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## Make music and friends at Concert Band Open House

By Pam Pierson

The Villages Concert Band invites you—and your instruments—to join in music-making at an open house **Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. Meet the band members who, like you, enjoy playing for an audience with other musicians. “Together we will sample music from our upcoming October 26 concert,” said Director Melson Varsovia.

By playing with the Concert Band you can join the fun of creating an afternoon of live music, vibrant energy, and community spirit—with guest performers, The Village Dancers. At the open house, we will also present more details of the special band showcase on October 26.

Phil Renteria, Concert Band president, said, “I constantly feel I am part of something special. The fellow musicians welcome newcomers. They are very helpful. You meet new people and establish friendships. Our conductor makes playing music fun and brings the best out of everyone!”

According to Vera Hutton, “The Concert Band has a place for all musicians. Our conductor provides a secure, supportive environment where all musicians can thrive. This includes those who can only play parts of the music to those seasoned musicians who play every note.” Melson is beginning his fourth year with the Villages Concert Band, and he encourages any and all musicians to join in. The Concert Band includes Villagers, non-Villagers, and students who receive Band Fellowship Awards from the Villages Music Society. For more information on the band, visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) or email Pam Pierson at [pierson@gmail.com](mailto:pierson@gmail.com).

**Get more out of your home  
with ideas from 2025**

## ‘Inside the Gates’ Home Tour

By Sherry Benz

One of the owners on our “Inside the Gates” Home Tour once said, “I felt like I only lived in part of my house.” The solution—knock out most of the walls! This expansive vision led to a perfect place for entertaining. Combined with a state-of-the-art kitchen and an outdoor kitchen, it is a palette for culinary magic ... a party is sure to break out!

Tickets for the 10th annual “Inside the Gates” Villages

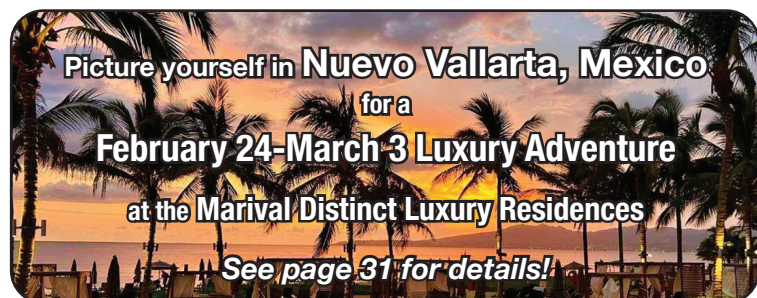


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## At the Emergency Preparedness Fair



Representatives from the San Jose Fire Department, San Jose Prepared, and others provide informative pamphlets, and talk about safety and preparedness at the Emergency Preparedness Fair held Saturday, August 23 in Cribari Center.  
(See page 12 for article and photos) Photo by Frank Langben



## Flu season is almost here — get your flu shot

Flu season is right around the corner! The Villages in partnership with Life Plus Pharmacy on Aborn Road, will, again, bring you a potentially life-saving Drop-In Flu Clinic on **Sunday, October 12** at Foothill Center. Drop in anytime between **9:30 a.m.** and **2:30 p.m.** and get your flu shot. Just bring your ID and your Medicare card.

You can easily fit the flu shot into your Sunday routine that day, whether it's going to church or brunch with your loved ones, you can go before or afterward. Make getting your flu shot an important part of your day on Sunday, October 12. Save the date!

Call Liz Adams at 408-621-5653 with questions.



# 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/](https://news.thevillagesgcc.com/article-submission-form/), or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com).

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

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.

0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.

0 Pulse letters published this week.

## BOUQUETS

The Clubhouse catered The Villages Women’s Par 3 Golf Club (Shonis) luncheon at Gazebo Park Aug. 19. The 16-inch pizzas in a variety of flavors were delicious and provided ample food. The Clubhouse is stepping up its food service with a variety of choices at competitive pricing. I encourage groups to consider the Clubhouse when catering your next event.

