

We have a proposed slate of Executive Board Officers (Co-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer), so please attend the General Meeting on August 26 to cast your vote. A few weeks prior to the August 26 meeting, the proposed candidates will be announced. On that same date, August 26, we will have our Charity of Choice event. Valerie Dimmick is doing a great job getting the game and luncheon organized.



Barbara Nilsen, Captain's Trophy Winner - Front Nine

Twilight Nine and Dine Mixer

Friday, June 27 4:30 p.m. Shotgun Start Come One, Come All

Sign up as a single, couple or foursome. Wear your red, yellow & blue

FORMAT: Two Best Balls: Designated player and one more FOOD: Chicken Kiev, Scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables. Dessert: Vanilla ice cream with rosette & caramel sauce. COST:

\$34.85 Dinner (inclusive)

\$23 Golf

\$5 Sweeps

Total \$62.85 - Costs charged to Member's Account

Non-golfing guests are welcome to join us for dinner. Just let the Pro Shop know when you call.

REGISTRATION: Must call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220. You cannot sign up on Cobalt. Cancellations are required by noon, Wednesday, June 25. After that, you will be charged for the food portion of the event. If you would like to have the meal "To Go" please let one of the tournament directors know in advance so they can have your dinner ready for pick-up that evening.

Contact: Gisele Barber at pjgsbarbers@gmail.com or (408) 892-7454 Diana Hallock at dianahallock@yahoo.com or (650) 465-1818

18 HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

By the time you read this, the 2025 18 Hole Women's Invitational will be almost complete. The Horse race was played on Wednesday, June 18 and the first round on Thursday, June 19 with only the final round and the awards luncheon on Friday, June 20. But what made this year's Invitational truly unique? The creative genius of our Chairwoman, Mazie Rice. In her opening comments to our members and guests, Mazie reminded us of "the wonderful place in which we live and play every day!" Her plan was to showcase as many Villages clubs and residents as possible. So...

Included in this year's Invitational was the VAT (Villages Amateur Theatre) who sent Elvis (Jason Herfurth) to entertain at the Gazebo Casino Party along with our Rat Pack (Ben Vitcov, Leo Ruth and Sam Brown). Then there was the Villages Music Society Dancers led by Bernice Toy and the Line Dance Club led by Marsha Conway and Cynie Jackson. Of course, Ed Knott was our fabulous DJ and Karen Harsany's casino cart set the mood.



Mazie Rice

Our Villages staff was Las Vegas-worthy from our Pro Shop (Scott, Eric, Matt, Renee), our Food and Beverage Department (Chef John, Alex, Albert, Elizabeth and many more), and the Recreation Department led by Clay who helped with all the logistics of such a huge event.

Of course, beyond our 18 Hole Ladies committee (Mazie, Vicki, Gloria, Diana, Kathy, Kathleen, Helen, Millie Anne, Cindy, Patti, Donna, Kerry, Loanne, Judy, Myra, Mary Jo, Debbie, Pat, Barb, Kay, and Janis), our fellow golfers stepped up. The Men's Club, Swingers, Shonis and friends sent over 75 volunteers to work the three days out on the course, on the putting green, or hosting our numerous advertising sponsors.

Next week we'll share all the results and photos but for now we'll close with "What happens in The Villages doesn't stay in The Villages" but gets spread across the Bay Area and beyond as people once again marvel at what The Villages can do!

NNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen and Tina Parsley

On Sunday, June 8, the Tennis Club hosted their 16th annual BBQ Bocce Bash at Gazebo Park. The weather fully cooperated with sunny skies and 73 degrees. Kudos to Tina Parsley and her committee for such a well-attended and organized event. Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers including Gene Mariani, Michael Castle, Jayme and Lynn Dickson, Sonia and Harry Soin, Asra Batool and Doug Koenig, Sherry Benz, Nancy Domingo and Don Clarke for taking charge and making sure every detail was executed flawlessly.



Tim and Debbie Keys with daughters Natalie and Megan and puppy Misty.

