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Tune up the band—the wait is over for the Emergency Preparedness Fair!

By Arlene Versaw

The Emergency Preparedness Fair is this **Saturday, August 23** in the Cribari Center from **1 to 4 p.m.**—and it's a must-do for Villagers! If you need a nudge, read on to see the resources—community and EPC teams—who will have staffed tables of information and who are eager to share their expertise and answer your questions. We also will have speakers on topics of interest (see below) and the ever-popular drawing for the desirable and valuable Go-Bags.

We've done our best to tell you all you need to know and to convince you that taking the time to drop by the Fair is vitally important to your health, safety and welfare.

And now it's up to you. Bring a friend, family member or neighbor, spend a few minutes, enter the drawing for a Go-Bag, get critical information and your questions answered, and go on your way knowing you have spent important time in your own best interest.

See you there!

Community Participants: Cal Fire, Station 11 Firehouse, San Jose Police Department, San Jose Office of Emergency Management, PG&E, Kaiser, Red Cross, San Jose Municipal Water, Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE)

EPC Participants: EP Logistics & Public Safety, Medical, Aid Stations, Communications, Emotional Support, Language Assistance, VMA, Firewise, Recruiting Volunteers

Speakers: Liz Dietz from the Red Cross - "Community Disaster Education"

Dave Burkhard from CERT - "Developing a Family Communication Plan"

Margaret Donohoe - "The Hayward Fault"



Join VMS Voices Open House and kick-off for food, prizes, and Winter Bliss sneak peek

By Barbara Zahner

Join the VMS Voices for food, drink, free prizes, and harmony at The Villages singers' Open House and Kick-Off **Wednesday, September 3** at Foothill Center at **6:30 p.m.** No RSVP or audition required—just the pure joy of singing. *Plus*—you'll get a sneak peek at the program for Winter Bliss, the Voices show planned for December 6 and 7. Can't read music? Haven't sung since high school glee club? Don't know if you're an alto or tenor? You are not alone! Come experience the delight of voices raised in song. As the beat goes on, Voices members will give you tutorials, recordings, and confidence you can do it. Experienced vocalist with choirs, musicals, and private

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Shape the future of The Villages—Survey closing soon!

Dear Villagers,

The Resident/Member Survey is still open, and we want to hear from you! As previously announced, we have partnered with the McMahon Group, a leading consulting firm specializing in private club communities, to collect your feedback professionally and confidentially. This survey is your opportunity to share what matters most to you.

We want to know:

- How well the Club meets your needs today
- Your priorities for the future as we shape long-term plans

Use this link to begin the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/tvgcc-survey>

Ways to Participate:

- Online (preferred): Use the above secure link online—it's fast, easy, and confidential.

Need help? Email comms@the-villages.com to schedule in-person assistance.

- Prefer paper? Hard copies are available in Building A.

Why complete the survey online?

- Ensures accuracy and confidentiality.
- Saves the Club \$10 per hard copy (manual entry fees add up!).

Important Notes:

- Every Villager counts! Spouses/partners are encouraged to participate.
- If your household shares one email, please forward the link so all voices are heard.
- If you are a renter, you are welcome to skip questions #2 and #7.

Your input shapes our future. The more responses we receive, the better we can plan for a thriving, member-focused community. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts—we can't wait to hear from you! Please submit the survey **on or before Monday, August 25, 2025.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
2 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.

Request for Improved Xfinity Customer Service
Our community pays for premium Xfinity service, yet support has been unacceptable. After buying a new TV, I couldn’t connect it. The website and phone support were useless, and Deisy’s appointment website (our rep) offered an appointment—two weeks out. The store quoted \$100 for a tech visit, even though the issue wasn’t clear. Thankfully, the store manager arranged a free same-day visit. Only after I contacted the General Manager did Deisy respond—with excuses. We deserve better. The Villages should renegotiate our contract to include:

- Direct, reliable customer support
- No technician fees for service/equipment issues
- Clear escalation procedures

Let’s work together for better service.
—Judy Eskinazi

Breaking News from the 15th Hole:
Saturday, August 8th, 3:45 p.m.—and what a shot, folks! From somewhere on Hole 15, an unnamed golfer delivers a drive so astonishingly off target it bypasses fairway, rough, and cart path, sails over lawns, and smashes straight through our upstairs window. That’s right, window, not window of opportunity. Public Safety responded quickly, taking a report and even visiting the Pro Shop to see if the mystery player would come forward. Sadly, the scoreboard still shows “0” for accountability. Repair bill: \$1,000. And here’s the kicker, we don’t even live on the course. This was a trick shot no golf coach would teach and probably couldn’t be repeated in a lifetime. To the golfer in question: consider buying us a cocktail at the Bistro. It might be the closest thing you’ve had to a hole in one. Then maybe sign up for a lesson, your accuracy needs more than a friendly mulligan. And, please, if your ball goes rogue, hunt it down, check for damage, and don’t just fade into the Clubhouse. Remember, folks, courtesy is free. Windows are not.
—Annie Kretowicz

Missed your Villager?

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IN MEMORIAM

Earl Magoun
August 11, 1924—August 4, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Patti Ann Smith
January 7, 1944—July 25, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Alex Stepovich
August 20, 1932—July 25, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

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

DEADLINES

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

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

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Costs of Maintaining Quality Drives Bylaw Changes for Villages Golf & Country Club

The Villages Club Board of Directors established an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee at the July Board Meeting. The General Manager, executive staff, and a specially appointed Bylaws Committee will meet bi-weekly to hammer out the language for the revised Club Bylaws.

Club Board President Andy Altman says, “Updating our Bylaws is essential to the long-term stability of our community. The current 2006 version limits our ability to build adequate financial reserves that we need to address aging infrastructure and rising operational costs. We expect significant increases in insurance, water, and labor costs—none of which are optional. The current Bylaws also limit new revenue opportunities, leaving increases in Club Capital dues, special assessments, or loans, to address budget shortfalls and Capital needs. To responsibly manage these challenges and secure our future, we must update our Bylaws.”

Beginning in 2023, the Club Board recognized the need for updates in the bylaws. Working closely with legal and financial counsel, the Club Board and General Manager defined essential changes. They also met with the Homeowners and Association Boards to apprise them of the updates. Heeding the feedback from these Boards, the original group expanded to include five more Bylaws Committee members. They are Michael Schwerin (ABOD), Brooks Fuller, Jim Murphy, Larry McNary (HBOD) and Julie Wash. Past Club Board President Richard Zahner (CBOD) also serves on the Bylaws Committee. Judy Owen, past Club Board Vice President, serving her fifth year as a Club Board director, is Chair of the Bylaw Committee. Owen says, “We are focused on putting these changes into place in the beginning of 2026. As a community, we must be proactive to protect the value of our homes by maintaining The Villages infrastructure and beauty.”

For more information attend the next Club Board meeting Tuesday, August 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

What is the EVF and what does it do?

We often get asked, especially from our new residents, what is the EVF?

The Evergreen Villages Foundation, aka EVF, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising funds for the support of lasting capital improvement projects in the Villages. For the last 15 years, EVF has played a major role in enhancing the quality of life at The Villages.



EVF facilitates charitable giving in our community through initiatives such as the Sustaining Member Program, the Planned Giving Program, and the EVF Ambassador Program.

Over the years, the EVF has contributed to projects such as the pickleball courts, bocce courts enhancement, golf course bunker project,

numerous Clubhouse and Bistro patio enhancements, fitness center equipment, the Cribari Plaza renovation, along with many others. EVF believes expansion and/or enhancement of Villages amenities contributes greatly to the desirability and viability of life in The Villages.

To learn more about the EVF’s mission and the benefits that come with EVF membership, visit <https://evfsj.org>. You can become a Sustaining Member for as little as \$5 a month.

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.



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

ADVERTISEMENT

Real Estate

We have 52 active listings and 10 pending sales. Cribari homes prices are down, but the good news is that active listings are also down. There are 15 Cribari’s for sale and 2 pending sales at this writing. The new price range is \$450-\$520,000 for the upstairs/downstairs units.

Sellers are looking for maximum returns: There is a Cribari upstairs unit that had an extreme makeover and is currently for sale for over \$600,000. It hasn’t moved. I have told you that buyers pay a lot extra for a remodeled home when moving to an adult community. Often when you are over 55 years of age, time is more valuable than money. Buyers do pay more for a remodeled home, which means less time spent working on a home, freeing up precious time.

This is a truism, however, there is a point of diminishing returns when re-selling a remodeled home. Of course, timing is a factor, but selling in a tough market will make it harder to sell even the nicest homes. If you over-improve a property, you may never get your money out of that property. If you overspend on a remodel in a location or development that does not live up to the high-end remodel, you may lose on the resale. This seems especially true for small homes in average locations.

While rehabbing homes, Geoff and I realized that there was only so much a buyer would pay for a certain type of property. Too much investment of time and energy in a property will leave you with little profit left over. But if you want to spend the money on pure luxury for a high-end remodel and don’t mind the cost, just know that you may not get your money back when you go to sell. Of course, it is also important to buy low and sell high, which has a lot to do with the timing of the market. But for some, living luxuriously everyday may be your top priority. I say splurge if that is your end game.

The Bottom Line:

- Buyers: you currently have more choices and a bit more leverage-use it wisely.
- Sellers: the market is still currently on your side, but timing and strategy is everything.
- Use the most hands-on and service-oriented agent, inside or outside The Villages for the best results.



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MANAGEMENT

Comcast/Xfinity virtual appointments

Deisy Gomez, The Villages Comcast/Xfinity Account Manager, is available for virtual appointments every Friday by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Please use <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages> to make an appointment

ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:
• 9018 Village View Drive Walkway
Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager’s office.



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Thanks, Residents of The Villages.
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Thank you for all you do.



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One more battery and light bulb collection event in August—Location Change

The Villages, through Sustainability Services, is offering the second used battery and light bulb collection event for the month of August:

When: Friday, August 22
Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (No early drop-offs, please)
Where: Location Change—lower driving range parking lot
What: Household batteries only (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, and button batteries).

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

What: Light Bulbs
Recycling Limits:
• Fluorescent Tubes:
Up to 4 feet long.
Must be unbroken and taped together.
• CFL Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs):
Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag.
• LED Bulbs:
Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag.
Light bulbs must be sorted by type and sealed in paper or in a plastic bag.

Important Update for DACs in 2025:
• No appointment needed!
• A 25-pound limit per collection date applies.
• DACs handling large quantities should take them to the **County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** site (appointment required).

Do you need an alternative drop-off time?
If the scheduled dates do not work for you, contact the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 408-299-7300 to make an appointment.
For questions, reach out to Sustainability Services at 408-754-1334 or email sustainability@the-villages.com.



Villages business offices closed for Labor Day holiday

Villages business offices will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.



Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

We have many family members, friends and clients who call The Villages their home.


We have assisted many Villagers establish their estate plans, and we look forward to the opportunity to assist many more.

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AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of September are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **August 22, 2025**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4 at 9 a.m.** at Montgomery Center.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Hermosa DAC to meet August 28

The Hermosa DAC will meet on **Thursday, August 28** from **3 to 5 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Fairways DAC to meet September 2

The Villages Fairways DAC meeting is **Tuesday, September 2** from **5 to 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

Highland DAC to meet September 8

The Highland DAC will meet **Monday, September 8** at **4 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.

Montgomery DAC to meet November 3

The next Montgomery DAC Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 3** at **5 p.m.** in the Montgomery Center.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Changes in Inherited IRA distribution rules can significantly impact your beneficiaries

Recent legislative changes involving required minimum distributions (RMDs) from inherited IRAs directly impact retirement savings plans, including 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Roth accounts and, in some cases, associated tax benefits.

Previously, beneficiaries could extend inherited IRA distributions throughout their lifetimes. However, a “10-year rule” now applies to many beneficiaries of inherited IRAs who will face annual required distributions during a 10-year period. The RMD amount each year can vary based on several factors, including the beneficiary’s age, relationship to the deceased and the value of the inherited account. Rules differ depending on whether the original account owner had begun taking RMDs. If they took required distributions before they died, the beneficiary usually needs to continue taking annual distributions while complying with the 10-year rule (if applicable).

“Eligible Designated Beneficiaries” (EDBs) categories that can still extend the distribution period

EDBs have more flexibility in how they withdraw funds from an inherited IRA. They include the spouse or minor child of the deceased account holder, disabled or chronically ill individuals, and individuals who are not more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner or plan participant.

Navigating Inherited IRA rules: Why individual details matter

Given all the recent changes, you and your named beneficiaries may benefit from consulting a tax adviser regarding their situation.

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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

PG&E’s 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000.

