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The Villager Online is available to you 24/7. In tandem with the printed version, The Villager Online is just a click away, while The Villager newspaper is available to you in its traditional format on the **first** and **third Thursdays** of the month. If you haven't seen The Villager Online, please visit: news.thevillagesgcc.com

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Attention residents: Please be informed that all fireworks are prohibited in The Villages. Let's all enjoy a safe, fire-free holiday!

Cribari Auditorium to close for sound and lighting upgrades

To improve safety and enhance your experience, Cribari Auditorium will be temporarily closed from **July 14 through August 1** for sound, lighting and stage flooring upgrades.

These improvements guided by feedback from our user groups will support better performances, presentations and programs for all residents. The stage flooring upgrade also ensures a safer and more versatile surface for a wide range of activities.

We've contacted the affected groups and, wherever possible, moved their reservations to alternate facilities to minimize disruptions to regular programming.

Thanks for your patience as we work to create a safer, more enjoyable space for our community.

E-Waste drop-off event is Saturday, July 12

Recycle your e-waste in a free drive-through event to be held **Saturday, July 12** from **9 a.m. to noon** in the east Cribari Center parking lot.

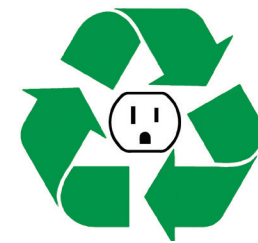
The list of items you can drop off include:

Laptops	Computer towers	Computer monitors
Copiers	Printers	Flat screens
DVD players	Stereos	Microwaves
Speakers	Projectors	Air conditioning units
Televisions	Medical/lab equipment	(with no freon)
Faxes	Calculators	Cell phones
And more...		

The list of items that will **not** be accepted include:

Batteries	Light bulbs	Refrigerators
Ovens	Stoves	Washers & dryers
Bicycle tires	Large appliances	Tires from generator companies

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



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**4th
of July**

ITINERARY

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Breakfast Buffet* in Clubhouse \$23++
Reservations:
408-223-4687 or email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fourth of July BBQ* \$35 inclusive event bracelet
Patio BBQ, Drinks, Dessert, Patio DJ Music,
Musician Jeff Smith in Banquet Rooms
Open Seating, Activities in Patio and Restaurant
Reservations:
408-754-1337 or email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Bistro & Curbside Open-Bistro Menu Only
Restaurant Closed All Day

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
David Johnson Performing on Bistro Patio
Open Seating: Open To All

*Please Login to Member Portal for Detailed Menu

Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation is July 16

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, July 16**, at **3 p.m.** in The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have

recently moved in and provides valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other valuable information.

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

Note: New Resident Orientations are held quarterly, and the next one following this one is scheduled for November 12. For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-754-1333 before July 11 to confirm attendance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 Pulse letters received this week.
- 1 Pulse letter deferred.
- 0 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

Comcast/Xfinity virtual appointments

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

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

ABOVE & BEYOND

The Flights and Bites early evenings of June 10 and 12 sponsored by The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) and presented by our Executive Chief John Ilagan and dining room staff were outstanding in all regards. They included three courses—of Michelin quality—along with dessert paired with three wines and port. This event is an exclusive offer to sustaining members of EVF and one of the many benefits of being a member. The 24 attendees at each of these two evenings were all overwhelmed impressed with the upscale offerings, settings, and service.

(To receive more information about EVF and attend a Flights and Bites go to evfsj.org.)

—Maxine Amundson and Larry Martinson

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Please be advised that the cost of a first-class Forever Stamp will increase from 73 cents to 78 cents effective July 13, 2025.

The Villages Post Office has some new stamps to choose from, so come on in before the price increases!

The Villages Post Office is open **Monday to Friday** from **9 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari Center.

Attention residents: Please be informed that all fireworks are prohibited in The Villages. Let’s all enjoy a safe, fire-free holiday!



IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages’ facility.

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee.

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.

DEADLINES

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

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. Please use The Villager Online submission form at: news.thevillagesgcc.com/addlisting or e-mail advertising@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657 or 408-754-1341.

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

Delivery: *The Villager* is published the first and third Thursdays of the month and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available outside *The Villager* office, in Cribari Center and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

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

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

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President’s Message—June 24, 2025

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors first meeting of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

At our organizational meeting on June 13, we had two residents interested in a one-year appointment to the Association Board for the open position. We had a secret vote between the volunteers Bob Dando and Rob Howe. Rob Howe won the vote and was appointed to the open seat on the Association Board for a one-year term. Most people know Rob from his chairing the Villages Golf Committee and now he has volunteered more of his time serving on this Board. We appreciate Rob stepping up and welcome him to the Association Board. We thank Bob for putting his hat in the ring.

Otherwise, as you can see, the remaining six Board members are still here. I will remain as President for another year. Pat Reardon will remain as Vice President, Deb Gordon will remain as secretary and Patrick Barber will remain as treasurer. We believe we had a very successful year last year and see no need to change things up. In addition, all the board DAC liaisons will stay the same for the coming year.

The Association wheels continue to grind here in The Villages. Firewise volunteers are going house to house gathering data. A list of all the projects approved for turf reduction and fire hardening in the coming year is in Ryan’s report today and we are proceeding to get them going. Just over \$1.8 million is budgeted for 32 projects. Ryan is going to have a busy summer and fall. The formation of the Water Advisory Committee continues as we continue to realize how many additional people are needed on the Committee to cover all the interested parties in The Villages affected by water. Theresa and I met with Ed Logg yesterday to discuss the makeup of the committee, and they will proceed to schedule a meeting with everyone to set assignments for the coming months. The Boards continue to work on preparing The Villages survey, which is expected to go out to every Villager in July. I encourage everyone to answer the survey and this includes every resident in The Villages, not just one per household.

On a personal note, for those who ask me how my niece is doing in pursuit of her golfing career: On Sunday Franky won the Sacramento City Women’s Golf Championship with a two-day total of nine under par blowing away the field with her closest competitor being five strokes back. She has transferred from the Colorado golf team to the Sam Houston State University Bearcats starting this fall.

Thank you for coming 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

Fire safety reminder door hangers

Some residents of The Villages have received door hangers titled “Living with Wildfire: Your Property is in an At-Risk Wildfire Area.” These are being distributed by firefighters from Station 11 as part of a public service and community outreach program.

Certain areas of The Villages fall within high or moderate wildfire risk zones. Since last November, The Villages has been actively working to identify ember, heat, and flame hazards within the critical five-foot fire-break zone surrounding homes.

By applying Firewise USA principles and working alongside our dedicated volunteers, we continue to find effective ways to reduce wildfire risks and promote community preparedness.

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.



Missed your Villager?

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

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

Join the ‘Wildfire Safety and Mitigation’ seminar on Zoom Thursday, July 10

A “Wildfire Safety and Mitigation” seminar is being presented by District 15 California State Senator Dave Cortese and Seth Schalet, CEO of the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council, and others on **Thursday, July 10** from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** on Zoom.

The event is free and can be viewed in the Cribari Center Sequoia Room or at home via Zoom. To watch it at home on Zoom, you will need to preregister at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/wildfire-seminar>.

Please attend if possible and let your DAC chair or Deb Gordon, Firewise Committee chair, know if you do. Residents attending this 90-minute session will count towards our Firewise volunteer requirements of one hour per household yearly (2,509 hours/year) to retain our current recognition.

Presenters will also provide tips about what you can do around your own homes to mitigate wildfire risk in your community. After the presentation, audience members may participate in a Q&A with our panelists so you are able to get your questions answered!

—Deb Gordon/Firewise Committee Chair

Club Board President’s Message—Annual Membership Meeting June 11, 2025

I start this Annual Meeting message with a thank-you to the Club Board members. Together we have focused on the three essentials of a non-profit board —policy, oversight of operations, and the financial well-being of the Club and community. The directors have provided great ideas and priceless support and thoughtful critique of my efforts and initiatives as President.

In this year we have focused on transitioning from maintaining what we have, to looking forward to the future. This means addressing the long-term capital needs both for replacing and improving existing facilities, buildings and underground infrastructure. We are forecasting the needs for maintaining the facilities, and major refurbishment as facilities age. Club Member desires and needs change over time and our staff and programs must adapt. A major part of focusing this transition has been the VGCC Strategic Plan 2025-28. The three Boards participated in a year-long program resulting in a plan of action, which will include capital replacement and improvement programs and improved service provide it to Club members.

We have accomplished a very thoughtful and detailed budget for FY26 resulting in a substantial increase in club dues. The Board recognized the realities of inflation, increasing salaries and benefits, and the fact that our current capital contributions do not meet depreciation. We also had no capital improvement dues at all. The result is a one-time major increase in Club dues.

Issues we must address for the next year include, revising the bylaws to allow a new source of revenue, and, therefore, keeping future dues increases in check and planning for and funding repair and refurbishment of our deteriorating infrastructure including the underground utilities. I look forward to supporting that work.

A special thanks to the General Manager and the entire staff for their dedication, good humor and support.

It has been an honor to serve as your Club Board President for this last year. I am very optimistic for a bright future. Thank You for your support.

—Richard Zahner, Board President, Villages Golf & Country Club

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of August are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **July 25**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, August 7** at **9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**, **MANAGEMENT**
and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5 & 17

MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY MATTERS

WITH **FERNANDO GARIBALDO**



Summer Breeze & Beautiful Views: Common Area Check-Ins!

I'm happy to be reaching out to you today. Following up on my last article, I want to express sincere thanks for your ongoing commitment to maintaining the beautiful appearance and standards we all cherish. Your cooperation is the secret ingredient that makes our community such a wonderful place to call home.