Start time was 3 p.m. with organized teams playing bocce on courts 1 and 2 while the later scheduled bocce players socialized at picnic tables sipping provided drinks and munchies. A special Thank You goes out to Bocce Club volunteers who helped with education and tips about the sport: Espie and Daniel Martinez, Jeff Rose, Tom Hunt and Todd Horvatich. Several people also enjoyed playing corn hole, axe toss and the ladder

Our semi-annual club meeting was held at 5 p.m. with all board members being introduced and our Club President Gene Mariani announcing the events for the rest of the year. Treasurer Tina Parsley handed a \$20,000 check to Scholarship Chairman Gail Tuft to take to Silver Creek High School to distribute to the four scholarship winners for this year.

Dinner was cooked on site in a portable truck kitchen and served by caterer, High Five Pizza Company, providing a delicious buffet. A couple families had multiple generations in attendance for the BBQ event. Everyone enioved the "vounger" energy!

Pictured are Tim and Debbie Keys with daughters

Natalie and Megan with her sweet pup Misty. Lucky for them to all be together since Megan traveled the farthest from San Diego.

TABLE TENNIS

On Saturday, June 1, the Table Tennis Club had exhibition matches between the top three players. Instead of the normal setup with two tables, one table was moved to the center so there would be plenty of room for retrieving smashes. About 40 people came to watch. Matches were 3 out of 5 games.

Ric Yalung defeated Xianjin Zhang in straight games, 11-6, 11-9, and 11-3.

Ric then defeated Paul Spisar 11-3, 18-16, 13-11. They were in deuce seven times in game 2 and twice in game 3.

Paul Spisar then beat Xianjin Zhang 11-9, 4-11, 11-8, 11-7.

Table tennis is a game that you can play for life. Among old-timers watching were former club champions Jan Kiernan (Women 2003, 2007, 2010), Art Lind (Men 2003), Alan Waltho (Men 2004, 2006), Gary Margoles (Men 2008, 2009).

The big event approaching is a tournament on August 2 at Rossmoor.

After the exhibition everyone went to get hot hors d'oeuvres.

IRONMEN

By Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are in morning play, gathering every Thursday: check-in by the golf practice area at 9:30 and play starts at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest-to-

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, 11 Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf.

Larry Dorsey won third place with net a 30. Arki Galicki, Sang Nam and Mario Silva tied for second place with net 29s. And Jerry Juracich won first place with a net 26.

There were two birdies today: one by Sang Nam on hole 6 and one by Dave Hathaway on hole 3.

Arki Galicki won closest to the flag on hole 2 at 7 feet, 7 inches. Sang Nam won low gross with a score of 32.

"Golfer of the Day" honors go to Sang Nam with low gross, second place and a birdie. Way to go, Sang!

A reminder: If every Ironman at each game 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 pressurefree golf. Plus, your first round is on us! Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283 (land line). You can also visit our website at ironmen.vgcc.club.

PICKLEBALL

By Kim Silverman

There were both new faces and familiar ones on the courts for the Villages Pickleball Club Round Robin Tournament on June 7. Players matched up across divisions, bringing their best game-and plenty of good sportsmanship. In the end, a few walked away with wonderful prizes!

Advanced Men

1st Place: Farhad Hooshmand (perfect score)

2nd Place: Harry Soin 3rd Place: Tim McQuay **Advanced Women**

1st Place: Helen Varenkamp (perfect score) 2nd Place: Shirin Shirazi

3rd Place: Sharon Smith **Advanced Intermediate Mixed** 1st Place: Chris McFadden 2nd Place: Tom Yin 3rd Place: Bruce Kravitz

Intermediate Mixed 1st Place: John Zhang (perfect

2nd Place: Igor Cravetchi

3rd Place: May Lien

See the full results here: villagespickleball.vgcc.club/6-7-25-individual-round-robin-results/

Special congratulations to the players who posted perfect scores—John, Helen, and Farhad—winning every match in their divisions.

A big thank you to Karen Ruth for organizing the tournament, to Anahid Gregg for keeping score and posting the results, and to Michelle McQuay for keeping the players fueled with her alwayswelcome Pickle Pit Crew food table.