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

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

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

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Three Boards

• Three Board Strategic Planning (Directors Only) is **9:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, September 9** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, August 26 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 hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, August 26 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

• The Villages Homeowners’ Corporation Board of Directors September Quarterly and Organizational Meeting is **Wednesday, September 17 at 9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, August 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Battery & Light Bulb Collection	
	Drive Range Lot	
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Swingers Twilight Golf Dinner	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, August 23

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
1 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Fair	A
1 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Fair	CR
1 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Fair	P
4:45 p.m.	Study Group Club: Movie Talk	SEQ
6 p.m.	Korean Club Game & Dance	VC

Sunday, August 24

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chap Choir Reh.	SEQ
9 a.m.	Jewish Member Meeting	FC
10 a.m.	Community Chapel Worship	A
1 p.m.	Table Tennis Club Social	TTC
4 p.m.	MC Social Picnic	GP
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, August 25

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day Redwood	R
10 a.m.	Villages Golf Committee	VR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures Study	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Valley League Team Play	CH
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	VMA: Balance-ComforCare	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club Meeting & Speaker	FC

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:30 a.m.	Association Board	FC
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	Swingers Meeting Luncheon	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
1 p.m.	Olivas Bunco Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Club Board	FC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Global Village: Plant-based Diet	MC

Wednesday, August 27

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	Study Group Club: iPhone Class	VC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
2:30 p.m.	Bocce Club: Champ Potluck	GP
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, August 28

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	VMA: Parkinson's Support Group	F
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women Luncheon	CH
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Hermosa DAC meeting	FC
4 p.m.	Villages Arts & Crafts Board	AR
7 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, August 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, August 30

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Global Villages Retreat	VC
10 a.m.	Watercolor Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
1 p.m.	Community Chap Choir Retreat	SEQ
3:30 p.m.	Pickleball: Dink'N Dolls	PC

Sunday, August 31

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir Reh.	SEQ
10 a.m.	Community Chapel Worship	A
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, September 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
6 p.m.	Korean Club Singing Group	VC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Exec. Commt.	MC
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	Cribari Plaza
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11 a.m.	9-H Women's Golf Board	FC
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club Luncheon	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12 p.m.	Comcast Appointments	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Club Architectural Committee	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Veterans Club meeting	FC
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	VC
2:30 p.m.	Club Technology Committee	F
5 p.m.	Fairways DAC meeting	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	CR
6 p.m.	Villages Concert Band Reh.	A

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	Study Group Club: iPhone Class	VC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins meeting	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	VMA Bingo	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Global Village: Meditation/Wellness	CR
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, September 4

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Association AC	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Community Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Homeowners AC Committee	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chap. Choir Reh.	CR
3 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR
3 p.m.	New A Tech Open House	A
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, September 5

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
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	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	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Calendar Highlights

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, August 23 in Cribari Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

VMS Voices Open House

Wednesday, September 3 at Foothill Center at 6:30 p.m.

Crafters Club Harvest Market

Saturday September 20 at Cribari Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VMA: Alzheimer's Association's Managing Money

Wednesday, September 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Sequoia Room.



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

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

Information and photos from outings are on villagesrvclub.org

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

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

Events

September 15: New Members Reception, Monday, 5:30 p.m., Cribari Center Art Room. Directors: Colleen Mirassou and Stephanie Torres.

November 15: Holiday Faire 2025. Cribari Center. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Now recruiting volunteers.

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

August 27 – September 17: “Watercolor with Multi Media” with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$70. Members only.

August 30, September 6, 13, and 20: Free Watercolor Open Studio with Doug Canepa, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Members only.

September 19 and 20: “Acrylic and Charcoal Multi Media with Figure” with Sandra Jones. Friday and Saturday, 1 – 3:30 p.m. \$75. All materials furnished. Members only.

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 Hike, Wednesday, August 27 - Pam Thompson (650-464-0325) will lead a hike to the Sikh temple in San Jose. Meet at the Cribari bell for a **10 a.m.** departure. We will carpool to a location near the temple and then walk the rest of the way. We will tour the temple and then have lunch there. Bring \$5 for a donation and wear or bring socks. A scarf will be provided to wear on your head while there.

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, August 27 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, September 3 - Pam Thompson (650) 464-0325 will lead a hike around Lake Cunningham Park. Afterward we'll go for coffee and treats. We'll meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the Cribari Center bell.

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, September 3 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, September 10 - Katy Peretti (408- 531-0917) Katy Peretti is unavailable to lead the hike. Choose a participant from the group to lead the hike through Hermosa. We'll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, September 17 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Valle Vista and the lower Joe Marsh Trail. We'll walk around the Village View Loop and up to the end of the circle to the shorter lower Joe Marsh Trail. The trail has a gradual hill which some of us may walk a bit slower than others. We'll end up at the garden and then walk back to our cars. Drive up the hill to Valle Vista and turn right on the first street “Village View Loop” and park. Meet at **9 a.m.** Use of insect repellent and poles advised.

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, September 24 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

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

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances - Charlie (Charlotte) Niemeyer with the Alzheimer's Association will explain the necessity of making sure you have financial arrangements in place, reviewing previously made plans, establishing a responsible party and having a backup for your loved ones with dementia or other chronic diseases while offering tips on managing someone else's finances. **Wednesday, September 10 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room.

Hearing Life AND ClearCaptions will both be offering their free services for Villagers on **Tuesday September 16 from 10 a.m. – noon** at Montgomery Center. Hearing Life will offer free screenings while Clear Captions will provide free caption phones and services for qualified, hard of hearing residents. To register for your screening time, please call ahead at 408-238-4230.

Managing Diabetes – Shiella Marie Olidan, MSN Ed, RN, SMSRN and Kevin Olidan Medical Telemetry Educator with Good Samaritan Hospital will speak on diabetes, the types and the consequences of not managing it. **Tuesday, September 23 at 11 a.m.** in the Montgomery Center.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, August 28 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all are welcome.

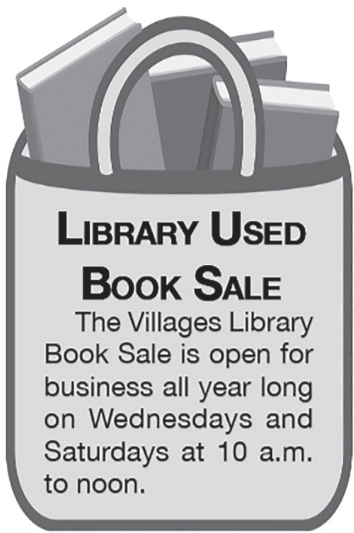
Grief Support Group: In-person grief support will be on hiatus until September 8 but one can still find guidance, here are some optional contacts:

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, September 18 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.



LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

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



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THE CLUBHOUSE

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

To order
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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 8/26 to Sunday 8/31

Croque-Madame: Smoked Ham, Bechamel, Gruyere Cheese on Sourdough Bread topped with Fried Egg and Hashbrowns **\$19**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 8/25 to Sunday 8/31 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Quessabirria Tacos: Braised Beef in Guajillo Sauce, Mozzarella Cheese, Cilantro, Onions on a Corn Tortilla with Consommé **\$17**

Turkey Swedish Meatballs: With Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Jelly and Seasonal Vegetables **\$23**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 8/26 to Sunday 8/31 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Smoked Oxtails: With Onion Gravy and Choice of Two Sides **\$33**

Crispy-Skin Mahi-Mahi: With Mango Salsa Relish, Wild Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables **\$32**

CURBSIDE: Whole Rotisserie Chicken \$15.99
Order by 1 p.m. for 5 p.m. Same Day Pickup

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. *

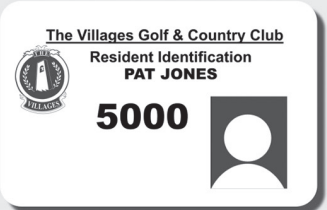
* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

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.



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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
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For 5 p.m. same-day pickup

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 - Cilantro Lime Rice
 - Seasoned Black Beans
 - Corn Tortilla
 - Pico De Gallo



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes
- Roasted Cremini Mushrooms
- Grilled Jumbo Asparagus
- Green Peppercorn Demi Glace



Summer Barbecue
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Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday
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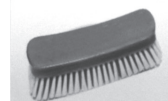
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RECREATION

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.

You’re invited to the Cribari Auditorium Open House!

See what’s new at the Cribari Auditorium! We’re excited to share our upgraded lighting, sound, and stage with you. On **Thursday, September 4 from 3 to 4 p.m.**, come to the Auditorium for a fun and informative presentation about our old system, the construction journey, and the tremendous improvements we’ve made. Our friendly audio-visual technicians will be there to give live demonstrations and answer your questions so that you can experience all the new features up close. We can’t wait to welcome you!



The newly updated Cribari Auditorium, with an upgraded lighting system allowing for more versatility during stage productions and other events.



Left to right: A new acoustic panel for better sound quality, a touch-screen enabled lighting and sound control panel, and updated flooring on the Cribari Auditorium stage.

Shop, Dine, and Be Merry: A Festive Day in Walnut Creek

Date/Time	Cost	
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	\$157	
Location	Attendant	Reg. Deadline
Walnut Creek	M. LeGrand	Monday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.



Get into the holiday spirit with a festive day of shopping and dining in Walnut Creek! Join us this December for a trip to Broadway Plaza, where you can find the perfect gifts for everyone on your list at a variety of high-end shops and seasonal pop-ups. Enjoy the beautifully decorated plaza, holiday cheer, and stress-free browsing. After shopping, we’ll savor a delicious lunch at Ruth’s Chris Steak House, known for its warm ambiance and top-quality cuisine. Make your season bright—reserve your spot today!

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/bp-8-7-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Explore California: Art, Culture & Cuisine

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Thursday, Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oakland	\$139
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.	



Discover the rich history, vibrant art, and diverse culture of our state with a visit to the Oakland Museum of California! This engaging trip offers a chance to explore fascinating exhibits that celebrate California’s past, present, and future. After immersing yourself in the museum’s collections, we’ll enjoy a delicious lunch at Nido’s Backyard, a lively and colorful outdoor eatery known for its fresh, modern Mexican cuisine.

Don’t miss this fun and flavorful day out—reserve your spot today! Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/omca-8-7-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Charles Schulz’s ‘Peanuts’ & Parisian Flavors: Let’s go on a Santa Rosa Escape

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Santa Rosa	\$146
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, Nov. 3 at 4 p.m.	

Step into the whimsical world of “Peanuts” at the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa! Explore original comic strips, rare memorabilia, and heartwarming exhibits that celebrate the life and legacy of Charles Schulz. After soaking in the charm of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and friends, we’ll enjoy a relaxing lunch at La Gare, a beloved French restaurant known for its old-world charm and classic cuisine. This delightful day promises nostalgia, inspiration, and fine dining—reserve your seat and join the fun!

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/schulz-8-7-25 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

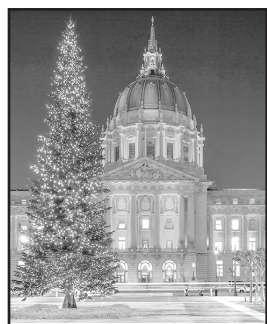
activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant’s ability to participate based on each individual’s physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

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.

Take Holiday Lights Tour with Craig Smith

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.	San Francisco	\$183
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.	



Celebrate the magic of the season with a festive Holiday Lights Tour in San Francisco! Led by local guide Craig Smith, you'll enjoy a narrated drive through the city's most dazzling holiday displays—from sparkling skyline views to beautifully decorated neighborhoods. Craig's lively storytelling brings the city's seasonal charm to life! Before the tour, we'll enjoy a relaxing dinner at Fog Harbor Fish House, offering fresh seafood and stunning views of the Bay. Don't miss this bright and joyful holiday outing—reserve your seat today!

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/sf-lights-8-7-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time	Location
Wed., Sept. 3 - Oct. 8, 10 to 11 a.m.	Auditorium
Cost	Reg. Deadline
\$80	Aug. 25 at 4 p.m.
Instructor	
Mariko D.	



Discover a refreshing yoga experience open to all levels—whether you're just starting out or looking to deepen your practice. Each class offers gentle, flowing movements that enhance flexibility, balance, and strength through a blend of standing, seated, and floor poses. With a focus on breath and body awareness, you'll leave each session feeling centered and renewed. Please note: participants should be comfortable moving to and from the floor unassisted. The session price

includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/yoga-9-3-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Zumba Gold awaits you

Date/Time	Location
Wed., Sept. 3 - Oct. 8, 5 to 6 p.m.	Conf. Room
Cost	Reg. Deadline
\$80	Aug. 25 at 4 p.m.
Instructor	
Elena R.	



Get moving and have a blast with Zumba Gold—a low-impact dance party designed for every fitness level! With easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired moves, this class boosts heart health, balance, and flexibility while keeping the energy fun and accessible. Perfect for active older adults or anyone looking for a lighter-paced workout, Zumba Gold brings the music, the movement, and the smiles in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The session price includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/zumbag-9-3-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Sip & Savor: A Scenic Escape to Sarah's Vineyard

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Thursday, Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Morgan Hill	\$117
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m.	

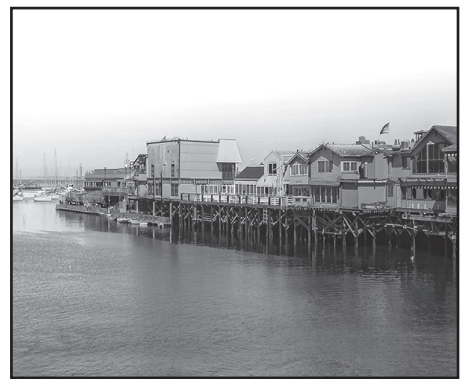


Join us for a fun-filled day at Sarah's Vineyard in Morgan Hill! Enjoy a tasting of four unique wines, each showcasing the rich flavors of the region. During the tasting, relax with a lovely, boxed lunch surrounded by the vineyard's stunning views and charm. This is the perfect outing for wine lovers and anyone looking to unwind in a beautiful setting. Don't miss this chance to sip, savor, and soak in the scenic beauty of one of Morgan Hill's hidden gems!

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

Explore Monterey with guide Gael Gallagher

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Monterey	\$180
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Monday, Sept. 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 online on the Member Portal at tinyurl.com/monterey-bay or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Restore balance and vitality with QiGong class

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wed., Sept. 3 - Oct. 8, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium	\$80
Instructor	Reg. Deadline	
Mariko D.	Monday, Aug. 25 at 4 p.m.	