Cribari's turn to Shine!

As we move into July, my next round of inspections will be focused in Cribari. These inspections will cover common area violations throughout The Villages, including the spaces outside individual units, landscape areas, and carports. These inspections are important for keeping our community appealing, safe, and consistent for everyone. The goal is to ensure all common areas are being used correctly and are free of anything that may detract from our community's appearance or functionality. Your support in addressing any potential issues in these spaces beforehand is greatly appreciated.

Understanding Common Areas: Use and Watering

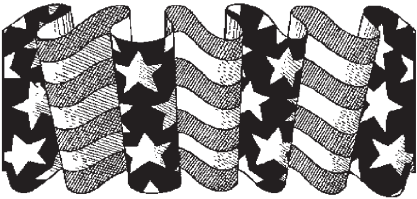
This is a great opportunity to remind everyone about the proper use of our community's common areas. These spaces are designed for the enjoyment of all residents and should remain clean and free of personal items. To ensure they serve their intended purpose, it's important to avoid any obstructions in pathways, entrances, landscape areas, or anything that may affect the community's overall aesthetic.

We all know that maintaining our beautiful common areas and shared amenities comes with a cost. You might be surprised to learn that water is currently the third largest expense for our community. We've recently noticed some residents watering common areas. While we appreciate your care for our community, it's important to understand that this can significantly increase the overall water expenses and, as a result, raise HOA assessments. As a reminder, Section 10.1.1 of the CC&Rs clearly states that no landscaping improvements or maintenance shall be performed by individual members within the Condominium Development, including common areas, unless plans and specifications are submitted and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee and subject to Board oversight. To help manage these costs, we ask that you please be mindful of your water usage. If you identify any irrigation or landscaping issues that require attention, please submit a work order through Public Works at 408-223-4670 or submit a work order at tinyurl.com/workorder-req.

Have questions? Let's connect! Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. You can contact me at communitystandards@the-villages.com or 408-754-1350.

Villages business offices to be closed for Independence Day 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.





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Lithium Ion Battery Recycling Day coming

Sustainability Services will be offering lithium ion battery recycling as a separate recycling event on **Thursday, July 17** from **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** in the Tennis Courts/Administration Building Parking Lot.

Villagers have been requesting this service for several months. Batteries that are used to power cordless power tools, cordless appliances, laptops, tablets, smart phones, alarms, and the like will be accepted for recycling. Please, 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.

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

Bulky Bin service returns in July

Great news – Bulky Bin service is returning! Green Team is providing three dumpsters at the lower driving range parking lot (location change) for disposal of bulk items on **Tuesday to Thursday July 22, 23 and 24**. The bins are available from the time they are delivered on Tuesday, July 22 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.) until they are picked up on Thursday, July 24 (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

Important Reminders:

No dumping of items outside the bins—all items must be placed *inside* the bin and pushed *towards the back*. Improper disposal leads to additional staff labor for refuse cleaning and hazardous waste removal.



Restricted items—The following items are *not allowed* for disposal at these dumpsters: Concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, oil, televisions, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers and other appliances.

Medical waste or hazardous materials such as paint, anti-freeze, motor oil, and pesticides.

E-waste (examples include computers, monitors, chargers, keyboards, printers, laptops, and electrical components).

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

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.

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

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Olivas DAC to meet July 24—new date

There will be an Olivas DAC meeting at **4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24** at Foothill Center. **Note:** this is a new date.

Montgomery DAC to meet August 4

The Montgomery DAC will meet on **Monday, August 4** at **10 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Cribari DAC to meet August 4

The Cribari DAC will meet on Monday, August 4 at 6 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

SRS: More than half of Americans failed this SS quiz

An online poll about Social Security retirement benefits commissioned by MassMutual was conducted in 2024, among 1,500 Americans nearing retirement (age 55-65) who had not yet filed for SS retirement benefits.

Here are the 13 True/False questions in the poll. Check your knowledge and answer the questions below: True or False. The correct answers will be published in the next print Villager in two weeks.

1. True or False: In most cases, if I take benefits before my full retirement age, they will be reduced for early filing.
2. True or False: If I am receiving benefits before my full retirement age and continue to work, my benefits might be reduced based on how much I make.
3. True or False: If I have a spouse, he or she can receive benefits from my record even if he or she has no individual earnings history.
4. True or False: If I have a spouse and he or she passes away, I will receive both my full benefit and my deceased spouse's full benefit.
5. True or False: Generally, if I am in a same-sex marriage, there are different eligibility requirements when it comes to SS retirement benefits.
6. True or False: The money that comes out of my paycheck for SS goes into a specific account for me and remains there, earning interest, until I begin to receive benefits.
7. True or False: If I get divorced, I might be able to collect SS benefits based on my ex-spouse's SS earnings history.
8. True or False: Under current law, SS benefits could be reduced by 20% or more for everyone by 2035.
9. True or False: Under current SS law, full retirement age is 65 no matter when you were born.
10. True or False: If I file for retirement benefits and have dependent children age 18 or younger, they also may qualify for SS benefits.
11. True or False: If I delay taking SS benefits past the age of 70, I will continue to get delayed retirement credit increases each year I wait.
12. True or False: SS retirement benefits are subject to income tax just like withdrawals from a traditional IRA account.
13. True or False: I must be a U.S. citizen to collect SS retirement benefits.

When the results were evaluated five or more incorrect answers was considered a failure. Here are the scores of the 1,500 participants:

Answered 0 incorrect <1%
Answered 1 incorrect 2%
Answered 2 incorrect 7%
Answered 3 incorrect 13%
Answered 4 incorrect 17%
Answered 5 incorrect 20%
Answered 6 or more incorrect 41%

You'll have the correct answers in two weeks. Will you pass or fail?

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

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

Club

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

Upcoming Recycling Events

Upcoming Sustainability Service Events
Check The Villager Online for specific details

Friday, June 27
Household Battery and Light Bulb Recycling
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tennis Court/Administration Parking Lot

Friday, July 11
Household Battery and Light Bulb Recycling
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tennis Court/Administration Parking Lot

Saturday, July 12
E- Waste Event
9 a.m. to noon
Cribari East Parking Lot

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 22-24
Bulky Bin Service
Lower Driving Range Parking Lot (location change)

Thursday, July 17
Lithium Ion Battery Recycling (trial)
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tennis Court/Administration Parking Lot

Friday, July 25
Household Battery and Light Bulb Recycling
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tennis Court/Administration Parking Lot

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COMPASS



Happy 4th of July!
Have a Yankee Doodle Day . . .



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, July 4

11 a.m. Villages 4th of July Event CH
1 p.m. Bridge: 4th of July Games MC
3 p.m. Fourth of July Bocce Bash BC
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, July 5

10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
10 a.m. Ironmen Annual Picnic MC
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ
11 a.m. Bocce Champions Potluck VC

Sunday, July 6

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR
8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A
9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
10 a.m. Community Chapel Worship A
11 a.m. Community Chapel Picnic FC
4 p.m. Fairweather Friends VC

Monday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Nirvana Fitness CR
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
10:30 a.m. Fitness Center Adv. Cmte. F
1 p.m. Stitchery PR
1 p.m. VMA: Matter of Balance SEQ
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. 18-H Women Golf Board SEQ
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
6 p.m. Ital. Murder Mystery Rhrl. PR
6 p.m. Korean Club Singing Group VC
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
9 a.m. Evergreen Tourny Mtg MC
9 a.m. Game Day RED
11 a.m. Barry Stein Event F
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
1 p.m. Bocce Board meeting PR
1 p.m. Study Group: News Junkies SEQ
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3:30 p.m. Catholic Council MC
5 p.m. VMS Board Meeting PR
5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ

Wednesday, July 9

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Yoga A
11:15 a.m. QiGong A
12:30 p.m. 18-H Women Golf Lunch CH
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Chinese Club Tech Talk VC
3:30 p.m. EVF Board meeting PR
5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 A
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, July 10

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi
9 a.m. Pool Advisory Cmte.
9 a.m. Game Day
10 a.m. Comms. Advisory Cmte.
10 a.m. Line Dance Club
10:30 a.m. VMA: Caregiver Support
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness
1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club
2 p.m. Art Open Studio
3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
4 p.m. Study Groups: Arts-Crafts
4:30 p.m. Pickleball Club Board
5 p.m. Firewise: Wildfire Safety
7 p.m. Chinese Club Board
7 p.m. The Villages Folksters

Friday, July 11

7 a.m. Evergreen Invitational CH
8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced A
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
4:30 p.m. Pickleball Dink 'n Drink PC
6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, July 12

7 a.m. Evergreen Invitational CH
8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
9 a.m. E-Waste Event Cribari East Parking Lot
10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10 a.m. Ukulele Sing Along SEQ
1 p.m. Mixed Media Class AR

Sunday, July 13

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR
8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday A
9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
10 a.m. Community Chapel Worship A
1 p.m. Table Tennis Potluck MC
7 p.m. Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite SEQ

Monday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise FC
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Nirvana Fitness CR
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Association Rules Cmte. F
10 a.m. Jewish Community Board PR
10 a.m. Search the Scriptures VC
10 a.m. Study Groups: Canasta SEQ
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
1 p.m. Stitchery PR
1 p.m. VMA: Matter of Balance SEQ
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 FC
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
9 a.m. Assoc. Board Study Session FC
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. VMA: Hearing Life MC
10:30 a.m. Community Chapel Lay Board F
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness VC
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Piano Open Studio SEQ
2:30 p.m. Arts&Craft Exhibit/Art Show CR
5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ
6 p.m. Italian Club Board PR
7 p.m. Camera Club Program VC

Wednesday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise FC
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Yoga FC
11:15 a.m. QiGong FC
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. New Resident Orientation CH
3 p.m. Macintosh Users (VMUG) SEQ
3:30 p.m. Glen Arden DAC FC
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 2 VC
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Line Dance Club FC
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness FC
12:30 p.m. 18-H Women Golf Lunch CH
1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Villages Golf Cmte. (VGC) MC
3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
3 p.m. Senior Academy Board PR
5 p.m. Men Golf Team Play Dinner CH
6 p.m. Democratic Club meeting FC

Friday, July 18

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise FC
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Friday CR
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Line Dance Club-Advanced FC
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Bocce Bash BC
5 p.m. Italian Mystery Dinner CH
5 p.m. Tennis Club: Mixer Tourny TS
6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
7 p.m. Jewish Shabbat FC



Calendar Highlights

Fourth of July Events at the Clubhouse and Bistro

See the schedule of events on the front page for the Independence Day festivities happening all day at the Clubhouse on **Friday, July 4**

VMA Presents: ‘Living with Glaucoma’

Tuesday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to noon in Vineyard Center.