To view the photos of this fun day on the courts (https:// thevillages.smugmug.com/Pickleball-Club/2025/Round-Robin-Iournament)

Congratulations again to all players—and we'll see you on the courts!

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



Celebrate 4th Of July with golf contests



To celebrate Independence Day 2025, along with the fabulous party at the Clubhouse, we will be hosting a golf Putting Contest as well as Closest to the Hole contests for those that play golf that day.

There will be a four-hole putting contest on the practice green with complimentary prizes for the winners donated by The Villages. The putting contest will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There will also be Closest to the Hole contests on Holes #4 & #11 for Members & Guests who play golf that day with complimentary prizes donated by The Villages. Tee Times will start at 7 a.m.

Shoe spike cleaner relocated

The air compressor golf shoe spike cleaner and the brush

golf shoe spike cleaner have both been relocated to a space adjacent to the driving range ball dispenser. This will help enhance the dining experience at the Bistro Patio by keeping it clear of unwanted noise and debris. Please remember that the air compressor is only to be used to clean your shoes, please do not



stretch the cable to clean your cart, it will break. Thank you for your cooperation!

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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

June and July Golf Schedule

Friday, June 27 – Twilight Mixer – 9-Hole 4:30 p.m. Shotgun + Dinner – Last available 18-Hole Tee Time 12 p.m.

Sunday, June 29 – 8 a.m. Open Shotgun – 1 p.m. Alano Charity Tournament 18-Hole Course *closed* at 1 p.m.

Friday, July 4 – Holiday Schedule – Open Play tee Times 7 a.m.

Wednesday, July 9 - 18-Hole Women's Tee Times 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 10 – Men's Club Evergreen Practice Rounds 7am – Men's Club Evergreen Horserace 3 p.m. – Course *closed*

Friday, July 11 – Men's Club Evergreen Day 1 – 18-Hole Course & Driving Range *closed* all day

Saturday, July 12 – Men's Club Evergreen Day 2 – 18-Hole Course *closed* until 4 p.m. – Driving Range *closed* until 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 17 - NCGA Team Play 1 p.m. Modified Shotgun

Saturday, July 19 – 18-Hole Women Saturday Play Day 8 a.m. tee Times + Koren Club 1pm tee times

Monday, July 21 – Women's Team Play 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1:30 p.m. **Friday, July 25** – Twilight Mixer – 9-Hole 4:30 p.m. Shotgun + Dinner – Last available 18-Hole Tee Time 12 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29 – Men's Club Home & Away 1 p.m. Shotgun – Course *closed* – Driving Range *closed* 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Pedestrians on the Golf Course

Monday walkers...the following Mondays in May will have golf play prohibiting walking at regular times:

Monday, July 21 - the course closed for walkers from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Summer "Couples" Invitational - Mark Your Calendars!

Be sure to save the date for our 2nd annual Summer Couples Invitational! Sunday, August 3 at 1 p.m. Shotgun. Foursome teams – 2 Net Best Balls. Foursome Teams must consist of two Villagers and two Guests (all players *must* have an official USGA Handicap). Pairs can be man-woman / woman-woman / man-man or any combination as such. The day will include golf and a banquet awards dinner after golf with lots of prizes! Entry fee TBD includes: green fees, cart fees, range fees, 1 *free* drink, banquet dinner and prizes. Signup starts soon so get your team together! **Let's have some fun!**

New Demos available now in the Pro Shop!

New Cobra DS Adapt Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids—used by Max Homa and Lexi Thompson New PING G440 Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids—used by Viktor Hovland and Sahith Theegala New Callaway Elye Drivers-Fairways-Hybrids—used by John Rahm and Rose Zhang

New Taylor Made Qi35 Drivers-Fairways-Hybrid—used by Rory McIlroy and Colin Morikawa Take your game to the next level with new 2025 technology to maximize your distance and accuracy!