Experience the time-honored practice of QiGong—a gentle fusion of movement, breath, and meditation designed to support your body's natural energy flow. Ideal for all ages and fitness levels, QiGong helps ease stress, enhance mental clarity, and promote overall wellness. Whether you're seeking a peaceful pause in your day or a path to better health, this mindful practice offers something meaningful for everyone. The session price includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/qigong-9-3-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



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Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	\$/Per. SqFt
Active	8315 Chianti Court	2,011	3	2 1	\$1,679,000	25	\$834.91
Active	8845 Wine Valley Circle	2,096	3	2 0	\$1,599,000	25	\$762.88
Active	7133 Via Solana	1,790	3	2 0	\$1,568,000	52	\$875.98
Active	7111 Via Portada	1,954	3	2 0	\$1,495,000	16	\$765.10
Active	8873 Wine Valley Circle	2,032	3	2 0	\$1,495,000	119	\$735.73
Active	8853 Wine Valley Circle	2,032	3	2 0	\$1,450,000	17	\$713.58
Active	8762 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,209	3	2 1	\$1,449,000	53	\$655.95
Active	8718 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,449,000	128	\$709.25
Active	7369 Via Montecitos	1,781	2	2 0	\$989,000	12	\$555.31
Active	7530 Morevern Circle	1,751	2	2 1	\$988,000	49	\$564.25
Active	7886 Moorfoot Court	1,751	2	2 1	\$987,500	120	\$563.96
Active	2010 Carignan Way	1,629	2	2 0	\$980,000	CS	\$601.60
Active	8100 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$950,000	12	\$526.90
Active	3230 Lake Albano Circle	1,776	2	2 1	\$949,888	58	\$534.85
Active	8480 Grenache Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$949,000	88	\$604.07
Active	3417 Avernus Court	1,679	2	2 0	\$935,000	79	\$556.88
Active	3123 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,855	2	2 0	\$920,000	158	\$495.96
Active	7638 Falkirk Drive	1,572	2	2 0	\$809,000	44	\$514.63
Active	7713 Galloway Drive	1,572	2	2 0	\$798,000	89	\$507.63
Active	6098 Montgomery Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$795,000	71	\$506.05
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$785,000	19	\$499.68
Active	7648 Falkirk Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$785,000	24	\$520.21
Active	8386 Riesling Way	1,497	2	2 0	\$779,000	2	\$520.37
Active	7792 Prestwick Circle	1,490	2	2 0	\$779,000	71	\$522.82
Active	7772 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$775,000	30	\$520.13
Active	8463 Traminer Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$768,000	59	\$466.59
Active	6202 Gerdts Drive	1,526	2	2 0	\$763,888	69	\$500.58
Active	7302 Via Granja	1,781	3	2 0	\$750,000	45	\$421.11
Active	8344 Riesling Way	1,571	2	2 0	\$750,000	141	\$477.40
Active	6354 Whaley Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$724,500	13	\$605.26
Active	6251 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$719,000	93	\$536.57
Active	8065 Winery Court	1,497	2	2 0	\$699,000	26	\$466.93
Active	5176 Cribari Knolls	1,402	2	2 0	\$695,000	11	\$495.72
Active	8356 Charbono Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$674,000	107	\$409.48
Active	8513 Fume Blanc Court	1,370	2	2 0	\$649,999	131	\$474.45
Active	6094 Montgomery Court	913	2	1 0	\$627,991	129	\$687.83
Active	5155 Cribari Knolls, #5155	1,240	2	2 0	\$624,867	67	\$503.93
Active	5090 Cribari Place	1,348	2	2 0	\$599,990	42	\$445.10
Active	5350 Cribari Dell	1,223	2	2 0	\$523,750	148	\$428.25
Active	5142 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$519,777	17	\$419.18
Active	5408 Cribari Court	1,223	2	2 0	\$510,000	94	\$417.01
Active	5469 Cribari Green	1,223	2	2 0	\$509,000	143	\$416.19
Active	5286 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$497,000	31	\$406.38
Active	5302 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	179	\$404.74
Active	5189 Cribari Hills	1,223	2	2 0	\$488,000	19	\$399.02
Active	5324 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$485,000	102	\$396.57
Active	5277 Cribari Corner	1,223	2	2 0	\$475,000	89	\$388.39
Active	5235 Cribari Hills, #5235	947	2	1 0	\$468,000	45	\$494.19
Active	5437 Cribari Green	1,240	2	2 0	\$450,000	156	\$362.90

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	49 ↓ from 53	1,545	\$849,064	68 ↑		\$535↑
Cont/Pend	10 ↑ from 8	1,498	\$779,735	37 ↑		\$518↓
Sold	9 ↓ from 14	1,599	\$829,693	59 ↑	\$867,222	\$530↓
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VMA Presents: ‘Managing Diabetes’

Do you or a loved one struggle with managing diabetes? You can’t ignore it and just hope it will go away. Unmanaged diabetes can damage your organs, circulatory system, your whole body. Instead, it’s in your best interest to learn about it and



Shiella Marie Olidan



Kevin Edmund Olidan

how to keep it in check. On **Tuesday, September 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Vineyard Center, Shiella Marie Olidan, a dedicated medical-surgical nurse educator, and Kevin Edmund Olidan, Medical Telemetry Educator, will explain the two types of diabetes, how insulin works, the various medications used to manage it, diabetes diets, and the consequences of unmanaged diabetes. They will break it down into easier to understand terminology.

Kevin has been a registered nurse for 9+ years and currently works as a clinical educator. He is very passionate in education and loves to help nurses to become the best version of themselves and to always strive for excellence with patient care. Both Shiella and Kevin work at Good Samaritan Hospital.

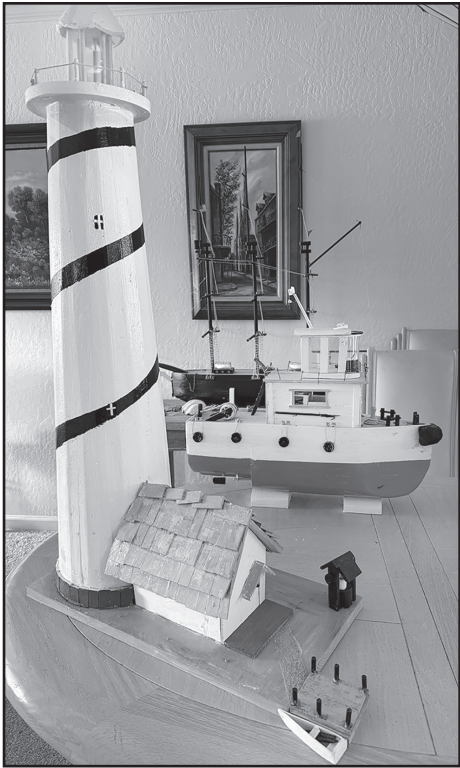
To register for this important presentation, please go to <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs/> or call 408-238-4029.

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

See a cornucopia of crafts at the Crafters Club Harvest Market

If you haven’t already marked your calendar for the Crafters Club Harvest Market on **Saturday September 20**—Do it *now*! You won’t want to miss our first fall show at Cribari Center from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Our veteran crafters have been working hard all summer on new and exciting items that you will love. *And* we have over a half dozen brand new artists that will be debuting their wares. Three exquisite card and paper crafters have joined the club and will be selling their cards, gift tags and creative paper goods. Look for Jim Valenti’s rustic wood crafts and Michael Sunzeri’s diamond art, photography and repurposed funky jewelry. Of course, your old favorites will be on hand with quilts, knitted and crocheted items, fabric goods, jewelry, holiday decorations, wood crafts, photography, succulents and so much more! Our welcome table will feature club and show information and a few special treats and as always, refreshments will be plentiful. So save the date and plan to attend the Harvest Market—Saturday, September 20 at Cribari Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!



Be sure to check out Jim Valenti’s realistic woodworking!

VMA Presents: Afternoon Bingo 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. Remaining bingo dates for 2025: **September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3**. Doors open at 3 p.m. and games begin at 3:30 p.m. Cards are only \$1 each, or 6 cards for \$5. No need to sign up. Just come in. Bingo Caller Mike adds a little energy and excitement to the games. So bring your luck and come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of bingo!

Sports journalist Matt Maiocco to speak at Villages Men’s Fun Social Club luncheon



Come hear Matt Maiocco speak at the Villages Men’s Fun Social Club meeting on **Tuesday, September 2** at the Clubhouse.

Matt is in his 31st season of covering the San Francisco 49ers. He reported on the team year-round for Bay Area newspapers including the Oakland Tribune, Contra Costa Times and Santa Rosa Press-Democrat before joining NBC Sports Bay Area in 2010. He has covered more than 650 NFL games in 58 different stadiums, including 14 Super Bowls.

Matt is one of just 50 voters for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He has written three books, including “Letters of 87,” a tribute to the late Dwight Clark with memories of The Catch.

Now Matt enters his first season as a studio analyst on 49ers Pregame Live and 49ers Postgame Live on NBC Sports Bay Area.

Please join us and hear all about your 49ers from a man who has covered the team on a daily basis for more than two decades,

Villages Men’s Fun Social Club members should make lunch reservations at least a week in advance on the club’s website (vmfsc.vgcc.club).

Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:15 p.m.

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Local Tours Study Group finds serenity at Hakone Gardens

By Judy Rogers

On Thursday, July 31, nineteen members of the Local Tours Study Group enjoyed an enchanting visit to Hakone Gardens, a true hidden gem nestled in the hills of Saratoga.

This beautifully preserved site, recognized as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s premier locations, is one of the oldest Japanese-style estates and gardens in the Western Hemisphere. With over 100 years of history behind it, Hakone offers a rare blend of art, architecture, and natural beauty—and it did not disappoint.

The group was treated to a guided tour by one of Hakone’s knowledgeable docents, who led us through serene pathways, traditional structures, and lush landscaping that seemed to whisper stories of the past. From the koi ponds to the bamboo garden, every detail was a feast for the senses. The docent shared fascinating insights into the garden’s origins, development, and cultural significance, making the experience both peaceful and meaningful.

Though we didn’t have time to see the entire estate, the tranquility and elegance of Hakone left a lasting impression. Many of us are already planning to return—perhaps next time to take in more of the scenery and maybe even enjoy a traditional tea ceremony.

It was a lovely outing filled with discovery, connection, and quiet beauty—a perfect way to spend a summer day.



Next Macintosh Users Group meeting is September 17

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, September 17**. 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.

Summer Art Project: ‘Tiny Treasures’ to come together

Arts & Crafts members have only four weeks to complete their Summer Art Project! Members are invited to complete this summer art project which involves several challenges: only one month remaining to think about it; a small 5-inch by 5-inch canvas; and using any media—drawing, painting, collage, assemblage, jewelry or anything that can be glued to canvas!

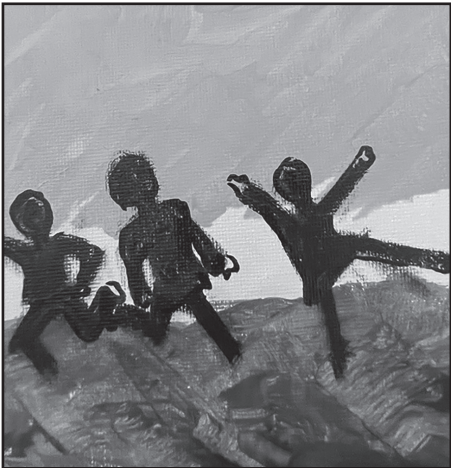
Pick up a 5-inch by 5-inch canvas from the Art Room. Sign the participants’ sheet. You can pick it up during any Open Studio, **Monday or Friday, 10 a.m. to noon** in the Art Room.

Summer is almost over, but you cannot tell that from the heat! See this example by Barb Gottesman, who painted this miniature of dancers rejoicing in summer. Over 50 other members are thinking about their creations in August.

Work on your tiny art project during August and half of September. Paint, draw, collage, assemble, crewel or glue 3 D objects to the canvas. Let your imagination run wild! Sign it. Do not frame it.

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

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



Study Groups Club presents ‘Against All Odds—Israel’s History from 1948 to Present’

The Study Groups Club is offering ‘Against All Odds—Israel’s History from 1948 to Present’ —a course that will start on **Tuesday, September 9, at 4 p.m.** in the Vineyard Room.

Welcome to an immersive journey through the history of the State of Israel, from its bold Declaration of Independence in 1948 to its dynamic present. This course invites you to explore the triumphs, challenges, and complexities that have shaped a nation at the crossroads of history, culture, and geopolitics. Through engaging narratives, primary sources, and critical analysis, you’ll uncover the pivotal moments—wars, peace efforts, societal transformations, and global influences—that define Israel’s remarkable story. Whether you’re a history enthusiast or seeking to understand one of the world’s most influential nations, this course will equip you with a nuanced perspective on Israel’s past and its ongoing legacy. Join us to discover the forces that have forged a modern state against all odds.



Understanding Israel’s journey is essential to grasp the broader dynamics of the Middle East and the global forces that continue to shape our world today. Join us as we delve into the dramatic, often inspiring, and sometimes heartbreaking story of a nation unlike any other.

For information and registration, please contact Israel Littman at lr856@gmail.com or 201-573-0747

Global Village: Shubhangi Kapathar to speak about Ayurveda

Join the Global Village Community Club as they welcome Shubhangi Kapatkar on **Wednesday, September 3** in the Conference Room at Cribari at **7 p.m.** Shubhangi will introduce us to the holistic system of medicine that promotes balancing mind, body, and spirit to promote health and well-being - *Ayurveda*. In Ayurveda, one views health as a state of harmony and imbalance as the root cause of disease. It might use diet, lifestyle adjustments, and herbal remedies to restore balance and prevent illness.

Our speaker, Shubhangi Kapathkar, marries Ayurveda, India’s 5,000-year-old holistic health science (addressing inflammation, pain, and mobility; things many of us, as seniors, deal with) with chiropractic care and conventional medicine. Together, the old and the new enhance recovery, provide pain management, and support longevity. This integrative approach may allow us, as seniors, to age more gracefully, with comfort, dignity, and vitality—in a natural way.

Remember, it’s Wednesday, September 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at Cribari. Shubhangi’s presentation aims to be extremely interesting, and there is no charge. Please register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69>

See you there!