—Teddy Morse, Shonis



*The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)*

*If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com), Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com) or submit it to The Online Villager at: <https://news.thevillagesgcc.com/article-submission-form/>*

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

## LSAL, my hidden gem on the road to recovery

My recent diagnosis of bone-on-bone arthritis was a tough blow. It meant total knee replacement surgery. The surgeon’s advice was just as clear: start “prehab” to strengthen my body for an enhanced recovery. That’s how I found LSAL (Live Stronger and Longer Fitness Club), a hidden gem of a group that transformed my journey. LSAL is more than just a class held in Cribari Auditorium, it’s a community where people of all abilities—from those in wheelchairs to those who are fully mobile—can walk, stretch, and exercise together. The classes, led by instructor Mwezo, creates an environment that’s supportive and motivating, no matter your fitness level. After my knee replacement, I returned to LSAL to continue my recovery. The classes were the perfect complement to my physical therapy, helping me regain my balance, confidence, and strength. I can’t imagine my recovery without this group. If you’re looking for a fun, welcoming way to stay active, I can’t recommend LSAL enough. The class takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Come for the exercise, stay for the camaraderie, and leave feeling stronger and more energized.

—Maria de Quinto

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## IN MEMORIAM

**In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.**

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

*Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com) or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com) or 408-223-4655.*

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

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

### HOURS

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

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## ABOD President’s Message—August 26, 2025

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors August 2025 meeting. I would like to thank all the DACs for the excellent turnout for the All-DAC meeting last Monday as well as the individual DAC landscape meetings last Wednesday through Friday. A special thanks to Vice President Pat Reardon for attending all 11 meetings over those three days and for knowing everything there is to know about the 32 landscaping and fire hardening projects being done in The Villages. While I only was able to make it to seven of the meetings, it was eye opening to see the vast variety of differing concerns put forth by each DAC. Now the projects are resting in the hands of Ryan Bell to firm up the details and move them along in the process.

Good news for three of our residents. They were able to obtain the needed insurance coverage for their solar systems so all three can move along and hopefully start their installation. What used to be easy is now much more difficult due to changes in the insurance market. If anyone is thinking of installing solar, please contact Elissa at the corporation yard and she can give you the information needed in order to obtain the proper insurance coverage. It may be the most difficult step in the process so be sure to seek that coverage first before signing an installation contract with a solar company. We are still looking forward to trying to come up with other alternatives but for now the insurance requirement is still in place.

One thing I would also like to point out is if anyone is installing a video doorbell or installing a charging station for their car, even in their own garage, both installations require approval of the Architectural Committee in advance. If you have already done either of these without approval, you can file a retroactive application in order to get properly approved. Video doorbells are reviewed for privacy concerns and charging stations are reviewed for proper installation by a licensed electrician.

The Villages survey wrapped up August 27 and I think we all look forward to seeing the results. I don’t know the number of people who completed it but it seems everyone I talk to has done it so hopefully we will obtain some meaningful feedback from all of the residents.

I would like to remind everyone that the annual Insurance Verification notice will be coming out shortly. Please be sure to complete the form and attach a copy of your insurance certificate. With our Community Standards Officer in place, he will be following up so hopefully we get 100% compliance this year.

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

—Michael Schwerin, Villages Association President

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and COMMUNITY NOTICES  
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## Bylaws Committee—Key Initiatives

The Villages needs additional revenue just to maintain existing Club facilities. To address this need, the Club Board formed the FY26 Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to review and propose updates to the Club Bylaws. The current bylaws have remained unchanged since 2006. The revised bylaws may include a Club Initiation Fee that will be paid by new buyers to reduce future dues increases. Without new revenue we will pay our bills through increases in Club dues, special assessments, and/or loans, paid by current residents.