Tips from the Pro—Tips for Playing the New Bunker Sand from the Greenside Bunkers
As the new bunker sand will take time to settle to its preferred payable depth, the sand
will seem a bit deeper and thicker than you might be used to. Here are some tips for playing

out of thicker and deeper sand around the greens:

1. You do not want the leading edge of the club to enter the sand first, that will cause the club to dig too deep into the sand and you will have trouble getting the ball out. So, open the clubface by rotating the grip on your hand clockwise until the clubface lays flat – imagine being able to stand a glass of wine on the clubface. Open the club face much more than you are used to. Also, as you swing back rotate the club open even more by rotating your hands to the right on the backswing. This will ensure that the sole of the club touches the sand first

at impact and the club should bounce and glide through that sand without digging too deep.

2. Avoid swinging too steeply as again a steep angle of attack will cause the club to dig too deep. Instead swing the club back and through on a shallower angle. On the backswing keep your wrists quiet and keep the club low to the ground. Imagine a long "U" shaped swing instead of a steep "V" shaped swing. This will shallow your divot and help lift the ball out easier.

3. Don't dig your feet in too deep. We've all been told to dig our feet in the sand for stability. But in deep, thick sand, we can sometimes dig our feet in too deep which lowers our center of gravity too much causing thin and fat shots. So step into your stance and just make a couple wiggles with your feet in the sand, being mindful to not dig in too deep.

4. On longer bunker shots employ the "chunk and run" technique. Take a club with less loft like a Gap Wedge or a Pitching Wedge. Move the ball a bit more forward in your stance. Focus on a spot 3-4 Inches behind the ball instead of the standard 2-inches. Swing the club firmly into that spot and it should come out lower with more roll. There is not much follow-through needed with the chunk and run technique.

5. If your ball buries in the sand, then keep the clubface square and do not roll it open. This will allow the club to dig under the ball and lift it out. It is also helpful to increase your grip pressure when your ball is buried as it will take a bit more force to get it out. **To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

SCOREBOARI

MEN'S CLUB

Summer Open, Saturday, June 14

Flight One

To Par Net and Total Net

1. Joe Beltrano, Marlo Beltrano, Cannen Shaw, Pedrito Manibo -14, 58 2. Michael Tuft, Mike Poellot, Doug Moore, Tom Gibbons -12, 60 3. David Gonzales, Michael Schwerin, Robert Dominguez Brian Sullivan, -12, 60

Flight Two

- 1. Jess Martinez, Art Gonzales, Joe Cancilla, Frank Loebig -16, 56 2. Arnold Bernal, Robert Hands, Dennis Conway, Lawrence Angel
- 3. Bob Fillhouer, Drabik, Bill Dongdong (James) Wang, Bud Sanders -14, 58

Flight Three

- 1. Chulho Kim, Jim Valenti, Taegyu Kim, James Danielski -17, 58
- 2. Robert Howe, John Olson, Geoff Gault, Bob Robles -14, 58
- 3. Bruce Blinn, Martin Funcell, Vincent Alvarez, Chandra Bhople -14, 58

Flight Four

- 1. James Livingstone, Ken Rem, George Southland, Jim Castle -18, 54 2. Shel Schumaker, Ray Blinde, Don Lingofelter, Dave Manson -14, 58
- 3. Mike Singleton, George Olson, Noel Lanctot, Alan Babakan -14,58

18 HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, June 12

Flight One

Low Gross: Helen Varenkamp 86 Low Net: Ann Bassford 73

Flight Two

Low Gross: Jane Hong 95 Low Net: Hanhi Min 76

Flight Three

Low Gross: In Kim 98 Low Net: Kerry Besmehn 72

2 Tees Flight One

Low Gross: Priscilla Piper 91 Low Net: Joyce Mukuno 72 2nd Low Net: Judy Rodriguez 73

2 Tees Flight Two

Low Gross: Suzy Kim 104 Low Net: Jan Kiernan 73 2nd Low Net: Emily Li 74 3rd Low Net: Won Cha 75

SHONIS

Tuesday, June 10, All Nets

Flight One:

- 1. Pauline Robertson 24
- 2. Tricia Hardt 26
- 3. Tied Joyce Baptiste and **Judy Rogers 39/12/27**

Flight Two:

- 1. Kathy Tanaka. 24
- 2. Schinae Ogihara. 26
- 3. Sabrina Malcolmson 27

Flight Three:

- 1. Tied Dee Garfinkle and. Terri Matsumura 22
- 2. Tied Linda McChesney and Amy Song 46/23/23

- 3. Jan Trusso 24

BOCCE

Spring Round Robin Week 5 Monday 10 a.m. (W/L) Wednesday 10 a.m.