D.A. Jeff Rosen

Guest speaker at the Democratic Club **Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Bluegrass Club Summer Jam

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

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

Events

July 15: Annual Members Juried Show Reception, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Cribari Conference Room

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

July 9: “Card Making” with Mandy Book. Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. \$15 student fee. Members only.

July 11 and 12: “Mixed Media with Figure” with Sandra Jones. Friday and Saturday afternoons, 1 – 4 p.m. All materials furnished, \$100. Open to all Villagers and their guests.

July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, and August 22: “Art Journal Time” with Pat Remington in the Cribari Center Art Room. Fridays, 12:50 – 3:30 pm. Eight different art techniques. Any four classes for \$50, all 8 for \$100. All materials furnished. Members only.

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

July 23: “Gouache Watercolor Workshop” with Jenna Hobbs. Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Cribari Center Art Room. \$70. Jenna will cover materials cost for first 10 to register. Open to all Villagers. Materials list on website www.villagesartandcrafts.org

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler-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 Hike, THURSDAY, July 10 - Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) will lead a hike in Coyote Valley Open Space along the Arrowhead Loop Trail. The trailhead, parking and restroom are located at 550 Palm Ave in Morgan Hill. The trail is 4 miles long with sun and shade, has an elevation gain of about 700 feet, and offers great views of the Coyote Valley and the Diablo Mountain Range. The trail passes grasslands, serpentine rock outcroppings, California Oak/Bay trees and small creeks. Bring hats and water. Afterwards, there is an optional meal stop at Flames Coffee Shop or El Amigo Mexican restaurant, both in Santa Teresa Village. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at **8:30 a.m.** for a 8:45 a.m. departure. Roundtrip mileage is about 26 miles.

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, July 16 - John Zhang (952-200-4113) and Mimi Rong will lead a rambler hike to Wilder Ranch State Park near Santa Cruz. It will be a 3.5 mile walk on a flat sandy path. If you go down to the beach, there will be rocks and steep steps. Hiking shoes and poles are recommended. We will walk by Wilder Beach Lookout, Fern Grotto Beach and Strawberry Beach and back. Each beach has unique rock formations of sharp vertical cliffs and caves formed by erosion. If the sky is blue, and the waves are crashing, the views will be spectacular! Also, we are expecting to see wildlife like sea lions, brown pelicans, pigeon guillemots and seagulls. There should be many photo opportunities! Roundtrip to the Park is about 90 miles. There are 20+ free parking spaces along highway #1 near the entrance. If those are full, there is a parking lot inside the park at \$9 per car. Carpooling is highly recommended. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at **8:30 a.m.** and leave at 8:45.

Rambler, Lite, 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 a.m.

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, July 23 - Gary and Terry Holmquist (408-332-8581) will lead a hike along West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz. We will start at the parking lot for Lighthouse Field and proceed North for about half a mile before heading back to the Wharf. There will be an optional lunch there before returning to our cars. The hike will be approximately 4 miles in length. The drive is about 90 miles round trip. Meet at Cribari at **8:45 a.m.** for a departure at 9 a.m.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

Information and photos from outings are on villagesrvclub.org

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

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 – SOLD OUT—an award-winning, eight-week program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels is brought to you by ComForCare’s CEO Clifford Shaw along with Sheryl Javier. Mondays, **July 7 through August 25 from 1 – 3 p.m.** in Sequoia.

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 who is also 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 Sequoia. Please register online or call 408-238-4029.

ClearCaptions 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 408-238-4029.

Support Groups

Parkinson’s Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson’s. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, July 24 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 – withgracehospice.com – 408-444-5500

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts this monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen, and learn. **Thursday, July 10 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.

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

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 7/7 to 7/13

Monday, July 7
Beef Barley

Tuesday, July 8
Chicken Dumpling

Wednesday, July 9
Italian Wedding Soup

Thursday, July 10
Vegetable Minestrone

Friday, July 11
Clam Chowder

Saturday, July 12
Chef's Choice

Sunday, July 13
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: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!

Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

The Villages Golf & Country Club

A 3% service charge will be applied to all credit card purchases.* This surcharge helps The Villages manage costs associated with credit card transactions more responsibly and fairly.

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

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

Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

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



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

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

Weekly Specials

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 7/8 to Sunday 7/13

Quiche Lorraine: Bacon, Chives, Onions, Gruyere Cheese, Eggs with a Side of Country Potatoes **\$18**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 7/7 to Sunday 7/13— 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Softshell Crab Po'Boy: With Cornmeal Batter, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Pickles, Remoulade Sauce on Turpedo Bread **\$21**

Linguini and Fresh Manila Clams: With Garlic White Wine Sauce, Fresh Parsley and Garlic Bread **\$25**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 7/8 to Sunday 7/13— 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tonkatsu Bento Box: Panko Fried Chicken, Seared Ahi Tuna, Chicken Potstickers, Steamed Rice and Broccoli **\$36**

Vietnamese Shaking Beef: Marinated Angus New York Strip with Soy, Fish Sauce, Lime and Garlic with Side of Tomato Cucumber Salad and Steamed Red Rice **\$32**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

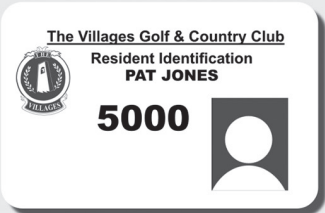
* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



Bring your favorite bottle of wine* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse and enjoy our no-corkage fee offer.
** No corkage will be charged with purchase from the Dinner Menu, Lighter Side, and Entrée items. One-bottle limit per two guests. Standard sized bottles only. This special offer is every Wednesday and Thursday.*

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



Shared table. Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. when you come as a single with your favorite bottle of wine and share your table with another single dining member, the corkage fee is on the house! ** Please see restrictions below.*
Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.
Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!
Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
** Item must be of equal or lesser value.*
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.

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



\$5 House Cocktails
\$5 House Wines
\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.
Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering at: www.clubhouserreservation.com A fast and convenient way to order meals from the Clubhouse—Phone/Tablet/Desktop



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

Monday Night
MAGIC
WITH DAVID MARTINEZ
JULY 7
5:00PM - 7:00PM
IN THE BISTRO

MAGICAL DRINK SPECIALS OFFERED AT THE BAR

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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 \$45
- House salad with balsamic dressing
 - Dinner Rolls & Butter
 - Cilantro Lime Rice
 - Seasoned Black Beans
 - Corn Tortilla
 - Pico De Gallo



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



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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.

Join us at the Pool in July

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 hosting resident while in the pool area. There is no lifeguard on duty. 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 Villages’ aqua classes and lap swimmers. The Foothill Pool and Spa are dedicated to use by adults aged 18 and older at all times. Any adult guests should always be accompanied by the hosting resident while in the pool area.

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

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

On **July 4**, Montgomery Pool’s children’s hours are extended from Noon 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 allowed in the pools.

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

Explore Monterey with guide Gael Gallagher

Date/Time
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Attendant
M. LeGrand

Location
Monterey
Cost
\$180
Reg. Deadline
Monday, September 22 at 4 p.m.



Join us for an unforgettable trip to Monterey featuring an exclusive private tour with Gael Gallagher—renowned as the ultimate tour guide of Monterey and Carmel! With her captivating storytelling and insider knowledge, Gael will bring the area’s rich history and charm to life. After our scenic and engaging tour, we’ll enjoy a delicious lunch at the beautiful Portabella restaurant, known for its elegant ambiance and coastal cuisine. This is a perfect day of discovery, beauty, and relaxation—don’t miss it!

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

Explore history and horticulture at the Luther Burbank Home and Gardens

Date/Time
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Attendant
M. LeGrand

Location
Santa Rosa
Cost
\$151
Reg. Deadline
Monday, Aug. 18 at 4 p.m.