The committee plans to address the following major issues to bring our bylaws up to date with current law and governance best practices. All proposed amendments will be subject to a vote by the membership.

### 1. Terminology

The Club collects Dues for operation and capital expenses not Assessments.

### 2. Definition of Capital Expenses

Clearly define the difference between Capital Improvement and Capital Replacement.

### 3. Electronic Voting

Allow electronic voting to save money, time, and trees.

### 4. New Source of Revenue

Allow the Club Board to create a new source of revenue to keep our monthly Dues as low as possible. One possibility is to require a Club Initiation Fee paid by buyers when they purchase a home at The Villages.

### 5. Capital Fund Limitations

Simplify the capital fund program. Replace the existing limitations on capital improvement funding with specific criteria of a Membership vote on major new facilities and refurbishments.

For more information check the Member Portal and/or attend the next Club Board meeting on September 30 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.



## Club Board President’s Message—August 26, 2025

This month brings together two major milestones: the conclusion of our Residents/Member Survey and the release of our Capital Project Plan.

Management expert W. Edwards Deming aptly said, “Without data, you’re just another person with an opinion.” Guided by this principle, the primary goal of the survey was to gather meaningful feedback on residents’ preferences and expectations for both the Club and the wider community.

In collaboration with the McMahon Group, an established private club consulting firm, we conducted seven focus groups, each lasting 90 minutes, involving more than 140 Villagers. Their input helped shape the survey’s focus areas. The questions themselves were developed by independent experts to ensure objectivity and neutrality throughout the process.

To everyone who participated: Thank you. Your responses are critical in shaping our priorities and ensuring our actions are aligned with the community’s collective interests.

The newly published Capital Project Plan compiles information from a range of sources, offering a clear overview of upcoming projects, estimated costs, and expected timelines. We hope you find it both accessible and informative. Please note that this document will continue to evolve as we incorporate new insights from the survey and conduct further reviews of our infrastructure.

We are aware of recent claims linking increased Club dues to a rise in home listings within The Villages. However, the data tells a different story. According to Realtor.com, the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metro area has experienced a 39% year-over-year increase in active listings, with homes now spending an average of 34 days on the market, the second highest figure since 2016. This trend reflects broader market dynamics seen across the state and nation, not just within our community.

We believe leadership is best exercised through attentive engagement and open communication, not top-down directives. We welcome your continued feedback and look forward to productive conversations aimed at enhancing the shared experience of our community.

—Andrew Altman, Board President, Villages Golf & Country Club

## 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](mailto: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.



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# MANAGEMENT

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

WITH **FERNANDO GARIBALDO**



Hello Villagers! As we step into September, I have a few very important announcements to help keep our community vibrant and thriving. These updates are crucial for ensuring everyone can enjoy a safe, welcoming, and connected environment.

**Annual Association Smoke, CO Detectors and Insurance Compliance**

Starting the first week of September, we will be conducting the annual Statement of Compliance for Association policies. This is a routine but critical safety measure to ensure homes are equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and insurance. The completed form may either be mailed or be dropped off into the deposit box located in the parking lot just outside of Building A. The deadline to complete and return the Statement of Compliance form is on or before October 10, 2025. (See article page 30).

**The Violation Process: What to Expect**

When a potential violation is identified, our process is designed to be fair and simple. Here's a breakdown of the steps:

1. Notification: If your unit is found to be in violation of a community standard, a formal notice will be sent to you. This notice clearly outlines the specific violation, references the relevant rule, and provides a timeframe for you to address the matter. Contact information is also provided so residents can easily reach out with any questions.

2. Ample Time to Address: The initial timeframe provided is designed to give residents plenty of time to resolve the issue. Whether it's relocating an item from the common area or removing storage from a carport, we want to give you a reasonable opportunity to address any violations that have been observed.

3. Extensions are Available: We understand that sometimes the unexpected occurs and you might need more time due to personal circumstances. If you need more time to resolve a violation, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am always happy to work with you to provide an extension. The sooner we connect, the better we can find a solution that works for everyone.