The Chewbocces 3-7 Agitators 4-6 Crazy Eights 8-2 Ball Busters 7-3 Bocce Kings 4-6 Sure Shots 4-6

Monday 12:30 p.m. Happy Friends 2-8

Goombahs 8-2 Bocce Rascals 3-7 Pallino Posse 7-3

Monday 12:30 p.m. Game of Throws 9-1

Let's Roll 2-8 Bocce Beatles 1-9 I'll Drink to That 8-2

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. Thursday 12:30 p.m.

Deboccery 7-3 Charles Angels 7-3 Ballers 5-5 Rita's Rollers 1-9

Le Bocce Vita 6-4

Carpe Diem 7-3

Baabooloos 7-3

Bocce Pals 0-10

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. Thursday 12:30 p.m. Straight Shooters 2-8 Rack 'N Roll 4-6

Blood Bath & Beyond 9-1 Rolling Rack 8-2 The Seven and One 5-5 2B Reckoned With 4-6 Butt Kickers 4-6 Team 4 4-6

BRIDGE MEXICAN

DOMINOES McKenzie 2. Jan Kiernan and

Sumi Minami 3. Art Lind and Hanhi Min Wednesday, June 11 Bonnie Barrett

Friday, June 13:

1. Jane Michaels and Kathy

Remy Pessah Friday, June 13

Thursday 10 a.m.

Bocce Ballers 7-3

Samera Rollers 2-8

Merry Bocce Band 7-3

Ladybugs & Bullfrogs 6-4

Sweet Rollers 4-6

Bocce to the Top 3-7

Canniballs 5-5

Whatsup!!! 6-4

Bev Waller-Wharton 174 Kit Hultquist 220 Shirley Bellavance 259 Remy Pessah 340

Shirley Bellavance

285

291

349

Saturday League

- Bocce Volo 10 a.m.

Mafia Marauders Holy Cannoli 2-6 Wise Guys 1-7 The Fixers 7-1

12:30 p.m.

Wanna Pisa US? 6-2 **Endless** Pastabilities 2-6 Gotta Be Da Shoes 6-2 Well Oiled Ball 2-6



The PUZ-LER

Last week we were concerned about some lilies growing in the pond at my home. Besides getting the right answer I was advised by several of you that at the end of two months I would have enough lilies to cover the planet. At any rate the answer to the puzzle was "day 59" and those who knew as much were Peter Groot, Hansal Wan, Jim Livingstone, Don Fernandez, Harriet Fernandez, Fred Mathis, Jayme Dickson, Bill Tibbs, Jim Ware, Joanne Robinson, Anahid Gregg, Janet Mize, Kristie Kayser, Larry Broderick, Neda Dorpath, Rob Howe and Judy Bushie.

Coincidentally on the same pond I have moored my boat. A 12-foot ladder hangs over its side. The rungs are one foot apart and the lowest rung is resting right on top of the water. The tide (yes I have a tide on my pond) rises at the rate of 4 inches an hour. How long does it take to put the first 4 rungs of that ladder under water?

If you think you know send an email to me Mike Bailey at michspaol.com, put PUZ-LER in the subject line and include your full name.

Thought for the day: Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Bocce Club's Guys vs. Gals Tournament



Guys vs. Gals is making its grand return! It should be an epic showdown filled with laughs, lucky shots, plus all the "friendly competition and bragging rights you can handle" from July 14 -August 22

Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with matches at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. to keep us all from melting in the midday sun.

Captains can register your teams here: https://tinyurl. com/2025-Guys-vs-Gals-Captains

Individual signups, register here: https://tinyurl. com/2025-Guys-vs-Gals-Individuals

See you all on the courts!