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Join the e-bike riders group

Villagers with e-bikes are welcome to join the informal Tuesday and Thursday bike rides. They're usually about 20 miles with a coffee stop half-way before returning. We try to stay off streets in favor of dedicated bike trails like the Coyote Creek Trail (pictured), Los Gatos Creek Trail, Shoreline Trail from Mountain View to Palo Alto, Alameda Creek Trail from Niles to Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont, and (once a year) along the prettiest part of the 17 Mile Drive at Pebble Beach.

Meet at the lower parking lot next to the driving range with your bike on your car at 8:25 for an 8:30 AM departure. Participate at your own risk. For more information call Jim Koski 408-313-4848 or Joel Pollack 360-608-4420.



Shown left to right along the Coyote Creek Trail are Jim Koski, Joel Pollack, Steve Thornburg, Wate Bakker, Bill English

Paint watercolor flowers, animals and landscapes with Doug Canepa

Watercolor Plus Multi Media is an innovative introduction to traditional watercolor painting. At the beginning, each student will select a project to work on during the course of the four classes and four open studio times. This course will incorporate multiple mediums such as pastels, acrylics, ink, and watercolor pencils to enhance your paintings. A variety of techniques will also be demonstrated that simplify and help create dramatic effects. Liz Muzio's watercolor "Pelican" is a good example of student work in Doug's class.

The class is on Wednesday mornings from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** beginning **August 27 and ending September 17** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The four Saturday Open Studios where Doug offers special help will be August 30, September 6, 13 and 20. The student fee is \$70. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

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

This class is for Arts and Crafts members only.



"Pelican" by Liz Muzio

Take your starter to a new level in August's Healthy Eating class

July's class was a wonderful success! Merci to the nearly 40 brand-new folks who turned up and learned so much about feeding their starter. We loved seeing all the new faces and the excitement bubbling up (much like the starter). It was fun showing so many of you how to stretch, fold, and shape the bread dough.

This month's student spotlight: Look at this gorgeous loaf made by Kim and Steve Martini—made with the very starter we made in class. See? You can totally do this! For August's Global Village's Healthy Eating class on **Tuesday, August 26 at 7 p.m.** at Montgomery Center, we are taking your starter in a totally different direction!

Wondering what to do with all that starter? Well, we have some great ideas to share with you.



Think of waffles and crepes using sourdough starter and ancient grains like Einkorn. Add whipped cream and summer berries and turn them into fancy little desserts you can name-drop at dinner parties. Not to worry, if you want to stick with the tried-and-true waffle dough we will be giving you the recipe without starter.

Along the way, we will talk about why fermented foods—like sourdough—are more than tasty. They support digestion, help regulate blood sugar, and boost your gut health with natural probiotics. Did you know that fermented foods stay fresher, longer, and without additives? Fermentation boosts levels of B vitamins, enzymes, and antioxidants, helping your body absorb minerals like iron, zinc, and

magnesium.

Whether your starter has a name (yes, some do) or you're still figuring out if it's supposed to smell like that, come join us. We will answer your questions, share fresh tricks, and open a new chapter of sourdough with you.

Register for August's class at: <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69> or email he.gvclub@gmail.com.

See you on **Tuesday, August 26 at 7 p.m.** at Montgomery Center.

'News Real' Study Group kicks off with debates of timely topics

By Judy Rogers

On August 12, The Villages Study Group Club launched a brand-new program called "News Real" led by Ann Snook and Ron McChesney. The debut drew an attendance of 39 participants.

The meeting began with each attendee sharing what they hoped to gain from the new group, followed by Ann's review of the group's statement of purpose.



Ann then opened the day's news discussion with a timely topic: California's ban on cell phones in school classrooms. A recent *Times* article reported that overuse of cell phones and other technical devices distracts students and diminishes critical thinking skills. Interestingly, when the use of cell phones was restricted in school, students adapted well to the restriction, engag-

ing more in face-to-face conversations with their peers. None of the students voiced concern that the policy was an overreach by the school or the government.

The second topic tackled was homelessness in San Jose, where approximately 6,500 people are without housing. While more units have been built, the shortage remains critical. The group debated whether it's reasonable to criminalize homelessness when adequate housing is lacking. The conversation touched on current legal challenges, with some legislators working to block such laws.

The session closed on a positive note: stories of Villagers making a difference. One resident has quietly delivered supplies to the homeless for years, while another Villager organized donations for a Title 9 school in urgent need of classroom materials.

The next News Real gathering will be held **Tuesday, September 9 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room, continuing the conversation by exploring how other countries address homelessness.

Leave the planning to us! Pack your bags for a luxurious Mexico adventure!

Scott Steele, PGA Director of Golf along with Villager Jackie Berman invite all Villagers—golfers, non-golfers, tennis players, pickleballers, families and friends, etc. to sign up for this **February 24 to March 3, 2026** luxury adventure to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. Your non-stop charter flight on Alaska Airlines from Oakland will transport you into a paradise of golf, sunny beaches, non-stop fun and luxury lodging at the Marival Distinct Luxury Residences for only \$2,798 per person, plus departure tax.

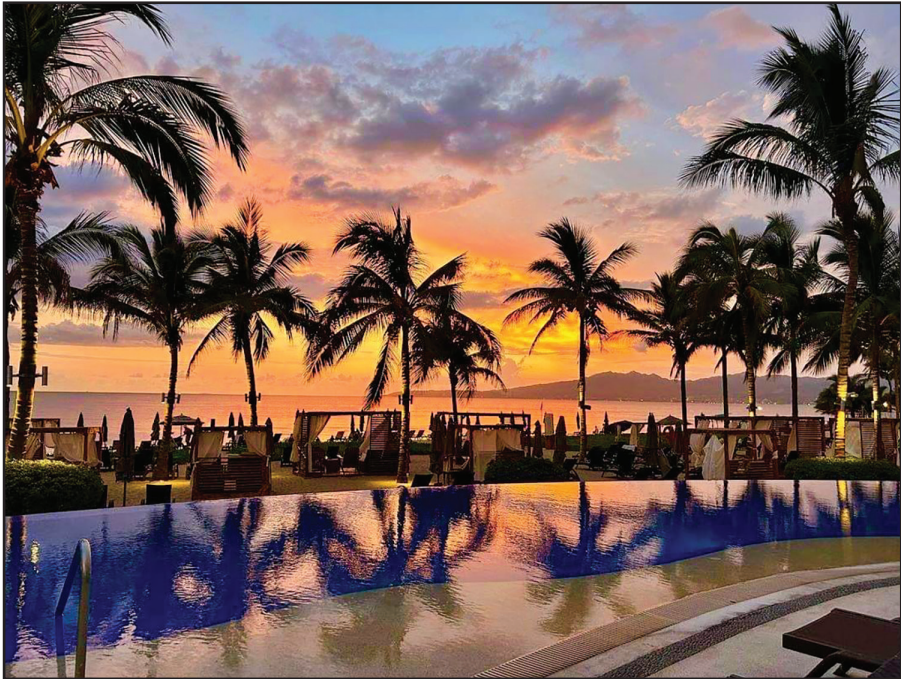
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For more information, please see the ILT Golf Vacations FAQ sheet at: tinyurl.com/PVR-FAQs.



Summertime is Lunch Buddies time!

Join VMA and your Lunch Buddies in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, September 10** at **11:30 a.m.** If you're looking for someone to talk to, someone who wants your company as much as you want theirs, someone who needs to get out and about, someone who needs a dose of fun, then call the VMA right now at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation.

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

Let's have a great time! We'll chat about this and that, laugh a bit, and enjoy every moment of our time together at lunch. We look forward to seeing you all at Lunch Buddies. Remember, call right now to make your reservation with the VMA office no later than **Monday, September 8 by noon.**

Voices Open House...



Music Director Catherine Ellacer

(Continued from front page)

lessons? Maybe see yourself as one time good-enough musician but now a “used to be”? Come back home to your heart's delight. Sing. Laugh. Savor the joy of making music. It's good for your brain and good for your health. Already a member of Voices? Attend the Open House and reconnect with Voices friends and the joy of sung music.

According to Voices Musical Director Catherine Ellacer, “There's something truly uplifting about music—it's a gift that resonates with the soul and communicates what words sometimes cannot. I invite all to come and feed their souls with the joy of music as we prepare for the upcoming winter concert!”

Come to the VMS Voices Open House & Kick-Off September 3 at Foothill Center. This event is free and all are welcome!



The VMS Voices bringing joy in their 2024 “Winter Spectacular.”

More birdhouses for the golf course

Former Villager Sean Kelly recently gifted The Villages with unique hand crafted birdhouses before moving overseas. The birdhouses will find a new home on The Villages golf course. These birdhouses have a story going back decades.

A former Golf Course Superintendent Brian Bagley developed an Audubon Golf Course Sanctuary program at The Villages. He worked with a resident birding group and had several bird houses installed on the golf course. This is where Sean Kelly enters the picture as he was instrumental in providing some of those original birdhouses. The birdhouses were a product of his Public Benefit Company at the time P2P Rescue. After the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka, Kelly traveled there and began his work for relief efforts. He provided tools, training, and jobs to more than a dozen Sri Lankans. They created unique handcrafted birdhouses called Waveworks Birdhouses. The houses were made from salvaged “tsunami wood” recovered from pieces of door panels, window frames, boat decks, furniture and the like that was nearly destroyed and no longer useful for their original purpose. P2P Rescue sold the handcrafted birdhouses and donated 90% of the net proceeds of sales to fund construction of 140 new homes for families in the devastated area. The remaining 10 percent of P2P's net proceeds from birdhouse sales paid for artificial limbs for people of all ages throughout Sri Lanka. Some lost limbs due to land mines while others from diseases such as polio.

Please watch for these unique birdhouses coming to the golf course soon.



Explore Japan through photos and videos at Hiking Club presentation

Beautiful scenery, temples and fabulous food! Japan, the land of the rising sun, offers many fun-filled adventures.

On **Monday, August 25 at 7 p.m.** in Foothill Center, come see Sally Otton share pictures and videos and talk about her recent adventures in Japan. You will learn about some of Japan's unique culture and history as well as see some out of the way places not normally visited by tourists.

Sally, a former Spanish and Geography teacher in Tracy, has been studying the Japanese language and culture for over 10 years. She has been going to Japan every year to totally immerse herself in the language and culture of this beautiful country.

Come and be inspired to visit Japan, a most unique and interesting place.

The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for snacks, refreshments and socializing. The meeting is free and open to all Villagers.



Find inspiration with 2025 'Inside the Gates' Home Tour

By Sherry Benz

When you move to The Villages, you come with history, of places you have loved and visions of what could be new. So ... here comes the inspiration for a change. You might be wanting to fulfill a dream or provide a corner for memories, a collection for favorites, a new expression of your personality. Our Home Tour will highlight these endeavors as well as others. There are six beautiful homes on the tour for "Inside the Gates 2025." Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 4.** Watch the Villager for more information. All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit the VMA (Villages Medical Auxiliary), which provides needed services to our residents to help them enjoy independent, active and healthy lives. For more information, contact Penny Barcellos at (408) 234-2792 or Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713.



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Crimson Charmers Red Hat group goes all out for an Indian style high tea

The Villages Crimson Charmers Red Hat group enjoyed an authentic Indian high tea in June served on gorgeous china at the home of Joanne Fraser with a variety of yummy treats.

Delicious homemade chai, assorted sweets, Halwa (a special dish of cream of wheat/ cardamom sugar) along with savory foods including Samosas, Pakora with mint chutney were served and prepared by Raj Ahuja. She also did a fantastic job demonstrating how to design and wear the beautiful and official Indian attire.

A great time was had by all “dressed up members” of the club wearing gorgeous Indian jewelry, hats, scarves, and sari garments of cotton and silk traditionally worn by many women from India and South Asia.



Sign up for Beginning Ceramics class

The Beginning Ceramics class with Kathy Tanaka and Suzanne Ferris is starting in September. Come join the fun and play with clay in the Ceramics Room. Learn the basics of hand-building, slab work, molds and glazes. No experience necessary, we'll supply everything you need. Space is limited for this five-week class starting **September 24** on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to join the class visit our website at villagesceramics.com or email dianefinley1@gmail.com



Sign up for the Global Village Club retreat

By Pradeep Sonawala and GVCC team

The Global Village Community Club invites you to participate in a retreat on **Saturday, August 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

What is this retreat about? This gathering offers a gentle pause, a chance to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with what truly matters: your health, happiness, and humanity. Let's come together to cultivate wellbeing and balance in our lives.

Why celebrate ourselves? Celebration often involves showering loved ones with attention and meeting their needs. But what about celebrating ourselves? To truly honor ourselves, we must pause to ask: What do I need? For most, the answer is simple yet profound, good health, happiness, and meaningful connections with loved ones

Please bring a healthy vegetarian item for our potluck to share with six others, such as salads, sandwiches, fruits, desserts, etc. Also, bring a non-alcoholic drink for yourself.

Register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69> and clicking “Events” > “Retreat” > “Register.” Fill in your last and first names and house number and click “submit.”

Questions? Contact Dinesh at 408-830-1505 or ws.gvclub@gmail.com.

Italian Club's 'Festa Italiana' invitations are coming

Attention Italian Club members! Your invitation to the club's big 25th Anniversary “Festa Italiana” on **October 11** will be sent out on September 1. This is a special Member Appreciation event with lots of great food and entertainment. Register early—attendance is limited.

If you are interested in purchasing an Italian Club monogrammed polo shirt, send an email to villagesitalianclub@gmail.com or call 732-742-4874.

Calling all Villages Dog Club members!

We hope we're not barking up the wrong tree, but we need all our fur-loving friends to join us for an important (and tail-waggingly fun!) gathering on **Saturday, September 6 at 11 a.m.** at the Vineyard.