**Have a Question?**

Whether you have a question about a recent notice, need to request an extension, or simply need clarification, I am here to help! I can be contacted at [communitystandards@the-villages.com](mailto:communitystandards@the-villages.com) or 408-754-1350.

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## Changes coming to laundry rooms in Cribari, Montgomery and Hermosa

The Villages was informed that CSC ServiceWorks, the company that provides the laundry room machines, will be making technology updates to the washers and dryers over the next few months.

As part of these improvements, the machines will no longer use coins. Instead, CSC is upgrading its mobile app to make it easier to use. However, you do not need a smartphone to do your laundry.

For those who prefer not to use the app or do not have a smartphone, a simple pay station will be added in each laundry room. This pay station will allow you to use a credit or debit card to start the machines—just like using a card at the grocery store.

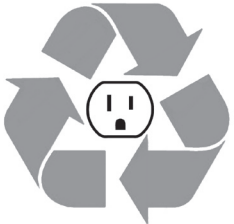
These updates are designed to make doing laundry more convenient. More information will be shared as the changes get closer.

## E-waste event coming Saturday, October 4

Special Projects and Sustainability Services will host an e-waste event on **Saturday, October 4.**

The event will be held in the East Cribari Center Parking Lot between **9 a.m. and noon.**

The following items are accepted: laptops, computers, computer tower, monitors, computer accessories, copiers, printers, calculators, cameras, small appliances, flat screens, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, speakers, projectors, medical/lab equipment (clean please), televisions, faxes, cell phones, tablets, games consoles, GPS system, iPods and MP3 players, telephones, radios and more. If you bring items in boxes and bags - they will be returned to you for you to recycle or throw away at your trash enclosure.



NOT Accepted: batteries, light bulbs, refrigerators, ovens, stoves, washer and dryers, large household appliances, tires.

Questions? Please contact [Sustainability@the-villages.com](mailto:Sustainability@the-villages.com) or 408-754-1334.

## 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

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on pages 12 & 30

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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### Highland DAC to meet September 8

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

### Glen Arden DAC to meet September 16

The Glen Arden will meet on **Tuesday, September 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Foothill 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.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### Are your assets in your Trust?

Recently, a Villager (V) sold his vacation home and received a hefty check from the title company. He took it to his primary bank and the bank refused to accept the check for deposit to his account. In a huff, he took it to a credit union where he has another account. Again, the deposit was refused.

Why would financial institutions refuse a deposit? It was refused because the check was made out to the Villager’s Living Trust and both bank accounts are in his name alone—not the name of his Living Trust.

V took the check back to the Title Company and requested a new check made out to him personally. The Title Company refused because the deed to the vacation home had been in the name of the Trust – i.e. the Trust had been the owner of the property and was the seller.

SRS inquired what property the Villager had put into the Trust and got a blank stare. His Living Trust provisions apply only to property that is actually owned by his Trust. His attorney had changed the deed to his condo and his vacation home making the Living Trust the owner. Along with the Trust document, the attorney had included written instructions to V about changing the title to his brokerage and other financial accounts. V meant to follow the instructions, but never got around to doing it.

If you have paid to create a Living Trust, have you followed through and made sure your financial assets are in your Trust? If you can answer “Yes” – great job.

If you haven’t gotten around to doing it, what does all this mean for you?

Under current California Probate law, if the total of real and personal property (not including motor vehicles, motor homes, and certain other items) owned by only one individual is more than \$184,500, then a Probate proceeding is required in order to pass one’s estate to heirs after death. V’s bank and stock accounts amounted to more than \$1,000,000. Unless ownership of these assets is transferred to the Trust while he is still alive, part of his estate will have to go through Probate.