For further information contact Tom Hunt, Tournament Director at 408-203-0313 or Tom.villages@gmail.com

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

A high-level map and up-to-date outline of the vendor's various activities for June 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. The contractor has also provided hard pruning maps, which show the locations of different plant material to be hard pruned.

Pest Control

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Village Del Lago, Village Montgomery, Village sonata will occur on 6/23.

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

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

· Watering Schedule

Thank you to all residents who have reported anomalies such as dry lawns, plants not being watered, sprinklers spraying into street or non-landscaped areas. You are truly wonderful partners. Management and the contractor continue to review the irrigation throughout the community as well. If you observe any issues—such as runoff, leaks, or malfunctioning zones, please submit a work order the Public Works. The contractor will respond promptly to address any concerns.

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 Olivas — The deck repair and coating project began on June 9. The vendor has begun repairs, pressure washing and coating between unites 8604-8658. They have begun some initial work from units 8683-8705. The vendor is scheduled to start deck repairs, pressure washing and coating for units 8706-8719 the week of June 23. As a reminder, there will be three notices sent out. The first is a general notice sent to every resident that has a front and or rear wood deck which is included in this project. The first notice will have general information and instructions regarding the project. The second notice is a one-week notice with the exact date that the contractor will start work at a specific unit. The third notice is a 48-hour notice before the start date. The entire project will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete.

• The Estates — Management completed repairs on the bridges within the community.

Club Maintenance

• There's cows in "them thar hills!" – The Villages will have cattle on site from June 16th through November 2025. The cows will be grazing in the hill lands in order to help mitigate fire risks. There will 50 cows with colored ear tags to help distinguish them from Richmond Ranch Cattle.

- Practical advice for residents:
- Admire the cows with your eyes and from a distance. Do not attempt to approach or interact with the cows in any way.
- Always keep dogs on leashes.
- Cows do not like loud noises. If a cow seems aggressive, which is very unlikely, yell
 or make a loud noise to deter them from approaching you.

For all book lovers...visit the Library Book Sale

Visit the Villages Library Book Sale to discover your next read! Favorite authors, new books, special interest and more are added each week. Every sale supports our outstanding Villages Library. The prices can't be beat: hard-covers \$2 paperbacks \$0.50. There is also



covers \$2, paperbacks \$0.50. There is also a wide selection of jigsaw puzzles.

Come check us out in Cribari Center near the Post Office every **Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

HBOD extends ACC application Moratorium

As previously noticed, at its March 20, 2025, meeting, the Homeowners' Corporation Board voted to place a six-week moratorium on architectural applications while the Firewise recommendations were under review. The Board has since approved an extension of this moratorium, as the proposed revisions to the architectural rules remain under active review.

Homeowners are still encouraged to submit their applications. However, if a project involves features that may be affected by Firewise-related considerations—such as building a wood fence attached to a house—those applications will be held until the review process is complete and new guidelines are finalized.

The Board sincerely appreciates the community's patience and understanding as we work through this important process. Your cooperation is invaluable in helping us ensure that any updates to our architectural guidelines support both aesthetic goals and enhanced fire safety for all residents.

To better understand how Firewise principles may apply to your property, the Board recommends scheduling a free Firewise home assessment. Contact Mary Tatum at mtatum@the-villages.com to arrange your appointment. Assessment results are confidential and are intended solely to help you identify steps to protect your home and community.

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

Maintenance Project Notice:

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

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 beginning of the mid-nineteenth century Evergreen community.

The origins of Evergreen

The village of Evergreen got its start on a very remote road—a common scenario for numerous small towns across America that sprung up on country crossroads and remote roads. As centers of farming communities, these villages saw small businesses open to serve the needs of the local agrarians. And as the decades passed, these "one-horse towns" either grew into stable, small towns, bigger cities or failed completely and slowly faded away. Evergreen never faded but was eventually swallowed by the rapidly expanding city of San Jose in the twentieth century and became one of its outlying districts.