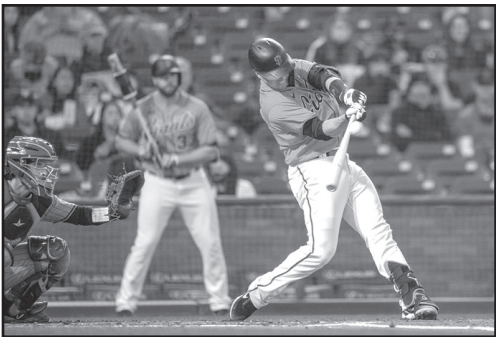
Join us for a relaxing day trip to Luther Burbank Home and Gardens! Explore the beautifully preserved home, greenhouse, and lush gardens of one of America’s most renowned horticulturists. Enjoy a peaceful stroll through vibrant plant displays and learn about Burbank’s incredible legacy. After the tour, we’ll head to Downtown BBQ for a delicious lunch featuring slow-smoked meats and classic sides. After lunch we will visit a local nursery for you to explore and purchase on your own! This is the perfect outing for garden lovers, history buffs, and foodies alike!

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



See SF Giants play Padres

Date/Time
Wednesday, August 13, 10:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Location
San Francisco
Attendant
H. Salazar
Cost
\$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.

Restore balance and vitality with QiGong class

Date/Time
Wed., July 23 - August 27, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Cost
\$80
Instructor
Mariko D.

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

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

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/qigong-7-23 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

Employees are not 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.

Spin, play and win with a day at Graton Casino

Date/Time
Wednesday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Attendant
M. LeGrand



Location
Santa Rosa
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.

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

Date/Time	Location
Tuesdays, July 8 - August 5 Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45	Thursdays, July 10 - August 7 Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45
Cost \$66	Reg. Deadline July 7 at 4 p.m.
Instructor Ted M.	Location Foothill Pool

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

Activity Level: Beginner – Moderate; Advanced – Intense

Register for the 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.



Marine Mammal Center trip sold out—waitlist available

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Friday, July 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Sausalito	\$158
Attendant M. LeGrand	Registration Full but waitlist available	



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.

Trip to see ‘& Juliet’ canceled

The trip to see “& Juliet,” at the Orpheum originally scheduled for July 23, has been canceled due to insufficient registration.

We hope you'll consider joining us for one of our other exciting upcoming trips—and invite a friend to come along!

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time	Location
Wed., July 23 - August 27, 10 to 11 a.m.	Auditorium
Cost \$80	Reg. Deadline July 14 at 4 p.m.
Instructor Mariko D.	

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

Register on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/yoga-7-23 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Join Zumba Gold for fun low-impact dance class

Date/Time	Location
Wed., July 16 - August 27, 5 to 6 p.m.	Conf. Room
Cost \$80	Reg. Deadline July 7 at 4 p.m.
Instructor Elena R.	

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.

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
Cost \$134	Reg. Deadline July 21 at 4 p.m.
Instructor Barbara B.	

Nirvana® fitness combines Yoga and Pilates with mood-enhancing 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.



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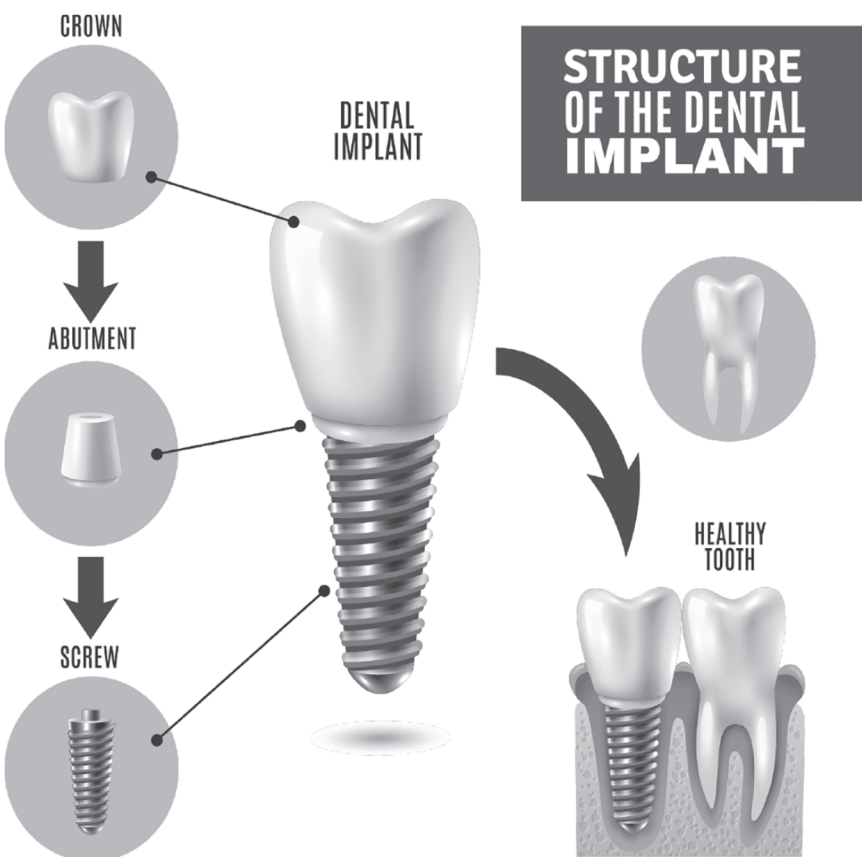
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CLUBS & EVENTS

Artists George and Kristin Rivera to discuss the role of art in photography

The Villages Camera Club is delighted to be hosting a presentation by internationally known artists and educators (and Villagers), George and Kristin Rivera, on how art plays a vital role in photography. The talk will focus on the elements of art composition and how they can help create compelling images. The presentation will take place at the Vineyard Center, **7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15.**

George Rivera, M.A., is the former Executive Director & Senior Curator at the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara. Prior to the Triton, Rivera was the Executive Director & Curator of the San Jose Art League. George has organized and curated over 375 exhibitions and is a nationally and internationally exhibited artist. He is also an Associate Faculty Instructor of Art at Mission College where he has taught multiple genres of art including oils, watercolor, drawing and design.

Kristin Lindseth Rivera is known for her intensely felt sculptures of the interior human landscape. An internationally exhibiting sculptor, printmaker and college art instructor, Kristin's work has been represented in over 250 exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally and is found in private and museum collections throughout the world.

We invite anyone who wants to understand how art applies to the world of photography to attend. If you are not a member of the Camera Club, please contact Sy Gelman at s.gelman@gmail.com to be put on the guest list, or to become a member, dues are only \$30 a year and the education is priceless.

Macintosh Users Group to meet July 16

The Macintosh Users Group will host a hybrid meeting by Zoom and in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center at **3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16.** Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be sent email notices. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.

Take dance trip back in time with '80s Rock and Roll

"The Heart of Rock & Roll" meets summer dancing in Cribari Auditorium on **Mondays in July at 5:30 p.m.**

Huey Lewis & the News, with their simple, straightforward rock and roll, became one of America's most popular pop/rock bands of the mid-'80s. The group was formed in San Francisco and the hit "The Heart of Rock & Roll" peaked at #6 on U.S. Billboard Hot 100. It was also a gigantic hit on MTV (remember that station?).

The VMS Village Dancers' July style of dance is '80s. Dance, socialize and exercise with us every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed. All are welcome. Each month brings a new dance theme, loads of fun and even a few new friends! **Note:** The auditorium will be closed after the **Monday, July 7** class. Please join us at **Foothill Center** for the remainder of July classes (July 14, 21 and 28).

Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers. She can be reached at vms.dancers@gmail.com Please see the Music Society website: <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3>

The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 (annual) membership fee to participants. While the weekly session is free, donations are welcomed.



VMA Afternoon Bingo is calling

VMA Afternoon Bingo is in full swing and we need you. Looking for a fun thing to do to get out of the house? Looking to spend some time with friends, old and new? VMA Afternoon bingo is just what you need! The VMA hosts bingo on the **first Wednesday of every month** at the Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at 3 p.m. and games begin at **3:30 p.m.** Cards are only \$1 each. No need to sign up. Just come in. Bingo caller Mike Ramer adds a little energy and excitement to the games. All money collected goes out in prizes. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided. So bring your good luck and come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of bingo!



Explore a new and different art medium—gouache!



"Little One on the Farm" by Jenna Hobbs

On **Wednesday, July 23**, Jenna Hobbs, artist and high school art teacher, will offer a one-day class from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in a medium new to most of us—gouache! Gouache is opaque watercolor.

Jenna previously provided a demonstration of her skill with gouache to Arts & Crafts members in February. She impressed us all with her landscapes, boats, people, horses, school scenes and home scenes. She will show us the basics and benefits of gouache paint. She will also demonstrate how to consolidate details and articulate light and form with this fast and versatile medium.

Jenna will cover the cost of materials for the first 10 persons who register. The materials list is on our website at villagesart-sandcrafts.org.

Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. This class is open to all Villagers and their guests.

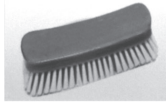
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Sunday, August 10 at Gazebo Park—4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All Villagers are invited to rock out!

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BYOB: Alcohol is permitted

Tickets are \$20. Email cribarisc@gmail.com or text 408-375-1760
or call 408-274-1882.

Please include house number for ticket(s) charge.

Attention residents: Please be informed that all fireworks are prohibited in The Villages. Let's all enjoy a safe, fire-free holiday!

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SUMMER BBQ

Half Rack Baby Back Ribs ★ Smoked Brisket Sandwich ★ Pulled Pork Sandwich

Pesto Chicken Sandwich ★ Chili Hot Dogs ★ Angus Hamburgers



Explore color and creativity in Terri Ford’s pastel classes



Terri Ford, an internationally famous pastelists who lives in The Villages, is offering four classes in pastels to Arts & Crafts members. Her artwork is now on display in Cribari Conference Room.