This isn't just a meeting—it's a celebration! Over a delicious catered lunch, we'll come together to: elect new board officers; plan our upcoming events and club goals; reconnect with fellow dog lovers; and strengthen the future of our pack!

So leash up your enthusiasm and get ready to wag those tails. Let's make this meeting one to remember!

RSVP to Barbara Sunseri at barbarasunseri4@gmail.com

Let's woof it up—see you there!

Take a first look at Senior Academy's fall and winter schedule

The Senior Academy hopes you missed us. We hope you missed the diverse presentations Senior Academy brings to The Villages during our annual summer hiatus. The good news is that the wait is just about over. We're kicking off our Fall and Winter schedule in September with a host of entertaining, educational programs for your enjoyment.

Here's a look-ahead teaser – The titles of the events month-to-month that we have planned:

September 10—The Star, The Saint and The City (Intrigued?)

September 25 —Spies in the Skies (Whoa!)

October 16—The U.S. Supreme Court—Update

October 29—English Church Architecture

November 10—Nepal—Home to most Iconic Himalayan Peaks

November 19—Meeting the Challenges of Solo Aging

December 11—Tripping Down the Colorado River

Details to follow. See you soon!



Get stronger with Walking/Chair Dancing classes

Attend LSAL Walking/Chair Dancing classes twice a week. Strengthen yourself for your future. You're worth it!

We meet **Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*. Sign up in class.



VMA Presents: ‘Preventing Parkinson’s and Treating Parkinson’s’

Join the VMA on **Thursday, September 25 from 10-11:30 a.m.** to hear world-renowned neuroscientist Dr. Michael Okun speak about how to lower your risk of developing Parkinson’s and how to better manage symptoms if you have Parkinson’s.

Dr. Okun is the director of the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. He serves as the medical advisor to the Parkinson’s Foundation. In 2020, he co-authored a book titled “Ending Parkinson’s Disease.”

This summer, his new book, “The Parkinson’s Plan,” will be released. (We hope to have free copies available on September 25.) This new book includes the “Parkinson’s 25”—a research-backed checklist of how to take action to lower your risk of developing Parkinson’s. And, the checklist addresses how to manage symptoms if you have Parkinson’s, and possibly slow the progression of the disease. The focus is on cleaning your food and water, filtering the air, exercising and other lifestyle changes to protect your brain.

Dr. Okun’s talk will be held in the Foothill Center. Whether you are coping with Parkinson’s or want to prevent getting Parkinson’s, please join us to learn how to support better quality of life. To register, please call 408-238-4029 or go online at vmavillagesvgcc.club

VMA Presents: ‘Alzheimer’s Association’s Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide’

If you or a loved one suffers from a chronic illness, managing finances can become especially difficult. Come to VMA’s presentation, “Alzheimer’s Association’s Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide” on **Wednesday, September 10 from 1 to 2 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room.



Charlotte “Charlie” Niemeyer

When we were younger, we had everything together. As we age, and especially if a chronic or progressive illness like Alzheimer’s or dementia sets in, we become less able to manage our affairs and become a prime target for financial abuse and fraud. We all need a plan in place *before* this situation arises.

Presenter Charlotte “Charlie” Niemeyer has always been interested in helping our aging population. Originally from Kenmore, New York, Charlie has lived in many places in the U.S. and has always worked with seniors, both in her career and as a volunteer. Most of her 25 working years were spent in Adult Day Programs, a career she loves. Charlie will provide tips on managing someone else’s finances, how to prepare for future care costs, and the benefits of early planning. We hope all Villagers will consider joining this important presentation.

To register, please go to the VMA website at vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or call 408-238-4029. We hope all Villagers will consider joining this important presentation.

Calling all card makers and card maker wannabes!

We are creating a card-making group at The Villages! Bring your usual card-making supplies to every meeting to make your own cards, including paper/card stock, dies and stamps. Come and learn something new or experiment with new tools or teach us how to create something different! We’ll have a focus for each meeting; see schedule below. Please bring stamps or die cuts related to the theme that you would be willing to let others use. We will meet on the first and third Fridays of the month, in the Art Room in Cribari Center, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting dates and topics:

Friday, September 5 - Make a box to hold a set of cards for a gift; we’ll share where to get favorite supplies. If you have a scoring board and bone folder, please bring it as well as two 8 1/2x11” pieces of heavy card stock and strong adhesive tape.

Friday, September 19 - Note cards or Thank You cards to make for yourself or a gift. Bring flower themed stamps and dies to share.

Fridays, October 3, 17 - Christmas/Holiday cards; fun fold techniques. Bring holiday and winter themed dies and stamps to share.

Fridays, November 7, 21 - Finish Holiday cards, make Thank You cards. Bring dies and stamps that will work for both or either to share.

Friday, December 5 - New Year’s or Birthday. Bring celebration and birthday themed dies and stamps to share.

Come join the fun and bring ideas for future meetings. Meetings are free and open to all residents of The Villages! For more information, contact Mandy at signups4@yahoo.com



Republican Club to celebrate summer’s end

The Republican Club at The Villages announces its End of Summer Celebration on **Saturday, September 20 in the** Clubhouse Fairway Room. Event begins with cocktails at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., and presentations at 6 p.m.

Presenters include Carol Pefley, former vice chairperson of the Santa Clara County Republican Central Committee. She will give us an update on their plans to turn California red and on her campaign to run for Assembly District 28.

Our keynote speaker, Nan Su, senior reporter for The Epoch Times, will be presenting “The CCP’s Economic Warfare Against America,” as Washington faces mounting challenges from Beijing.

Visit RepublicanClubEvent.rsvpify.com to register for the taco bowl dinner (ground beef, shredded romaine hearts, black beans, corn, grape tomatoes, shredded cheese, red onions, cucumbers, with a chipotle ranch dressing and salsa in a taco bowl shell) and cherry pie for dessert at a cost of \$37.42 per person, all inclusive. **No refunds after September 13.**



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The Villages Italian Club’s Wine Tasting Event

Save the Date—Wednesday September 24, from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Miramar Vineyards, 12255 New Ave, San Martin, CA

Registration Fee: \$75 per member (Inclusive). Open to Italian Club Members Only. (Guests pay an additional \$10.)

Registration includes

- Round Trip Bus Transportation
- Tastings of 6 different wines
- Full Dinner provided by Giorgio’s of Morgan Hill

Additional wines can be purchased at a discount. 20% on individual bottles. 50% discount on one full case.

Facility offers: Bocce, Corn Hole Games and Giant Jenga

Don’t miss out—**Registration begins August 24**



RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., August 25 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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**The St. Francis of Assisi’s Village Catholic Council
Invites you and your guests to our Annual Dinner Dance**

Sunday, September 21, 5:30-9 p.m.

Cost is \$43 per person.

Email mpcolaizzi@gmail.com or haggertymaryann1@gmail.com for menu and details.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘A Friend Forever’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

If someone were to ask you, “Who is your best friend?”, who would it be? It shouldn’t take a long time to come up with their name. Friends are held close to the heart, and not in a file cabinet labeled for extreme emergencies only. A friend is someone you share your life experiences with (the good, the bad, the ugly, and the indifferent) because you trust them with your life, and they, in the same way, trust you.

Friendships are established over time because most people are not immediately comfortable in being transparent when it comes to sharing their situations with others, and for good reason. We learn early on in life to be less trusting when we experience being hurt and let down by the ones we thought cared about us and whom we could trust with everything.

Real friends are not only there when it’s convenient but also in times of trouble or pain, when they know you need a friend. Despite the challenges of time or distance, they are always there for you, and they don’t expect anything in return. Even if you haven’t spoken or seen each other for a while, true friendship never dies. As the saying goes: “A friend in need is a friend indeed!” True friends know they are there for each other when needed.

Lifelong friendships require you to share your valuable time and talents out of love for the person, which is rare and precious in these times. When you find a friend, whether it be your spouse or others, it is a gift to be treasured and cherished. These types of bonds are difficult to forge, but when you find a lifelong friend, the friendship is worth investing in. You shouldn’t end them without a godly reason to do so (death).

I remember when things became difficult, my mother, a single parent, would stare out the window while washing the dishes. She would sing, “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, and what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.” I was too young to understand the value of having a friend who would always be there for me, listening without condemnation. Proverbs 17:17 NIV “*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*” Proverbs 18:24 NIV “*One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*”

Who do you turn to when you need a friend who understands and loves you for who you are, regardless? “Jesus said, I am with you always to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20.

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 where needs are met, faith is affirmed, and new friends are made. You can view our worship services on YouTube at [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvGccClub)

‘Where are the Angels?’

By Lerma Simpson, pastoral associate, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Among the Catholic prayers that I learned as a child was the “Prayer to My Guardian Angel.” On the other side of the prayer card was an illustration of a boy and a girl playing near the edge of a lake, each being closely watched by a couple of winged, human-looking figures. Presumably, these were the children’s guardian angels.

It has been believed in our tradition that God assigns each of us a guardian angel at our conception and Sacred Scripture reveals to us that we can communicate with them. The interaction between Mary and the angel, Gabriel, is a good example of this (Luke 1:26-38). Angels can relay messages through our dreams, just as the angel did to Joseph, telling him not to be afraid to take Mary to be his wife (Matthew 2:13-19) and twice again to assure the child Jesus’ safety (Matthew 2:13-19). They can also speak to us through a human disguise just as the angel Rafael, masquerading as a relative, did in the Book of Tobit.

My daughter several years ago desperately struggled to free herself of her constant anxieties that negatively affected her physical health and mood. The bubbly, chatty little girl became a sluggish, exasperated teenager. After trying out a few professional therapists and doctors, we finally found the ones my daughter felt comfortable with and best suited her needs. Then one day, as my family was walking out of a local restaurant, a woman in a wheelchair, carrying a bouquet of roses, approached us, her focus was completely on my daughter. The woman pulled herself toward my daughter and with an austere look, said to her, “You are going to be OK”. Without saying anything more, the woman turned herself around and veered to the opposite direction. All of us were rather taken aback by that incident. Later that day, it came to me that the woman could have been my daughter’s guardian angel in disguise.

With the right professional help, moral support from family and friends, and with her own internal strength and determination, my daughter is now enjoying life as any young healthy adult should. She travels, hikes with friends, has parachuted from an airplane and enjoys painting again. She is employed as the marketing director for a prestigious law firm in San Francisco. Her positive energy and outlook are signs that her guardian angel continues to protect and guide her. Our own guardian angels never give up on us, either. After all, they have been sent by God, and God never gives up on us!

Catholic Community: 20th Sunday of the Year, Lk.12 :49-53

By Msgr. Gene O’Donnell

In recent years, when people got together for Thanksgiving, Christmas and other big celebrations, they introduced strict rules so that no politics or religion would be discussed.

This was to establish ground rules to avoid arguments among the guests and make a more peaceful atmosphere where people could enjoy the many family and friendship bonds that they shared and enjoyed. It was one way to handle division.

Jesus, by being himself and living his mission, was a source of division in his times, as was Jeremiah, the prophet. They did not set out to cause division, but the truth they told and lived was not palatable for some of their hearers. This led to opposition, persecution and even death.

Jesus told us to expect opposition and persecution when we follow him.

In Mt. 5:10 he says, “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Our following of Jesus can have us take a stand that may cause others to disagree with us. That should not come as a surprise but is to be expected.

SPORTS NEWS

9-HOLE WOMEN



Left: Barbara Weisend, Front Nine Captain's Trophy winner.
Right: Joyce Mukuno, Back Nine Captain's Trophy winner.

By Mary Wagle

Our Captain's Trophy play was postponed to August 12 due to the club challenge, and we had 53 ladies vying for the trophies on a day that started out pretty gloomy and chilly. The winners were: Barbara Weisend on the front nine with a score of net 31 and Joyce Mukuno on the back nine with a score of net 31. Congratulations, ladies.

Judy Steinberg is our 2025 Villages Nine-Hole Ladies Club Champion. She will be recognized and honored at the Holiday Luncheon in December. Congratulations, Judy on your excellent play and for winning this coveted title.

On this playday, Sheryl Driskell got a chip in on hole #6, and Gisele Barber got a birdie on hole #18 during play on this date. Congrats to them, too.



Club Champion Judy Steinberg

Our Charity of Choice tournament is coming up on August 26 when we will recognize Child Advocates of Silicon Valley that serves foster children in Santa Clara County. Plan on attending the General Meeting Luncheon that directly follows golf to learn more about our Charity of Choice. Donations to support the good work of Child Advocates may be made on August 26 and also on our September 2 play day. You may also drop off your check any time at Valerie Dimmick's mail tube, 3119 Lake Albano Circle through September 2. Sign up for the luncheon today at our website, womens9holegolf.vgcc.club.

Registration is now open for the Fall Foursomes Exchange on September 23. We want to thank our exchange advertisers, Art Ramirez from Putt-Putt Garage and Shawn Czirban from Struxure Outdoor, for their contributions towards cash prize awards. An exchange must be one Villager with one outside guest, and each Villager will be driving a guest in her personal or rented cart. Remember, we advertise this event to many other clubs. Therefore, if you don't have a guest, sign up anyhow and ask us to pair you with a guest. Sign up online on our website today, womens9holegolf.vgcc.club. For the exchange, the field will be limited to the event participants only.

**The Villages Bocce Club's
TACO NIGHT at Gazebo Park**

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
is **SOLD OUT**



TENNIS TALK

Grab your doubles partner and sign up for year-end Tennis Club tournament

By Betty Olsen

As the pros are gearing up for the U.S. Open, it is also time for villagers to gear up for our club tournament. While the U.S. Open is all about Singles, we here at The Villages are all about doubles. So grab your favorite doubles partner and register for the year end club tournament.

Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Format is a compass draw where you continue playing whether you win or lose. Ideal compass draw is 8 teams. You will have fun playing 3 different teams. If we don't have enough for a compass draw, the format will be a round robin. There will be two matches on Saturday and one match on Sunday.

There will be two categories: A = 4.0 – 3.5 and B = 3.0 – 2.5

Check your emails from the Villages Tennis Club for directions on how to register. If you have questions, contact Sukh Johal at s.johal15@gmail.com or Betty Olsen at betty_olsen@yahoo.com

SHONIS

By Teddy Morse

On August 12, we welcomed back three members who have been away from golf: Robin Fish, who participated for the first time in a year, and Nahareen Rahim and Kathy Tanaka, who joined us for lunch and expressed their eagerness to resume play with the Shoni group. Nahareen plans to rejoin next week.

Eighteen members played on August 12 enjoying ideal weather conditions.

The last Shoni birdie occurred on July 8. After accumulating contributions for over a month, the birdie pot reached \$22—the largest to date. Congratulations to Pauline Robertson, who scored a birdie on hole 5, and Jan Ehrhardt, who scored on hole 2; each received \$11.

Jonna Robinson and Manoli Kelly were recognized as Putting for Pesos winners.

The Shoni Club Championship will be held on September 9, 16, and 23. The champion will be determined by the lowest cumulative score across three games. Notably, this tournament does not factor in handicaps when selecting the winner.

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, August 14, 2025, ten Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf.

Arki Galicki placed **third** with net 27s. Ron Mcinnes captured **second place** with a net 26. And, Dave Hathaway won **first place** with a 2 under par net 25!

There was **one birdie** today by Dave Hathaway on hole 3.

Dave Hathaway won **low gross** with a 29.

Dave Hathaway inched out Mario Silva for **closest to the flag** today on hole 1 at 12 feet, 8 inches.

Dave Hathaway won the coveted **"Golfer of the Day"** honors with low gross, first place, a birdie and closest to the flag. Way to go, Dave!

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.

Revised hours for Pedestrians on Golf Course

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

Monday, August 25 – the course is closed for walkers from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day Holiday – the course is closed for walkers from 7:30 a.m. until dusk

Monday, September 8 – Outside Tournament – the course is closed for walkers from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday, September 22 – Outside Tournament – the course is closed for walkers from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m.



MEN’S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming Events
The Club Championship
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.
The 2025 Senior Net Open—Here are the scores from the August 11. Hope you played well enough to place.

Flight One - Ages 56-66	Flight Three – Ages 75-81
Robert Hand -5 67	Nick Corsello -2 70
Eddie Taituha -5 67	Bob Maass -1 71
Sukh Johal -2 70	Ted Briscoe +1 73

Flight Two - Ages 67-74	Flight Four – Ages 82-92
Tomas Mendoza -3 69	1. Terry Barnhart -6 66
Mark Tomas -1 71	2. Mike Singleton -2 70
James Kaczmarek -1 71	3. Yong Kim E 72

And a very special thanks to **Clayton Krinard and Jeff Steinberg** for putting this tournament together and for setting up an outstanding BBQ lunch.
And a shout out to **Scott Steele and the Pro Shop** for presenting us with another stellar tournament.
Golf Thoughts: “I don’t like doctors. They’re like golfers. Everyone has a different answer to your problem.” - Seve Ballesteros
Hole In One. Eagles, Age Shooters—Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify Donald Chaisson at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager. And please have a friend take a quick picture of you so we can get your handsome mug in the monthly recognition article.

Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club Club Championship - Match Play



When: September 13 through 21, 2025
- Round 1 – Saturday, September 13 - Stroke Play Qualifier
- Round 2 – Sunday, September 14 - Match Play-Top 8 per flight
- Round 3 – Saturday, September 20 - Match Play-Top 4 per flight
- Round 4 – Sunday, September 21 Final Flight Championships
Note: Play will be conducted over two consecutive weekends. Tee times will be assigned by the pro shop. Rescheduling tee times will not be permitted.
Please specify when signing up if you intend to play in the Championship Flight.

What: Club Championship
Format: First round Stroke play qualifier then individual Match Play
Signup: August 30 through September 11. Sign up with the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop will make the pairings.
Handicaps: 100% of September 11 Handicap
Flights: Flighted, determined by Handicap
Tees: #4, #4/3, #3, and #3/2 Tees determined by Handicap, Championship Flight will play the #5 tees.
Tee Times: Tee Times TBD
Cost: \$20 plus Green Fees per round

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Golf Genius Live Scoring
As we have now upgraded our Golf Genius account to the Premium Platform, we now have access to live mobile scoring. Golf Genius Live Scoring is a feature of the Golf Genius tournament management software that allows golfers to enter scores in real-time via a mobile app, which are then synced to live leaderboards that can be viewed both in the app and online. This provides a dynamic, engaging experience for players and spectators alike. How it works:
Mobile App: Golfers use the Golf Genius mobile app (available on both Android and iOS) to enter their scores hole-by-hole.
Real-time Updates: As scores are entered, they are instantly updated on live leaderboards, which can be accessed by anyone with the app or online access.
Customizable Leaderboards: Golf Genius allows for customizable live leaderboards that can be displayed on TVs in the clubhouse, on social media, or in other locations.
Automated Calculations: The software automatically calculates results and statistics, saving time and effort for tournament organizers and staff.
Event Management: Golf Genius also offers features for event creation, including roster management, tee sheet creation, and printed materials like scorecards.
We will start with a “Soft Launch” meaning we will ask golfing groups and Clubs to use live scoring and introduce it to their golfers for a period of learning, trial and error. This will allow the members time to get acclimated with its functionality and purpose and for us to address any issues, concerns and to provide needed training.
The goal is that starting in January of 2026, we will be fully functional and will start using Golf Genius Mobile Scoring for every tournament we conduct.
Upcoming Golf Schedule
Friday, August 22 - Twilight Mixer – 9-Hole 4:30 p.m. Shotgun + Dinner – Last available 18-Hole Tee Time 12 p.m.
Monday, August 25 – Ladies Team Play 8:30 a.m. Shotgun / 1:30pm Open Play Shotgun
Thursday, August 28 – 18-Hole Women’s Member/Member Day 2 - 8:30 a.m. Shotgun
Monday, September 1 – Labor Day Holiday Schedule 7:30 a.m. Tee Times
Monday, September 8 – Outside Tournament 11 a.m. Shogun – 18-Hole Course *closed* all Day
Thursday, September 11 – 18-Hole Women’s Club Championship Day 1 8:30 a.m. Shotgun
Saturday, September 13 – Men’s Club Championship Qualifying Round 8 a.m. tee Times
Sunday, September 14 – Men’s Club Championship First Round Matches
Tuesday, September 16 – Outside Tournament 12 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed* after Swingers
Thursday, September 18 – 18-Hole Women’s Club Championship Day 2 8:30 a.m. Shotgun
Friday, September 19 – Twilight Mixer – 9-Hole 4:30 p.m. Shotgun + Dinner – Last available 18-Hole Tee Time 12 p.m.
Saturday, September 20 – Men’s Club Championship – 2nd Round Matches
Sunday, September 21 – Men’s Club Championship Finals Matches
PING Fitting Day - Friday, September 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
The new PING G440 series is the most forgiving and longest club PING has ever designed. The G440 has a hotter face to generate speed and distance, and a lighter overall system weight with a longer shaft (46”) for faster clubhead speed, higher launch and longer carries. The Free Hosel and Carbonfly Wrap crown save weight to create our lowest CG ever and increase forgiveness while contributing to a more muted, pleasing sound.
Callaway Fitting Day - Friday, September 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Come try Callaway’s new Elyte Driver, woods and irons. The Elyte is up to 8 yards longer with even more forgiveness than ever. The refined shaping promotes increased speed, while a new AI 10x Face is engineered to optimize spin and speed. And a revolutionary Thermoforged Carbon Crown is built to redefine mass properties in a driver. You have to hit it to believe it! You will be surprised how long and straight this club is.
Please call the Pro Shop to book an appointment for all fitting days. Staff professionals will be there to help you determine the best club(s) to maximize your performance and lower your scores. And remember most of the manufacturers allow you to trade in your old equipment for credit towards your new equipment.
VGC Meeting in August—The July Villages Golf Committee meeting will be on **Thursday, September 11 at 3 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are welcome to attend.
Tips from the Pro— The Slice...How to save face
The dreaded **slice**. It starts out OK but takes a right turn in midair and flies headlong into whatever trouble is lurking down the right side, usually a lake or a grove of trees. A **slice** happens when the clubface at impact is open to the path of the swing. The **slice** is more about the open clubface than it is about improper path. You can use your wristwatch to eliminate a slice. If you’re wearing a watch on your left wrist (right wrist for left-handers), you have the key to squaring the clubface. On the backswing rotate your hands counter clockwise so your watch pints to the ground, this will keep the clubface from opening too much. On the downswing, Swing out to right field, and as your club is approaching the ball, focus on rolling your watch face over or counter clockwise so it’s pointing to the ground in the follow-through. Tiger calls this “left knuckles down”...This will get you to rotate your forearms and close the face enough before impact to beat that banana ball **slice**.
Let us know if these tips help... **To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Loanne Rube

Good morning, Villagers! A steamy, hot mug of French press and the noisy clatter of printing presses welcome the 18 Hole Women’s Golf Club to my living room today. OK, the peck, peck of my computer keys in the morning quiet. What a glorious morning! How lucky we are to live here.

Gosh, we’re busy this summer! First up, sweeps for August 14. Great net scores today with almost all of us in the 70s. Awesome! Birdie tweets for Michelle Chung #8, Priscilla Piper #11, Jane Hong #11, Eileen Parks #4, Janelle Salvatierra #5, and Helen Varenkamp #11. Hey Scott, looks like we’re ready for a harder pin placement on number 11. How about in the bunker? That’s where I spent a lot of my time. All those chipping-in this week, raise your putters high! Congratulations to Barb Nilsen #5 and #10 (What??), Michelle Chung #8, Mary Jo O’Neill #17, Bev Poellot #5, Jane Hong #11, Millie Anne Schwerin #17, Mary Wagle #2, and In Kim #10. Seems like maybe I should list only those who did not chip it in. See all the scores in the Scoreboard of this week’s Villager or on the 18 Hole Women’s Club website. Well done, Lassies.

Second up! Congratulations and a shout out to the Villages women playing in team play. Valley League plays away matches against Silver Creek, Almaden, Coyote Creek, Crazy Horse and Half Moon Bay. What a great way to get to play challenging country clubs in a match play competition, enjoy new friends and a delightful lunch over the summer golf season.



The Wheel of Fortune payouts at the Club Championships. Come play!

Gloria Landry, the captain of the Valley league, proudly boasts her team came in second at the seaside links at Half Moon Bay this past week with a score of 41 match points. Her team is Chris Leisy, Kitty Ohtaka, Patti Bell, Vivian Brown, Jay Lee, Debbie Moore, Kathy Apgar, Marie LeBlanc, Jan Kieran, Pat Sear, Suk Pau, Jinhee Kang, Emily Li and Gloria Landry. Don’t you want to play with this merry band of vagabond madams of mischief? I do. Swing away, ladies on the tee.

Third up! Arriving on the tee is the Member/Member tournament which starts this week. It’s a two-week tournament of fun games and enjoying the friendly competition of our fellow two-member teams. Kudos to Lyn Strong and Suzanne Fazzio for their stewardship in organizing this bunch of happy misfits. Having fun, that’s our game! Next up in September is the Club Championship which is a two-week contest. It’s a flighted, low gross score, stroke play game. You qualify on Captain’s trophy day, September 4, then it’s two weeks of cumulative low gross score to win. The Club Champion comes from the 3/2 combo tee flights. Do not dismay if you are playing from the two tees. Gloria is rewarding all flights with lots of moola. Remember you can’t win if you don’t play, and mama always said, “money is like manure, you get the best results when you spread it all around.” Come get your cash, sign up for the Club Championships. See Gloria Landry for details. *Fore!*

Bocce Fall Round Robin Tournament

September 15 – October 24, 2025

Playoffs: October 27-29

It’s time again for the Fall Round Robin Tournament! Whether you are a captain bringing back a team, or a new player wanting to come out and be part of the fun, this showdown is all about friendly competition, comradery and fun! So, pick your time slot, and let’s roll into fall with style.

- Six-week team competition
- Games held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Time slots: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

To register, visiting the following:

Individuals Registration:

tinyurl.com/Fall-Round-Robin-Individual

Captains Team Registration:

tinyurl.com/Fall-Round-Robin-Captains

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Rose at jeffarose11@gmail.com or 408-489-1968.

Sign up for Village Challenge 2025 Bocce Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Who will claim top prize this year? Get ready for one of the most exciting events of the year as **each Village** sends their finest to compete in a head-to-head **single elimination bocce tournament** like no other.

With bragging rights on the line and village pride at stake, this is more than a tournament — it’s a celebration of **friendly rivalry, community spirit, and competitive fun.**

This is a single elimination tournament, with each game being 50 minutes, where losers are out!

There will be a Captain meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday the first of August where teams will draw your seeding from a hat.

Each Village may have only one team of between 6-8 players. Planning and organizing a team is entirely up to each individual village.

Not playing? Be sure to attend to cheer on your favorite village team.