Evergreen's story began in 1868, near a dogleg in San Felipe Road as it veered toward San Jose, where a local farmer, Carl C. Smith, opened the first business—a blacksmith's shop on the site where an automotive garage now exists. Many of the farmhouses of the original residents were strung along San Felipe Road up to where The Villages Parkway was established.

In 1868 brothers, Carl Smith and Francis "Joe" Smith, opened a general mercantile store. The Smith family did well in this tiny village a considerable distance from San Jose—the central town in the Santa Clara Valley, then known as the Valley of Heart's Delight and renamed Silicon Valley a century later.

Years before the early businesses opened, the Evergreen School District was established in 1860 and Evergreen School was built near where present day Aborn and San Felipe Roads intersect. In 1866, the Evergreen Social Hall was built as a community center with a theater, where many plays were staged, attracting numerous people from outside the community. Beautiful, little Evergreen became a magnet for local social interaction.

Years after Evergreen earned a place on local maps it became eligible for a post office in 1870. Francis "Joe" Smith became the Postmaster and served for 14 years, making the 19-mile round trip to pick up the mail in San Jose and bring it back for a stipend of \$12 a year.

As Evergreen grew, Frank McMurry opened a saloon in 1869, and a butcher shop opened in 1872. Joe Smith also built a winery next to the general store, and in 1874, built his home next to the winery. Smith's house, a two-story Gothic Classic Revival farmhouse, was designated as a San Jose Landmark in later years. It still exists and was recently renovated and moved closer to San Felipe Road and serves as a real estate office. A San Jose historical marker stands in front of it.

Smith's daughter, Katherine, served as a teacher and principal at the Evergreen school for 80 years and stayed in the Smith home until her death at age 103. The Evergreen School District named a school after her—the K. R. Smith Elementary School, the district's second school. Katherine was a graduate of the San Jose Normal School, a teacher's college, later to become known as San Jose State University.

Some of the early Evergreen residents' names are reflected in The Villages' streets.

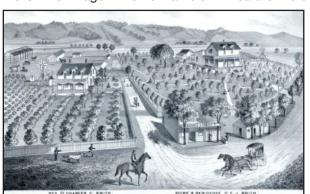
Gerdts Drive in Village Montgomery is named after an Evergreen farming and ranching family. Nick Gerdts, a German immigrant, rented 450 acres on the Chaboya tract where Eastridge shopping center is now located. By 1915, he was able to purchase 34 acres on San Felipe Road just south of where The Villages Parkway was put in and established an orchard and vineyard. He and wife, Gretchen, had two sons. One son, Henry, took up ranching and contributed to the Evergreen community by establishing a chapter of the 4-H Club and later became heavily involved in the Santa Clara County Fair in 1946.

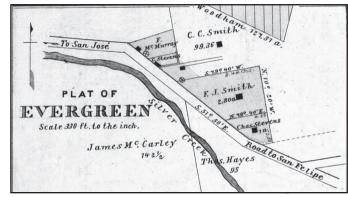
Whaley Drive is named after Otis Butler Whaley, a farmer from Illinois. After leasing land in Sunnyvale and in the Almaden area of San Jose, he purchased land on San Felipe Road in 1911 and established prune and apricot orchards that he called Sunnyslope Farm. A neighboring housing tract to the south of The Villages, called The Meadowlands, was built on the site of Whaley's farm. An Evergreen community leader, Whaley served on the Evergreen Board of Trustees for 27 years. An elementary school—the O. B. Whaley Elementary School—in the Evergreen School District hears his name

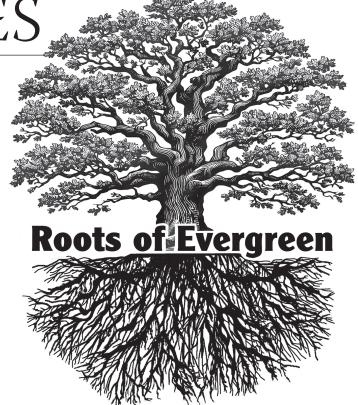
Blauer Lane in Village Montgomery honors another Evergreen farmer, George Blauer. His farm was mostly on the west side of San Felipe Road. In 1930 he became the district manager for California Lands, Inc.