The first pair of classes will take place **Tuesday and Thursday, July 22 and 24** from **1 to 3:30 p.m.** each day. Participants will work in pastel or the medium of your choice. We will work small. Terri will provide 6x6 and 8x8 paper for everyone. The idea will be to create or experiment with whatever moves you. Bring photos or she will have some available. Or just play with color.

Terri’s intent artistically now is color. It’s all about color. You can do literal things similar to the “3 Trees” painting, or just play with color as in “Deep Dark.” Join Terri for some fun! All of these paintings are 6”x6” and make great gifts!

The second set of classes will be **Tuesday and Thursday, July 29 and 31** from **1 to 3:30 p.m.** In this class we will work larger. Terri will bring 11”x14” paper for everyone. In this pair of classes, we will use what we learned in the first week and apply it to a larger format. Again you can be as wild and abstract as you want or create a literal object with hopefully a little abstraction. Come, have fun, and create something different!

The fee for all four classes is \$75. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. This class is for members only.

VMA’s ‘A Matter of Balance: Fears of Falling Addressed’ class is full

The 8-week class offered by the VMA “A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls” has filled.

You may register for other offerings online at <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club> (by clicking on Register for Programs) or call 408-238-4029.



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18 Hole Women: Viva Las Villages is a Wrap!

The last ball has been hit, the last song has been sung, the last meal has been devoured, and the last award given out. Guests from over 30 golf clubs around the Bay Area just marveled at how much fun the Villages women could add to three days of golf. A special shout out to the decorating team of Myra, Debbie, Pat, and Mary Jo who made every meal in the dining room gorgeous and out did themselves with black and red roses for the awards luncheon. It was also wonderful that over 75% of the 136 participants won cash or prizes. There was something for everyone...long drives, accurate drives, soaring fairway shots, perfect chips, great putting, and smart golf strategies mixed with a bit of Vegas good luck, which led to happy shouts all around.



Putting contest Patti Bell and Tamara Ursenbach

And the winners were:
Horserace Winners - Suk Pau and Jane Lee
Putting Contest - Patti Bell and Tamara Ursenbach
Flight Four – Queen of the Slots
Low Net - Pat Sear, Sherry Britt, Karen Davidson and Chris Honda
Low Gross - Judy Frey, Kathy Ross, Kathy Kyne and Kersti Bronk
Flight Three - The Blackjack Bandits
Low Net - Betty Sharps, Joyce Yoshioka, Eileen Parks and Leanne Damiani
Low Gross - Kitty Ohtaka, Hiroko Takahashi, Emily Li and Pammy Kapoor
Flight Two - High Rollers
Low Net - Judy Owen, Betty Anne Cassell, Cindy Fuller and Georgianne Stephen
Low Gross - In Kim, Susan Anderson, Jee Bee Sim and Connie Kim
Flight One - The Poker Aces
Low Net - Michelle Chung, Ellen Kim, Hanhi Min and Eunice Choi
Low Gross - Kerry Bushmen, Shelia High, Loanne Rube and Meredith Ross
Tournament Champions - Low Net - Gisele Barber, Amy Sechrist, Diana Hallock and April Gilley



Viva Las Villages Tournament Champions
Gisele Barber, Amy Sechrist, April Gilley and Diana Hallock



Flight One Low Gross winners Loanne Rube, Kerry Bushmen, Meredith Ross, Shelia Highe



Flight One Low Net winners Ellen Kim, Nikki Choi, Michelle Chung and Hanhi Min



Flight Two Low Gross winners Susan Anderson, In Kim, Jee Mee Sim and Connie Kim



Flight Two Low Net winners Cindy Fuller, Georgianne Stephen, Betty Anne Cassell and Judy Owen



Flight Three Low Gross winners Hiroko Takahashi, Kitty Ohtaka, Emily Li and Pammy Kapoor



Flight Three Low Net winners Betty Sharps, Eileen Parks, Joyce Yoshioka, and Leanne Damiani



Flight Four Low Gross winners Judy Frey, Cathy Ross, Kathy Kyne and Kersti Bronk



Flight Four Low Net winners Karen Davidson, Chris Honda, Pat Sear, and Sherry Britt



Horse Race Winners Suk Pau (far left) and Jane Lee (far right)

More CLUBS

Join Saturday Sing-along for music and friendship



The Saturday Sing-along play-along 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.

Bluegrass Music Club to host summer jam

The Bluegrass Music Club will hold its summer jam on **Sunday, August 3** at Foothill Center from **2 to 3:30 p.m.** All Villagers and their guests are welcome. This event is *free*! The jam will be led by the Scotch Creek Band, a Villages based Bluegrass band. We will be playing Bluegrass, vintage country, and gospel music. You are invited to bring your acoustic instruments (no electrics please) to play along with the band, sing, or just sit back and enjoy an afternoon of music. I do hope you can join us.



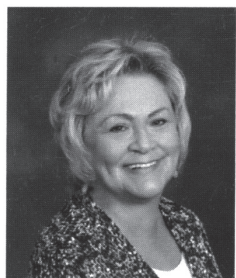
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D.A. Jeff Rosen to speak at Foothill Center

The recent deployment of the National Guard and U.S. Marines onto the streets of Los Angeles—over the objections of our Governor and the Mayor—raises questions about what might lie ahead for communities here in the Bay Area.

Santa Clara District Attorney Jeff Rosen has committed to using the law as a tool for justice—promoting fairness, reducing crime, and helping individuals reintegrate as productive members of society. What can local leaders like D.A. Rosen do to help protect constitutional freedoms?

You're invited to hear directly from our DA Jeff Rosen as he shares insights and discusses what we can expect moving forward on **Thursday, July 17** at **7 p.m.** at Foothill Center. Please register in advance at VillagesDemClub.com.

Join us for this important conversation about our rights, our community, and the road ahead.

Join LSAL Fitness club and move for a stronger, healthier back

Tired of stiffness or back aches? Looking to move with more ease and confidence? Join our Walking/Chair Dancing Exercise Class for a fun, low-impact way to help strengthen your back, improve posture, and boost energy. Whether you're walking or dancing in your seat, every step supports a flexible, functional spine and a happier, healthier you. Join LSAL Fitness Club today. Feel stronger, stay independent and walk/dance your way to wellness. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*—Sign up in class!



Sign up for VMA Presents: 'Living with Glaucoma'

On, come to the Vineyard Center as shine light on "Living with Glaucoma" with Board-Certified Glaucoma Specialist Rajvi Mehta, M.D.

Over 4.22 million people in the U.S. have glaucoma, the eye disease that causes loss of sight by damaging the optic nerve. Called the "silent thief of sight," many experience shock and fear hearing the diagnosis. On **Tuesday, July 22** from **11 a.m. to noon**, Dr. Rajvi Mehta, a Board-Certified Glaucoma Specialist associated with the Palo Alto Eye Group, will present, "**Living with Glaucoma.**" In her hour-long interactive talk, Dr. Mehta will cover:

- What is Glaucoma
- Who is at risk of developing Glaucoma
- Traditional treatment options
- Role of diet and exercise
- Role of alternative medicines
- Emotional aspect of living with glaucoma

Often those diagnosed with glaucoma experience disability, loss of independence, and decline in overall health and well-being. To allay patients' fears of the future, Dr. Mehta strives to listen, to offer the time needed to explain treatment, and to provide hope.

Dr. Mehta is experienced in complex cataract surgery and glaucoma surgery. Dr. Mehta graduated from Brown University with a degree in biochemistry. From there she completed her residency training in Ophthalmology at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary. For her subspecialty training in glaucoma, she returned to Duke University in North Carolina for a clinical fellowship at the Duke Eye Center.

Experience goodness and hope even when the future may appear dark with glaucoma. Come learn how best to be "Living with Glaucoma" on July 22 at Vineyard Center.

To register for "Living with Glaucoma," online, visit <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club> and click on "Program registration." Or call the VMA office at 408-238-4029.



Dr. Rajvi Mehta, MD

VMA Presents: 'See What Your Phone Caller Says'

"Sorry, could you repeat that number?" Try as you might, you miss numbers, dates, and messages in your phone calls. On **Tuesday, July 29** at **11 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room, Elli Tehrani, a specialist for ClearCaptions wants to treat you to pizza, and let you know about a free service for those who qualify: real-time captioning as you speak on the telephone. With this feature on your cell and home phone, you can:

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

In short in real time, you will see what you and say and your caller says. You will also have an emergency weather alert system from FEMA. And you may qualify for a free phone.

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

Join Elli Tehrani to learn more about ClearCaptions and enjoy pizza on July 29.

Elli needs to know how many pizzas to order. To register for this event online, visit <https://vma-villages.vgcc.club> and click on "Program registration." Or call the VMA office at 408-238-4029.

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	Contact: Kathy Schlosser	408-677-4770
Sunday	10 a.m. Community Chapel	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Hope does not disappoint’

By Patricia Galli

In this week which we celebrate freedom we may be aware of situations in our world, in our country and maybe even our own personal lives that bring us confusion and sadness. We might want to wonder, “What’s it all about...” However, at times the chaos is too deep and complex to look for a solution. We can at least stay present to what we are experiencing.

As a depiction of that you could look to the symbolic. One version that could be considered is that of the film, “The Mission.” This is a 1986 British drama of 18th century missionaries in South America (available on several streaming platforms). The tribal peoples are in an impossible position. Several characters find themselves in great moral dilemma. But the closing scenes do not seem to resolve the situation in any logical way. Instead, the people face the chaos and oppression with a non-violent presence. They do not run or fight but stand holding the symbol of the eternal sun and (because this is a movie) accompanied by a beautiful haunting melody that grips the depth of our souls.