For more information and to register, please contact Tom Hunt at tom.villages@gmail.com

SCOREBOARD

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, August 14

Flight One

Low Gross: Helen Varenkamp 87

Low Net: Susan Anderson 73

Flight Two

Low Gross: Hanhi Min 92

Low Net: Kathleen Holt 74

Flight Three

Low Gross: Bock He Kim 98

Low Net: Jini Kang 102

2 Tees Flight One

Low Gross: Priscilla Piper 87

Low Net: Chris Leisy 70

2nd Low Net: Gisele Barber 75

2 Tees Flight Two

Low Gross: Eileen Parks 96

Low Net: Sheryl Driskell 75

2nd Low Net: Diana Hallock 76

2 Tees Flight Three

Low Gross: Suzi Kim 105

Low Net: Mary Jo O’Neill 74

2nd Low Net: Barbara

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SHONIS

Tuesday, August 12, All Nets

Flight One (Handicaps 11-16)

1. Marty Blinde 25
2. Three-Way Tie—Judy Rogers, Manoli Kelly, Pauline Robertson 27

Flight Two (Handicaps 17-19)

1. Jan Erhardt 23
2. Sabrina Kupperberg 25
3. Tie—Schinae Ogihara and Jonna Robinson 26

Flight Three (Handicaps 20-24)

1. Terri Matsumura 24
2. Fran Schumaker 26
3. Julianna Wahlgren 27

BOCCE

Guys & Gals Week #5 - Weekly Win/Loss Standings

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Curve Appeal 8-2

Bocce Gals 7-3

Rolling Stones 5-5

The Big LeBocce 8-2

High Rollers 2-8

Having A Ball 0-10

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Bad Boys 5-5

Straight Shooters 4-6

Diamonds in the Rough 3-7

Femme Fatales 9-1

Bocce Pals 6-4

Queen Bees 3-7

Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Pink Ladies 7-3

Merry Bocce Band 3-7

No Boys Allowed 4-6

Bocce Kings 7-3

Sharp Shooters 7-3

What’s Up! 2-8

Monday 6 p.m.

Madames of Mayhem 10-0

Let’s Roll 2-8

Monday Delight 2-8

Arki’s Rollers 6-4

Wednesday 6 p.m.

Beards, Balls, & Bravado 6-4

Rita’s Rollers 4-6

Mission Imbocceable 6-4

Bella Chao Rollers 4-6

Thursday 6 p.m.

Bocce Muses 3-7

The Chewbocces 6-4

Hit Happens 6-4

BTB 5-5

BRIDGE

Monday, August 11

1. Ed Logg – Hanhhi Min

2/3. Tied – Jan Kiernan – Sumi

Minami and Donna Erickson –

Art Lind

Wednesday, August 13

1. Ed Logg – Jane Michaels

2. Lorrie Scott – Guest

3. Jonna Robinson – Roy Tsai

Friday, August 15

1. Jonna Robinson – Roy Tsai

2. Mary LeGrand – Carol Reid

3. Cathy Struck – Ray Struck

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, August 13

Bev Waller Wharton 217

Bonnie Barrett 250

Shirley Bellavance 280

Friday, August 15

Kitty Heston 179

Bonnie Barrett 230

Bev Waller Wharton 288



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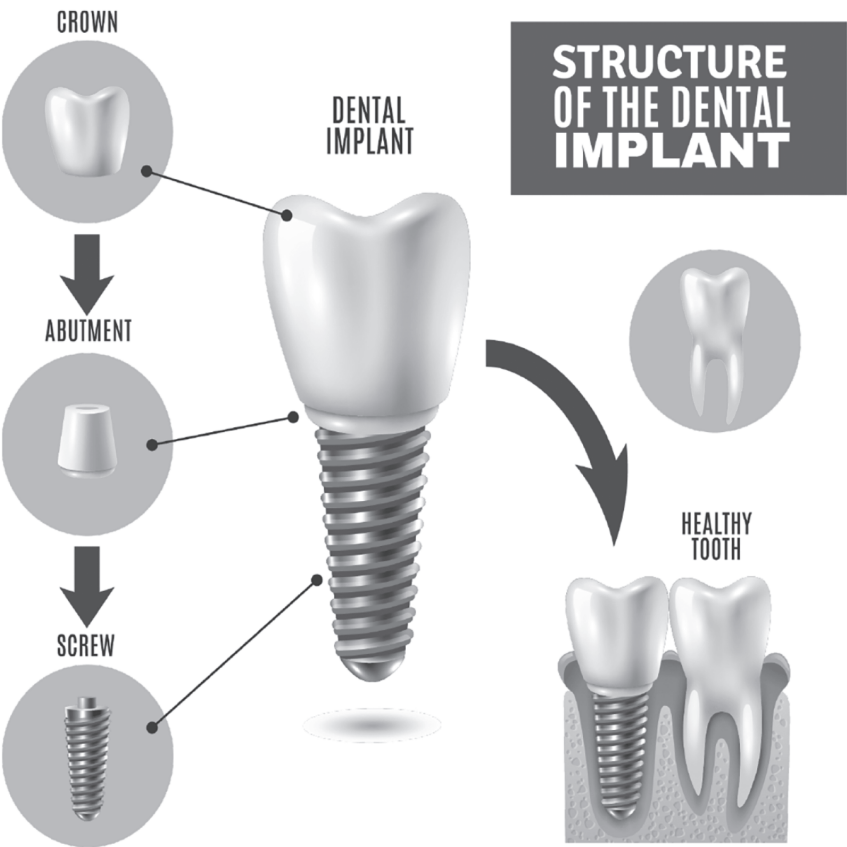
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FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

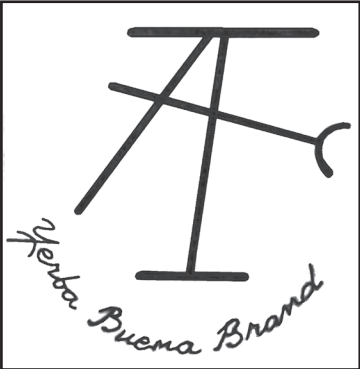
The Roots of Evergreen installments will be published in *The Villager* the third week of every month and collected in *The Villager Online* under a new History heading.

This month’s installment is about Rancho Yerba Buena—Antonio Chaboya’s Mexican land grant.

Yerba Buena—Antonio Chaboya’s big rancho

The present-day footprint of The Villages in its entirety is a small part of the huge Rancho Yerba Buena—located almost in the center of the former 24,332-acre land grant first bestowed upon Francisco Xavier Antonio Chaboya (1803–1865), a son of a Spanish soldier, Marcos Chaboya, who was part of the De Anza Expedition.

In 1775, Spain began granting huge tracts of land in Alta California and Baja California to retired soldiers as inducements for them to settle in the frontier. Spain was seeking settlers and natives converted to Spanish citizenship by the missions to legitimize its vast land acquisitions. In Alta California, Spain led a fast-paced land grab to prevent the English and Russians from claiming the coastal regions of California. Under Spain, rancho land holders (Rancheros) did not own the land because the concessions remained the property of the Spanish crown upon the death of the recipient.



Chaboya’s cattle brand

After Mexico’s independence from Spain in 1810, it began granting Alta California ranchos to soldiers and other favored perons. (The September 16 Mexican Independence celebration, a popular holiday in California, commemorates the Treaty of Córdoba that released Mexico from Spanish rule.) The Mexican land grants conveyed actual ownership to both native-born and naturalized Mexican citizens. These grants were usually two or more square leagues—14 square miles—in size. The majority of the Mexican land grants were located along the coast around the San Francisco Bay, inland along the Sacramento River and in the San Joaquin Valley—some very prime property by today’s standards. In 1833 Mexico secularized the missions, transferring about a million acres per mission to the pool of land available to grantees. By 1846, the former mission lands and livestock was transferred into the hands of the Californios—they collectively owned about eight million acres of land. The missions only retained their buildings and the priests’ gardens.

In 1833, Antonio Chaboya (Chabolla) was among the favored few to receive his grant of Rancho Yerba Buena, also known as Rancho Socayre.

Chaboya’s grant was both a blessing and a curse, because maintaining control over such a huge tract of pastureland was nearly impossible for a single family. The rancheros needed many male children, and numerous trusted ranch hands in addition to the reliance upon indigenous native people trapped in a peonage system (a form of slavery) to operate their huge ranchos. The rancho model was functional until the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt when a small group of American settlers in Sonoma proclaimed California an

independent republic and raised the first bear flag over California. This revolt culminated in the Mexican-American War, which Mexico lost and agreed to the terms of the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which transferred California and much territory in the Southwest to the United States.

Mexico lost its control over Alta California, and the era of the huge ranchos was coming to an end.

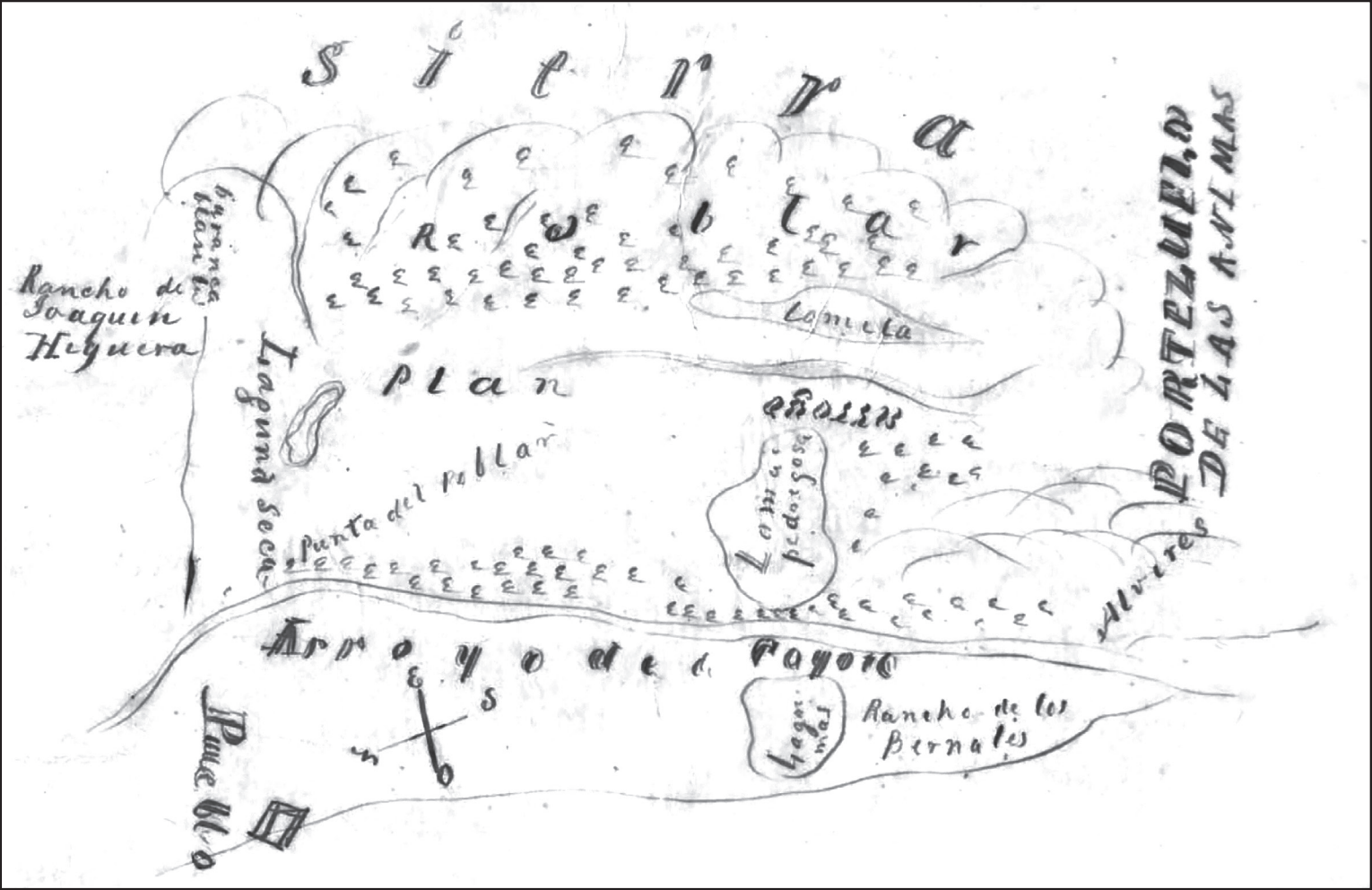
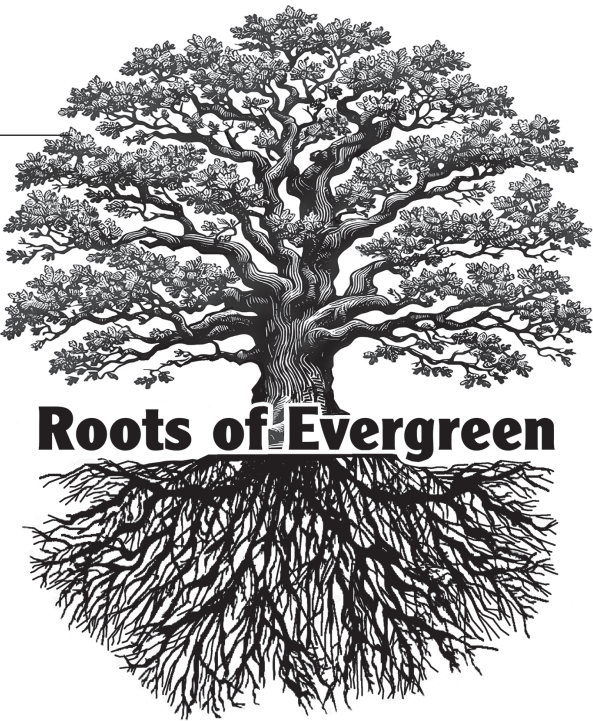
Unlike most of the rancheros, Chaboya was able to keep control over his tract of land, and the new United States government honored his title to the land, but it didn’t mean he would get the protection he needed to hold on to the land. He filed a claim for Rancho Yerba Buena with the Public Lands Commission in 1852 and received a patent for his property in 1859.

The Chaboya family enjoyed a wealthy lifestyle for a number of years, as they were producing and selling cattle hides for the world wide leather market.

Antonio had a brother, Pedro, who also had a neighboring rancho—not as big—and served as one of the first lawmen in the area while it was under Mexican control.