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The Roots of Evergreen series will be published the third week of each month and posted in the Online Villager. The next article will feature the beginning of The Villages.









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Above: The 1874 Francis J. Smith residence as it is today—renovated and moved from its original location to house a real estate office. Smith was the Evergreen Postmaster and his daughter was a teacher and principal for the Evergreen School District.

Center: A plat map showing the ownership of land in Evergreen in the 1860s.

Far left: An illustration from the late 1800s showing the Smith house on the far right.

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In this 50-minute class, I'll show you all the stages of sourdough: how to care for your starter, when to mix and stretch your

dough, how to shape a loaf, and what to expect when you bake it. We'll have loaves baking while we talk so you can smell the results, and I'll bring dough at different stages so you can see - and better yet, feel-what the process is like.

New this time: a few hands-on stations, where you can come up and try mixing, folding, or shaping the dough yourself. You'll get a literal feel for it—don't worry, no tests, no pressure, just a fun chance to try something new.

Whether you're curious, completely new, or just here for the samples, this class is a relaxed,

welcoming way to learn the magic of sourdough.

Register for "Making Sourdough." See you on June 24 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery Center.

Color your world—attend the Color Walk at Lake Cunningham Park

Have a little fun and get some exercise at the Color Walk and Resource Fair at Lake Cunningham Park on Friday, June 27. The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Cypress Pavilion for walker registration. The Color Walk begins at 10:30 a.m., Resource Fair starts at 11 a.m. and the lunch and performances begin at 11:30 a.m. There is an entry fee for participating in the walk. Lunch and parking is included, and there is a free tee shirt for the first 150 walkers to register (sizes are limited) and door prizes awarded at 1 p.m.

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Register for the walk at: sjregistration.com (use the search function to look for "Color Walk") or at the Evergreen Community Center. Volunteers are also needed for this event. To volunteer, call 408-535-5659.

This community event for seniors 50 years and over is sponsored by the San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services department and the Southside Senior Bingo Association.

UBITUARY

Raymond Buck March 26, 1945 - May 30, 2025

Ray was born in Detroit, Michigan and came to San Jose when he was six. He worked for 35 years as a driver for UPS. He enjoyed traveling, especially with his family to Cambria, Hawaii and Carmel.

He is survived by his wife Marie, four children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his



late wife Shirley and son John.

A funeral mass will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on June 20, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the VMA or Second Harvest of Silicon Valley would be greatly appreciated.

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"Add Great Big Beautiful Life" Emily Henry: Publisher's description: "Alice Scott is an eternal optimist still dreaming of her big writing break. Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-prize winning human thundercloud. And they're both on balmy Little Crescent Island for the same reason: to write the biography of a woman no one has seen in years-or at least to meet with the octogenarian who claims to be the Margaret Ives. Tragic heiress, former tabloid princess, and daughter of one of the most storied (and scandalous) families of the 20th century... But the problem is, Margaret is only giving each of them pieces of her story. Pieces they can't swap to put together because of an ironclad NDA and an inconvenient yearning pulsing between them every time they're in the same room. And it's becoming abundantly clear that their story—just like the tale Margaret's spinning—could be a mystery, tragedy, or love ballad...depending on who's telling it."

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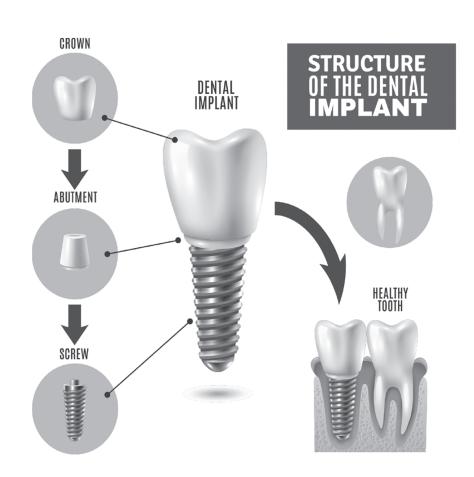
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