Sometimes remaining present, avoiding denial and holding fast to what moves us the most deeply is what is required. This is the path to peace, hope and eventually joy.

Pope Leo visited Chicago via technology recently. He spoke of how hope is the answer. Hope allows us to stay present. We stay present not waiting for disaster but for peace. He suggests we get in touch with our own hearts and recognize that the goodness of God can work in our lives, through our lives and through us reach out to others. “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5) We stay present in love and peace, reaching in hope for the peace that surpasses all understanding, in the midst of the chaos and confusion.

Help Catholic Community bring hope to those in need

As we attempt to bring hope, the Villages Catholic Community is currently participating in two ways:

1. We will be making sandwiches on the second Monday of each month for distribution to a location in downtown San Jose. This location accepts food for those who are in need. We are making these sandwiches at the home of a member of our community. If you are interested in helping, please call Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325, and leave a message if asked.
2. July is back to school month for collecting backpacks and school supplies for youth in need. (No red or blue backpacks). You may bring your contribution to the 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass on Sunday at the Cribari Auditorium or call Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325 for further information, including pickup and drop-off options.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., July 14 at Vineyard**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Embracing Change for the Better’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

How often have you heard, “If it isn’t broke... why fix it?” First, is change essential, and if so, how important is it? Yes, all of us must welcome change. Change happens gently or abruptly from the womb until we leave this life. Everyday living reminds us that when we make plans, something comes up to redirect us...like a phone call. The room that once sparkled with overhead lighting bouncing off the walls, now dim as the dust settles gently on the bulbs dulling the once brilliant glow! It’s often unnoticeable as the room’s light becomes slightly less brilliant.

Things may not be broken or need repair, but maintaining the functionality of their design and purpose is necessary. It would be astounding to list all the changes that we have had to make in our lives until this present day. Some changes we gladly made for the better, and others we struggle to change, even today.

As much as we would like our HOA fees to go down and stay down, that will not happen. So, some things we have become attached to may have to be minimized or eliminated. Yes, I know that you enjoy those things (whatever they are) that you willingly say, “Oh to die for!” Let’s get serious; those are momentary joys... like a hole-in-one!

When it comes to breaking those deep, habitual, and unproductive habits, change must originate within a person’s soul. God’s transforming grace allows a person to recognize the greatest result for personal change. Many people want to change but lack the heart to sacrifice and discipline.

I thought about my life as a young person, desiring not to repeat my father’s legacy of running away from commitment during difficult times. As much as I wanted to be different from him, I developed habits that were taking me away from what my soul desired. It had become easier to give in to the weakness of my will than to resist and pursue what my soul desired.

It wasn’t until I humbly asked God to help me break free of the things holding me back and apply discipline that real change happened. There could be no change without the discipline of the mind, spirit, and body to achieve my goals.

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ {is, grafted in, joined to Him faith in Him as Savior}, he is a new creature {reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit}; the old things {the previous moral and spiritual condition} have passed away. Behold, new things have come {because spiritual awakening brings a new life}.*

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

During hot weather, take care to avoid heat stress

If you are 65 years of age or older, it becomes more important to avoid heat stress during periods of hot weather. Since elderly people do not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in the weather, it is important to take precautions to avoid pushing the body past its stress limit.

Older, at-risk adults should be visited twice a day and monitored for signs of heat exhaustion. If they do not have air conditioning in their homes, then they should be taken to air-conditioned locations—at the very least, they should have a fan.

To prevent heat stress or heat stroke, which occurs when the body becomes unable to regulate its own temperature, 1.) drink cool, non-alcoholic, non-cafeinated beverages (unless your water intake is being regulated by a doctor—if that is the case, follow the doctor’s directions). 2.) make sure to rest during hot periods. 3.) cool off by taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath. 4.) remain indoors during the hottest part of the day, if possible stay in an air-conditioned environment. 5.) wear lightweight clothing. 6.) do not engage in strenuous activities.

Heat exhaustion can develop over several days of exposure to hot weather if the body is unable to replace lost fluids.

The symptoms of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting, moist or even cool skin, a fast and

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SPORTS NEWS

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

One last round for the Pinseekers year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Since our competitive season ended on June 13, this week’s round was purely for fun and spending time with friends. Again, the temperature climbed higher than we had hoped, no players suffered; in fact, a couple of us had our best score since early Spring.

We had only six members start at hole number one; by the end of our round, two did not turn in a card, opting to withdraw at the ninth tee, due to other obligations. And then there were four. This days Low net score was, Walter Lucas, Net 31, 16 putts including TWO zero putts; second spot went to Will Ector, with a Net 34, Will came in with 15 putts, including four one putts; finishing third, Jim White, Net 37, and 21 putts, one lost ball, and a 60 yard chip shot on hole number one that carried about 75 yards and rolled another twenty feet, five feet off the back of the green, not a spectacular start, though I have done worse, but not much. (smiley face!) Finishing fourth and having fun, Mario Silva with a Net 41, despite having only 15 putts. Combining Jim and Mario’s scores on a low net by hole basis, we would have still come in with a Net 35, not good enough to catch Will or Walter.

The Pinseekers will not be playing on July 4 or 11. We will begin our 2025-2026 competitive golf on July 18. From then until the end of 2025, weather permitting, we will play every Friday except September 26, our Fall membership meeting and couples potluck; November 28, Crazy Shopping Day; and December 26, Boxing Day for those having roots in the UK. For the entire season the first group tee time is the first slot following 11:30 a.m. This time and the following three slots are reserved for the Pinseekers. That gives us tee times for 16 players. Should we regain our rhythm and fill all our slots with some regularity, the Pro shop has indicated that they are amenable to returning our fifth slot. We need to earn it.

If you enjoy golf but don’t want to fill another day of the week with four hours on the course, or if you are new to the game, haven’t played for a while and just want to have fun with a bunch of really nice guys, speak to any of our members, ask in the pro shop, or send me an email to whit3744@pacbell.net (Jim White.) I promise. I would be happy to chat and give you information about our club. We are the Pinseekers, but our official name is “Men’s Nine Hole Long Course Club.”

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen and Nancy Domingo

Mark your calendars! Our next exciting event is the Friday Night Tennis Mixer and Dinner on **Friday, July 18, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Gail and Mike Tuft are leading the event and have planned a fun evening designed for you to meet and play with fellow club members. The format will be a Razzle Dazzle Mixer, where players will be grouped into A or B flights based on skill level—everyone is welcome! Watch your email for registration instructions coming soon.

After tennis, Nancy Domingo and her food committee will treat you to a delicious Taco Bar, including:

- A variety of meats, plus a vegetarian Impossible Burger option
- Classic taco fixings: salsa, shredded lettuce, cheese, sour cream, etc.
- Fresh salads, ice cream, and drinks

The cost is \$20 per person. All proceeds go to the Tennis Club General Fund.

Bonus Tennis Action! Come cheer on our Villages Men’s USTA 55+ 7.0 team as they compete in sectionals at the Marin Tennis Club on Friday, July 11. Match times: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m. Let’s show our support. Go Villagers!



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.

BOCCE NEWS

By Betty Hall

The Bocce Club started off June with an amazing steak cookout and finished up the month with a tournament and ice cream social.

On June 7, 130 Bocce Club members and guests gathered in Gazebo Park to feast on ribeye steaks, cooked to perfection and the sides. The social director, Barb Orlando and her crew put together a great spread. There was no special oc-



What a great afternoon. Delicious food, homemade desserts, music by DJ Ed Knott and socializing with friends. June 25 was the culmination of a six-week battle between 36 teams. It came down to a tiebreaker roll-off between three teams the weekend before and after games on Monday and Tuesday we had a Wednesday battle royal for champion.

What a fantastic finish to a great season! The Spring Round Robin Play-offs wrapped up with a thrilling finale as Game of Throws faced off against The Goombahs in a competitive, high-energy match.



Spring Round Robin winners, The Game of Throws. Kerry Besmehn, Tina Parsley, Todd Horvatich, Daniel Martinez, Tina Hunt, Andy Altman, Espie Martinez and Tom Hunt.



casian, just a chuck wagon together. See the picture of our “grillmasters” Jeff Rose, Tom Hunt with our down-home social director, Barb Orlando. There was also a cookie contest with a cash prize. The contest was won by Jeff Rose. (That’s him in the apron and cowboy hat.) And the cookies were dessert. Delicious.



Spring Round Robin second place winners, The Goombahs. Tim Robinson, Kathleen Pennington, Roy Pennington, Lonna O’Connor, Betty Mora, Tony Mora, Marge Pritchard and Bob Pritchard.

Both teams brought their A-game, trading points and strategy in a back-and-forth battle that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. In the end, Game of Throws pulled ahead to clinch the win, 17–12, earning well-deserved bragging rights and a place in bocce glory.

A big congratulations to Game of Throws, and hats off to The Goombahs for an incredible run and great sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

And then everybody got ice cream. Next up is the Summer Gals and Guys tournament starting July 14. More information about registering and more pictures can be found on the bocce website, villagesbocce.vgcc.club

MEN’S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

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 – first and second rounds

September 20-21 Club Championship – third round and fourth Finals Championship flight

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

- 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.

Golf Thoughts: On the 4th of July

I was trying to hit a 150-yard shot over some trees on the second hole, last 4th of July, and I pushed the ball left, right into the trees I was trying to hit over. I saw it hit high into the trees but I never saw it come down. My stepdad was watching from his cart, and said he knew the area where it came down.