All bets were off for the Californios and native people when gold was discovered in the Sierra Nevada foothills, an event that brought down the whole Spanish/Mexican system, and created the worst of all conditions for California’s indigenous people.

As word of the gold discovery spread round the world like wildfire, tens of thousands of gold seekers and immigrants wanting land overran the Gold Country as well as the coastal



Old map of the Rancho Yerba Buena showing the Diablo Range—Sierra Roblar (oak mountains), Coyote Creek, Laguna Seca (probably present-day Lake Cunningham), Rancho de los Bernalles—Bernal Ranch, Portezuela de las animas—Gate of the Souls, Rancho de Joaquin Higuera—the ranch owned by the family of Chaboya’s second wife, Maria Ramona Encarnacion Higuera.

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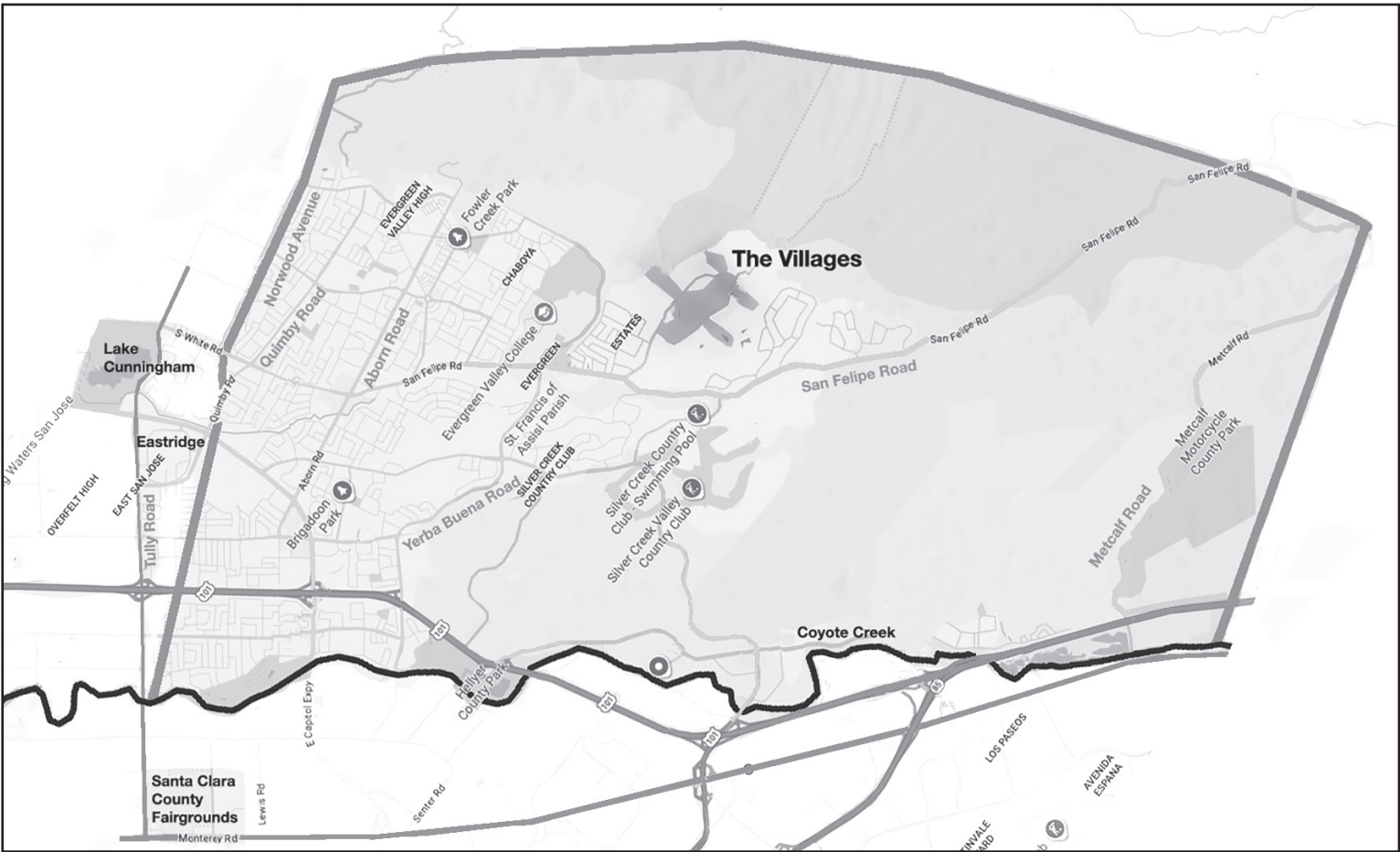
Rancho Yerba Buena...

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and Bay Area regions. After most of the 49ers failed to make their big strikes, they sought more conventional ways of living—mostly through farming. Huge numbers of white Americans came into the area and tried to buy land. When none was available many squatted on the land of the rancheros. This situation spelled disaster for the Chaboyas.

Even though the Chaboya family had a legitimate right to their land, it meant nothing to the squatters who occupied parts of the rancho. Chaboya tried to follow the proper legal channels to fight the interlopers, but without support from the sheriff and local government, he lost ground and was forced into selling much of his holdings to avoid extended legal battles and to pay the bills for the legal services he needed to defend his right to his property. All together it spelled the end for his rancho.

The tension between the Californios and the new settlers heated up and escalated into a “settlers war” here in the Santa Clara Valley. The Chaboyas had more than 500 squatters on their rancho and Antonio followed the proper legal channels to evict them through the court system. One of the defendants (among some 13 families listed) was John Aborn (Aborn Road), a veteran of the Mexican War as well as the Civil War—and a



Approximate boundaries of Rancho Yerba Buena overlayed on a modern map of the Evergreen district of San Jose. The approximate boundaries of the former property would be Coyote Creek to the west, probably the ridge of the Diablo Range to the east, Norwood Avenue to the north and Metcalf Road to the south.

very popular man. Among the other squatters was John Tully (Tully Road), who was taken to court by Chaboya in front of Justice McKee (McKee Road). Tully had to pay a \$900 fine and in 1861, was able to purchase some of the Yerba Buena land.

Although the court ruled in favor of the Chaboya family, the squatters organized and protested the evictions. The sheriff, John Murphy, and some 600 deputies were tasked to enforce the removals. All of the deputies refused

to take up arms and force the farmers off the Chaboya property. Sheriff Murphy excused them all from their duty, leaving Chaboya high and dry. The protests continued. The Evergreen farmers marched eight miles to San Jose and gathered in St. James Park to contest the evictions. Citizens of Santa Clara County began to come out in support of the squatters and another attempt at eviction created a massive turnout in favor of the “squatters’ rights.”

The Chaboya family con-

tinued to fight, but the legal expenses mounted and the family had to sell off land to pay for the legal bills. They were land rich and cash poor and had to face the reality and give in to the pressure, avoiding any bloodshed. Antonio Chaboya died in 1865 and his descendants inherited what was left of Rancho Yerba Buena.

In the scheme of things, Chaboya was the exception to the rule because he was able to hold on to his rancho well into the 19th century. Most of California’s huge ranchos were chewed to dust by the social changes brought about by California statehood and the Gold Rush.

The Chaboya family remained in the Evergreen area,

eventually profiting off the sale of their land by 1875. They took up farming along Quimby Road and lived in peace with their Evergreen neighbors.

The Smith and Stevens families—among the early pioneers of the village of Evergreen—purchased Chaboya’s land, sold to them by some of the lawyers who received his land as payment.

And Sheriff Murphy found his reward in marriage to a lovely girl named Maddie—the daughter of John Aborn.

There were descendants of the Chaboya family—Arthur and Mary Chaboya—living in The Villages for almost four decades. Mary recently died, preceded in death by her husband.

—Series compiled and written by S.R. Hinrichs
The Roots of Evergreen series will be published the third week of each month and posted in the Online Villager.

Music at the Clubhouse

August			
Wednesday, August 27	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
September			
Thursday, September 11	Restaurant	Double Play Jazz	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24	Bistro	Steve Guttman	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

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

• **Pest Control**

- Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels—Village Del Lago, Village Sonata, Village Montgomery will occur on 8/25.
(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.

• **Mulching**

- On July 29, the Association Board of Directors resolved to not apply any mulch within the first five feet of the perimeter of the condominiums. Mulching will be suspended while management partners with the vendor to discuss how the remaining mulching will be applied.

• **Fertilizer**

- This week the BellaVista Team is applying a fertilizer treatment to the turf areas throughout the community. The fertilizer has been coated with a pre-emergent herbicide, which means it not only nourishes the turf but also helps to prevent the germination of unwanted weeds. Fertilizer provides essential nutrients that support strong root development, improved color, and overall turf health. The added preemergent helps stop weeds before they start, reducing the needs for future treatments and keeping lawns looking neat and uniform.
There will be temporary signage at village entrances where product is being applied.

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 Glen Arden**—Contractor will trim trees in Village Glen Arden on August 19 and 20.
- **Village Fairways**—Contractor will trim trees in Village Fairways on August 21 and 22.
- **Village Valle Vista**—Contractor will trim trees in Village Valle Vista on August 20.
- **Village Verano**—Contractor will trim trees in Village Fairways on August 27.

Club Maintenance

• **Verizon Cell Tower**

- Work began on the cell tower project the week of August 4. Work will be coordinated with tournaments. No work will occur while a tournament is occurring. You may have noticed that a large section of plant material has been removed. This needed to be done as the contractors needed a specific additional area of clearance on both sides of the path to trench and perform other work.
- Week of 8/18 and 8/25
 - Trench Fiber conduit along the maintenance road.
 - Bore PG&E conduit across golf course to point of connection in street.
 - Beginning of Verizon Construction (foundations, power, cabinets, fencing,etc.) This will continue through September 19.
 - Will not work the days of the tournaments such as August 21.

- **There’s cows in “them thar hills!”**—The Villages will have cattle on site from June 16 through November 2025. The cattle will be grazing in the hill lands to help mitigate fire risks. There will 50 animals 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.
- 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.

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

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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.



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In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.
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Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee.
For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com, or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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OBITUARY

Patti Ann Smith
January 7, 1944 — July 25, 2025

Patti Ann loved to say she “was born on the South Side of Chicago” to parents, Yolanda and John Gleason. She was educated in the Catholic School System through high school, and at the age of 45, decided to go back to school, getting her AA Degree from Ohlone College and graduating with the highest honors.

Patti worked as an office manager at Richard Fallows Dental Practice in Saratoga for 18 years. During this time, she met her partner of 43 years, Susie Daughtrey. Together, they spent 12 years living in Fremont. In 1995, they moved to The Villages and started their own business, PAS, together, selling promotional products. P.A.S. officially stood for Promotional Advertising Specialty, but also for their connection, Patricia Ann Smith and Patti and Susie, a cleverness that captured the essence of their business.

Patti loved the summers she and Susie set up their own fruit and vegetable stand in Castro Valley, greeting locals and enjoying the camaraderie of the community. After this, they headed to Europe on a Eurail pass and biked from Passau, Germany to Vienna.

Two of her fondest memories are about her sons. When she turned 80, Matthew and his partner took her to The Old Spaghetti Factory, decked her out in an orange boa, her favorite color, gold crown and proceeded to spend the evening asking her 80 questions about herself to the delight of family and friends.

Patti leaves behind her life-long partner, Susie Daughtrey, and their beloved Apricot Toy Poodle, Katie. She is survived by her two sons and their partners, Randall and Allison Smith of Washington State and Matthew Smith and Suzanne Miller of Rohnert Park, her granddaughter, Alexandra Moore and her husband, Dan, of Reno, and her sisters, Luanne Gawron, Debbie Deutsch, Laura Daquilla, and brother, John Gleason.

During her 30 years of living in The Villages, Patti Ann was a member of the Villages Camera Club and the 18 Hole Ladies Golf Group. Later, due to health concerns, she turned her attention to Bocce, serving first as Captain of the All-Women’s Bocce Team and last year as a Board member of the Bocce Club.

In the last four months of her life, she joined the Community Chapel, where she felt, as Pastor Bill says, she was “blessed beyond measure.”



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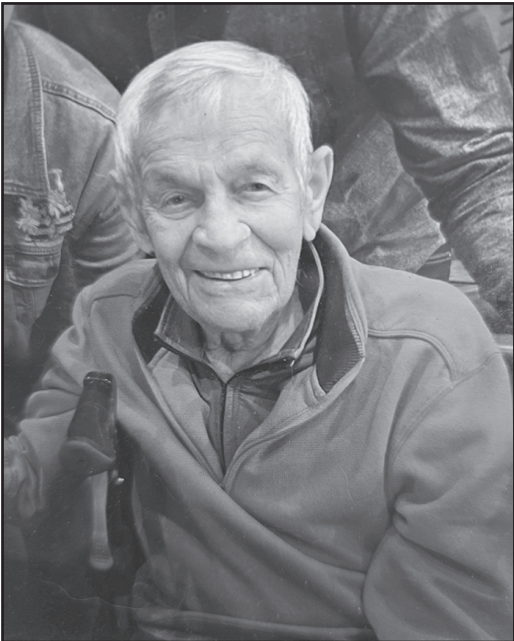
Earl Magoun
August 11, 1924 — August 4, 2025



Earl Magoun, a long-time resident of the Villages and Dominoes and Bocce Ball Club member, passed away on August 4, 2025. Many will remember him for his quick sense of humor and always-ready catalog of jokes. May the spirit of playfulness stay vibrant in all of us. He will be missed.

OBITUARY

Alex Stepovich
August 20, 1932 — July 25, 2025



Alex Stepovich, born August 20, 1932 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Passed peacefully at home in Village Highlands on July 25, 2025.
He left this life saying, “I’ve lived a blessed and full life.”



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