He and I start searching the area for a few minutes, and he finally spots a ball even further left than we originally thought. As I’m walking over to him and the ball about to hit, I asked him what kind of ball it was. He picked it up and said it’s an “oh-po” brand ball. I angrily turned around because I was not playing an “oh-po” ball, so I took a drop near the tree I originally hit. Then, on the 11th tee box, my stepdad looked at my ball and asked me, “You picked up that oh-po ball from earlier?” I said “No, I’ve been playing Nike Mojos all round.”



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 **August 5, 2025**. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

Have you logged into the Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club website recently? What are you waiting for... you’re really missing out. Visit our website at 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.

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Tuesday, June 24 finally arrived. This year the Shonis hosted the annual mixer with the Swingers on the Par 3 course. We had two tee times, 8:30 and 10 a.m. This gave us a very full course of 72 golfers. I don’t think I’ve ever seen so much activity on the Par 3 at the same time.

After the groups finished golfing, we enjoyed a luncheon in the Fairway room coordinated by our social coordinator, Sabrina Kupperberg. It certainly appeared that everybody showed up as the room was full.

At this time, I, as the Shoni Captain, awarded cash prizes for lowest grosses, individual and team as well as closest to the pin and birdies. There were also some give-away gifts to thank everyone for playing. A fun time was had by all.



At left: Pretty in pink—8:30 a.m. tee time team gross winners, Marty Blinde (Shoni), Sue Park (Swinger), Teddy Morse (Shoni) and Jini Kang (Swinger). At right: The 10 a.m. low gross team, Joyce Baptiste and Judy Rogers (Shonis) with Geri Wilk and Susan Anderson (Swingers).



At left: Low gross Individual winners, 8:30 a.m. Leslie Ingham and 10 a.m. Tricia Hardt (both Shonis). At right: Low gross Individual Swingers, both 8:30 and 10 a.m. Carol Zaccheo, Kathleen Holt, Sue Park, Susan Anderson and Marky Olsen.

18 HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

Summer has brought wonderful weather and fantastic golf. Team Play, an opportunity for our members to play at other courses, is off to a great start. The Valley League team, led by Gloria Landry and Kathy Apgar, played at Silver Creek on June 4 and at Crazy Horse June 26. This is a new course for the Valley League. Our players enjoyed the day and won the most team points! Kitty Ohtaka and Chris Leisy won the most points with 13.5. The next Valley League event is at Almaden with Coyote Creek and Half Moon Bay to follow. The Villages will host Valley League on August 25, the final day for the season. Silicon Valley League is led by Judy Owen and has played three matches at Boulder Ridge, San Jose CC, and La Rinconada. The Villages will host Silicon Valley on July 21. Finally, the Mid-Penn League is led by Janis LeCompte who is also our liaison to the Villages Golf Committee. Mid-Penn has played Boulder Ridge and at the Villages. Their next match is July 15 at Stanford. As you can see, our ladies really get around. If you are new to the 18 Hole Women’s club, ask about Team Play! It is certainly one of the best opportunities to play many Bay Area courses and to get to know other golfers.

June 26 was a great round for Janis LeCompte and Kathleen Holt who both shot birdies. The Chip-In pot was shared by Gloria Landry and Suzanne Fazzio. It was also wonderful to see many of our members at the Friday Night, Twilight Nine and Dine. Come One, Come All set the tone for the circus theme. The next Twilight will be Friday, July 25 with signups starting Thursday, July 11. Any Villager with a GHIN number can play so put your foursome together and call the Pro Shop on July 11.

A reminder: our club will play on **Wednesday, July 9** to let the 18 Hole Men have the course for their Evergreen Invitational on July 10-12. Thanks to all the men who volunteered at our Invitational... we are eager to return the favor.



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WOMEN’S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

Our regular Tuesday play day was smaller than normal as many ladies played in one of the two shotguns on the short course. Those that played the long nine had a great time and won some money. Well done ladies.

Flight One winners included Liwan Ma, Bock Kim, Barbara Weisend and Carleen Corsello.

Flight Two winners were Nancy Dawn, Nancy Carson, Cookie Hales and Diane Chaisson.

June is ending with so many fun events that have left me pondering so many things. Several years ago, when we moved to The Villages, there were three distinct golf groups supporting the various levels of women’s golf, from beginners to more experienced golfers, from groups that wanted to play a quick 9 and go home to those who spent four hours golfing followed by lunch and friendship. Today through the effort and foresight of several women across all groups we have melded into three very inclusive groups. This week we had a very successful Women’s Invitational, chaired by Mazie Rice, with participants from both the 18 and the 9-hole women’s clubs followed by an amazing event hosted by the Shonis—thank you, Betty Hall—with players from all three golf groups playing together and enjoying an amazing lunch. Inclusion is a wonderful thing bringing our community together and it would not happen without the efforts of many volunteers from all three groups. Remember as you enjoy the events yet to come that it takes many hours of time, by many selfless people, to make this happen. Let’s celebrate these women, congratulate them on a job well done and join them by volunteering your time and energy to continue the progress we have made. It takes a *Village*.

Remember to mark your calendars for the exchanges coming up as well as twilight golf and our regular Tuesday play.

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

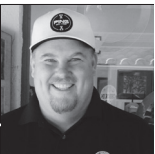


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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

4th Of July Celebration—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 Pro Shop. 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 Pro Shop. Tee Times will start at 7 a.m.

July Golf Schedule

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.

2025 Men’s Evergreen Invitational in July

Thursday, July 10 – Horserace 3 p.m. – Last available tee Time on the 18-Hole Course is 12 p.m.

Friday, July 11 – Evergreen Day 1 – 18-Hole Course *closed all day* – Driving Range *closed* until 11 a.m.

Saturday, July 12 – Evergreen day 2 – 18-Hole Course *closed* until 4 p.m. – Driving Range *closed* until 11 a.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 July 1 – Contact Mary Wagle at marylwagle@gmail.com or (408) 829-4021. **Let’s have some fun!**

Taylor Made Fitting Day - Friday, April 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Tips from the Pro—Uphill Battle

Playing uphill lies out of the greenside bunkers can be a challenge. With the awkward lie, stance and being in the sand, it can make for a difficult situation and hitting it thin and fat can be the result.

Follow these SIX tips and see if your uphill bunker shot results improve.

1. Position the ball back towards the middle of your stance
2. Tilt your right shoulder down so that your shoulders are parallel to the uphill slope (left shoulder for left-handed golfers)
3. Assume a nice wide stance so that you keep your balance.
4. Your weight will be back, more on your rear foot.
5. Throw the clubhead through impact, meaning let the clubhead pass your hands. You want to feel like the shaft is leaning back at impact. Forward shaft lean is *not* good for this particular shot. This is the hardest thing to accomplish as in most shots we are seeking forward shaft lean.
6. Don’t worry about a long follow through as with the uphill lie the follow through will naturally be abbreviated.

Let us know if these tips help... **To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

PICKLEBALL

Keep the Pickleball Ball Machine running smoothly—what you need to know

Did you know The Villages Pickleball Club is fortunate to have its own pickleball ball machine—an excellent tool for improving your skills and technique? It’s available on Court 1, with designated times and a reservation process through the YourCourts system. Before using it, you’ll need to complete a brief training and be issued a key to the equipment shed. For full details, visit: <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/ball-machine-information/>.

As many of you know, Larry Rosene is the go-to person for maintaining our club’s pickleball ball machine, and we’re incredibly grateful for the time and care he puts into keeping it in top shape. During recent repairs, Larry made several valuable observations that all users should be aware of.

The SimonX machine has been serving the club for a couple of years, and like any high-use equipment, it requires regular attention. To minimize wear and downtime, here’s what you need to know before, during, and after each use.

Maintenance & Upgrades—The SimonX requires monthly maintenance, and thanks to experience over time, there’s now a better understanding of what it takes to keep the machine operating efficiently—and what new users need to know to avoid common issues.

Several improvements have already been made:

- A heavy-duty power cord has replaced the damaged original.
- The transformer has been securely mounted to prevent movement.
- Exterior cabling has been rerouted, and a simple winding system was added for proper cord storage.

These upgrades have helped eliminate earlier power supply problems.

To help avoid future delays, a list of commonly replaced parts has been submitted to the manufacturer, and pricing is pending. Once spares are stocked, turnaround on repairs will be much quicker.

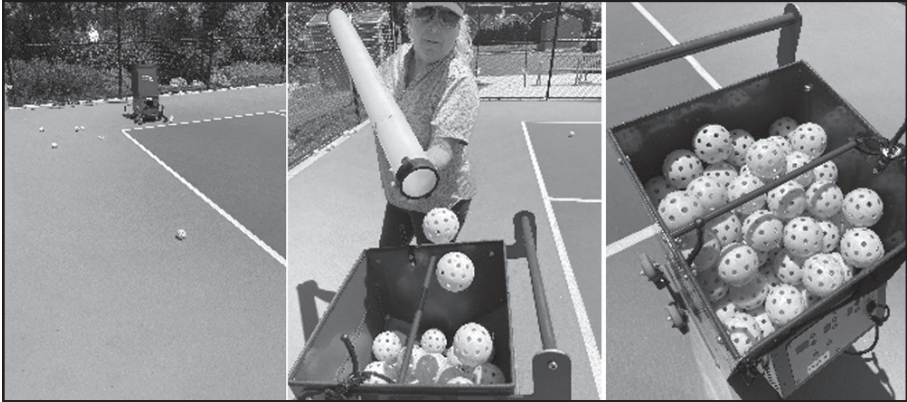
Common Causes of Problems—The SimonX is used by a wide range of players. Problems typically arise due to:

- Frequent relocation between the storage shed and the court, especially when the machine isn’t moved gently
- Heavy, regular usage that causes expected wear and tear
- Misuse or forgetfulness, especially by users unfamiliar with proper operation
- Moisture exposure, which is particularly damaging to internal components

Do’s and Don’ts: Help the SimonX Last

DO:

- Unplug the machine by the plug, not by yanking on the cord.
- Set the machine down gently after tipping it to move—don’t let it drop.
- Keep the power cord clear of foot traffic and avoid setting the machine down on it.
- If a ball gets stuck in the exit chute or carousel:
 - o Turn the machine off immediately.
 - o Remove the ball gently. You may need to move or remove other balls to access it.
 - o Discard damaged balls, as they interfere with performance and can cause jams.
- Use the ball tube to pick up your balls.



- Keep our shed looking clean and don’t store boxes or personal items in the shed. Be sure to replace the ball tubes on the hooks inside by the door.

DON’T:

- Don’t use the machine in rain or on damp courts.

Wet balls track moisture into the machine and damage its internal components.

- Don’t ignore abnormal sounds (e.g., groaning). That usually means something’s stuck. Power off and investigate.
- Don’t leave issues unresolved. If the machine malfunctions, or you can’t clear a jam, report it right away.

The SimonX is a shared piece of equipment that benefits everyone—when it’s working. Please treat it with care and follow these simple steps to ensure it stays in top shape for as long as possible.

If you see something that needs attention, or if you’re unsure about how to handle an issue, contact Larry Rosene, Keeper and Maintainer of the Ball Machine at 408-590-0376 or larosene@comcast.net



IRONMEN

By Jerry Juracich

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

On Thursday, June 26, 2025, 13 Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf.

Dave Hathaway and Mario Silva tied for third place with net 27s. Sang Nam won second place with a net 26. And Walter Lucas won first place with a 4 under par net 23!

There were two birdies today: one by Sang Nam on hole 8 and the other by Jim White on hole 9.

Sang Nam won low gross with a score of 29.

Walter Lucas won closest to the flag on hole 3 at 25 feet 9 inches.

“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 pressure-free 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.

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.

VMA offers tech house calls



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

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

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

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Monday, June 23: 1. Ed Logg - Hank Koransky 2. Jonna Robinson 2. Lorrie Scott – Hanhhi Min 3. Jan Kiernan – Sumi Minami

Wednesday, June 25: 1. Hank Koransky – Jane Michaels 2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson 3. Barbara Waldman – Mel Waldman

Friday, June 27: 1. Mary LeGrand – Louann Partridge 2. George Welch – Hanhi Min 3. Hank Koransky – Guest

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, June 25

Kit Hultquist	212
Bev Waller-Wharton	255
Maribeth Berlie	287
Sandy Gardiner	338

Friday, June 27

Bonnie Barrett	183
Shirley Bellavance	244
Remy Pessah	287
Maribeth Berlie	303



18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, June 26

Flight One

Low Gross: Ann Bassford 86
Low Net: Kathleen Holt 68

Flight Two

Low Gross: Gisele Barber 98
Low Net: Jeeme Sim 72

Flight Three

Low Gross: Karen Davidsen 105
Low Net: Kathy Kyne 73

2 Tees Flight One

Low Gross: Gail Tuft 93
Low Net: Jean Shimada 72
2nd Low Net: Vivian Brown 74
3rd Low Net: Gloria Landry 74

2 Tees Flight Two

Low Gross: Patti Bell 103
Low Net: Jan Kiernan 70
2nd Low Net: Emily Li 71
3rd Low Net: Gwen Bindon 77

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

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

•Pest Control

- Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Village Cribari, Village Fairways, Village Verano will occur on 7/7.
- (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))
- For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact 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 Bella Vista 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. Bella Vista 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 contractor completed the repairs on the first 39 decks.
 - GB Group is currently performing the deck repairs, pressure washing and coating this week on the following units: 8720, 8721, 8722, 8723, 8724, 8725, 8726, 8727, 8728, 8729, 8731,8732, 8733, 8740, 8741, 8744, 8745, 8746, 8747, 8748, 8763 & 8767.
 - 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.

Club Maintenance

- **There’s cows in “them thar hills!”**—The Villages will have cattle on site from June 16 through November 2025. The cows will be grazing in the hill lands 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 cattle with your eyes and from a distance. Do not attempt to approach or interact with the animals.
- Always keep dogs on leashes where cows may be grazing.
- Cattle 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.

Call before you get out the hose

Do you see areas of the landscape that might need more water? Before you decide to reach for your hose and water the landscape yourself, please contact Public Works and request a work order. There may be something wrong with the irrigation system, and you may have stumbled upon something before we did. Your quick action to notify us will not only help us resolve the matter more quickly, but it will also help save you and the association money.

Work orders may be submitted through the member portal at <https://tinyurl.com/workorder-req>, or by calling the Public Works office at 408-223-4670.

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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.

Avoid heat stress...

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weak pulse rate and fast and shallow breathing.

Heat stroke, the most serious heat-related illness, may be the result of a long period of heat stress or may come quickly if the person is exposed to extreme temperatures. Heat stroke occurs when the body loses its ability to sweat and is unable to cool down. Body temperatures may rise to 106-degrees or higher within ten to 15 minutes. Untreated heat stroke is likely to result in death or permanent disability if not treated immediately.

The symptoms of heat stroke include a very high body temperature (above 103-degrees F), reddened, hot and dry skin (no sweating), a rapid and strong pulse, a throbbing headache, dizziness and nausea.

What do you do if you see someone with severe heat stress?

Act quickly because you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. First call 911 for immediate medical assistance, then call Public Safety at 223-4665 while you begin cooling the person off.

If you are outdoors get the person to a shady area. Cool the person rapidly, using whatever means you can—provide a cool bath or shower, spray the person with cool water from a hose or wrap the person in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously. Monitor the person’s body temperature and continue cooling efforts until body temperature drops below 101-degrees F. If emergency personnel are delayed, call a hospital emergency room for further instructions. Do not give the person any alcoholic beverages—water is best. Above all, get medical assistance as soon as possible.

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.



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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Our latest recommendations:

"Daughters of the Bamboo Grove" by Barbara Demick.
Non-fiction. Publisher's description: "On a warm day in September 2000, a woman named Zanhua gave birth to twin girls in a small hut behind her brother's home in China's Hunan province. The twins, Fangfang and Shuangjie, were welcome additions to her family but also not her first children. Living under the shadow of China's notorious one-child policy, Zanhua and her husband decided to leave one twin in the care of relatives, hoping each toddler on their own might stay under the radar. But, in 2002, Fangfang was violently snatched away. The family worried they would never see her again, but they didn't imagine she could be sent as far as the United States. She might as well have been sent to another world."

"Happy Wife" by Meredith Lavender and Kendall Shores:
Publisher's description: "Nora Davies doesn't exactly fit in to Winter Park, Florida, where old-guard Floridians mix with the tax-fleeing coastal elite. 28 and barely making ends meet working at a country club, Nora feels like she's going nowhere fast. Enter Will Somerset: a prominent 46-year-old lawyer, father to a teenage daughter, and recently divorced. The two set Winter Park's social scene agog when they fall in love and marry after a whirlwind Cinderella-style courtship. But Winter Park is fully upended when Will disappears the morning after a birthday bash Nora throws for him. Going back and forth between Nora and Will's romance and the search in the wake of Will's mysterious disappearance, Nora must answer the question from all angles: Where. Is. Will?"

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Phyllis and John Mueller recently returned home from a 33-day cruise on the *Silver Shadow* owned by Silverseas. They cruised from San Diego to New York through the Caribbean.

One of the ports they visited was Saint Barts, an island discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and named for his brother Barthe'lemy. The island was occupied by the French from 1648 until 1784 when it was sold to Sweden. It was returned to France in 1877.

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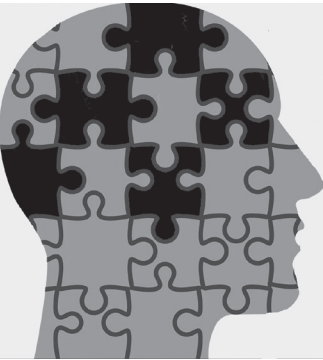
Far left photo: Riding a Tuk-Tuk in the Dominican Republic.

Above: Phyllis and John with a spectacular view of Gustavia.

Below: The Muellers in Samana.



The PUZ-LER



Last week we had to decide just how much of a rope ladder on side of a boat here in Hermosa was under water when the tide came in. I caught a couple of you sneaking around the lake in the middle of the night taking measurements. Not fair. Anyway, because the rope ladder is attached to the boat and the boat raises as the tide comes in the rope ladder will always be resting right on top of the water. And those who knew that are Jim Livingstone, Bill Tibbs, Judy Bushey, Janet Mize, Neda Dorjath, Lorrie Scott, Peter Groot, Fred Mathis and Jim Ware. Good going!

So much for the boat ladder and on to billiard balls: You have seven billiard balls. They all look the same, feel the same and for all intensive purposes they are the same. Except that one of them weighs less than the others. By using a balance scale only twice can you identify that one ball that weighs less?

Think you got me this time then write your answer in an email and send it to me, Mike Bailey, put “puzzle” in the subject line and be sure to include your first and last name.

Thought for the day: There was a big paddle sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

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Wed., July 30	Bistro	Luke Westbrook	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

August			
Thurs., August 14	Bistro	Luke Westbrook	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed., August 27	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

September			
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