Remember, one of the purposes of creating a Living Trust is to simplify and avoid the cost and time of probate. In V’s case, if he does not move his assets into his Trust, upon his death there will be two tax entities created: a Trust for the real estate and a probate Estate for the brokerage and bank accounts. This will require two tax identification numbers and two 1041 fiduciary income tax returns.

Remember the old Doublemint Gum jingle, “Double your pleasure, double your fun?” The tax and legal people will go around singing “Double the clients, double the fees.” You don’t want this to happen to your estate.

### 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

### Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, September 30 at 6 p.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, September 30 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.

## Battery and light bulb collection dates in September

**When: Fridays September 12 and 26**  
**Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** (No early drop-offs, please)

**Where:** Lower Driving Range Parking Lot

**What:** Household batteries only (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, and button batteries)

- Corroded batteries must be bagged in plastic
- 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:**

- DACs handling large quantities should take them to the County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site (appointment required).

Need an alternative drop-off time?

If the scheduled dates don’t work for you, contact the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 408-299-7300 to make an appointment.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
1 p.m.	VMA: Alzheimer Assoc.	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy: Lecture	FC
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board meeting	PR
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
5:30 p.m.	New Members Reception	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
5:30 p.m.	Older Wine Lovers meeting	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

## Tuesday, September 16

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10 a.m.	VMA: Hearing Life Screening	MC
10:30 a.m.	Community Chapel Lay Board	F
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	VC
5:30 p.m.	Glen Arden DAC meeting	FC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Wednesday, September 17

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	HBOD Quarterly Meeting	MC
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
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	PR
3 p.m.	Macintosh User Group	SEQ
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Democratic Club meeting	SEQ
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

## Thursday, September 18

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9:00 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
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Caregiver Support Group	PR
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Opera Lovers Movie	MC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
3 p.m.	Senior Academy Board	PR
4 p.m.	18-H Women Hole-in-One Party	FC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Friday, September 19

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
1 p.m.	Charcoal and Acrylics	AR
2 p.m.	Study Groups: Line Dance	VC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash Gazebo Park	BC
6:00 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, September 6

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Cribari	P
8:30 a.m.	Tennis Club: Men/Women Doubles Tournament	TS
10 a.m.	AM Watercolor Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters PR	
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club Sing Along	SEQ
11 a.m.	AM Dog Club Social	VC

## Sunday, September 7

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
8:30 a.m.	Tennis Club: Doubles Tourn.	TS
9 a.m.	Village Challenge	GP
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
10 a.m.	Community Chapel Worship	A
11 a.m.	Shin Shin Ed Foundation	CH
4 p.m.	Fairweather Friends Potluck	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Monday, September 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	PR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	18-H Women's Board meeting	SEQ
4 p.m.	Highland DAC meeting	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

## Tuesday, September 9

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
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.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
1 p.m.	Bocce Board meeting	PR
1 p.m.	Study Group: News Junkies	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Crafters Club Meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
3:30 p.m.	Catholic Council Meeting	MC
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
4 p.m.	Study Group Club: Israel	VC
5 p.m.	VMS Board Meeting	PR
5:30 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club Meeting	FC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Wednesday, September 10

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

## Thursday, September 11

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Swimming Pool Adv. Comm.	VR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Comm. Advisory Comm.	F
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's Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Comm. Chapel Small Grp.	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Club Villages Golf Cmte.	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir Reh.	CR
4:30 p.m.	Hiking Club Picnic	GP
4:30 p.m.	PC Club Board	PR
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Board	MC
7 p.m.	Villages Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Friday, September 12

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass Friday	CR
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 Gazebo Park	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, September 13

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
10 a.m.	Watercolor Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
11 a.m.	Frick Luncheon	CH
3:30 p.m.	PC: Big Dills BBQ	PC

## Sunday, September 14

8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass Sunday	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
10 a.m.	Community Chapel Worship	A
2:30 p.m.	Larry Boderick Concert	A
7 p.m.	Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite	SEQ
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

## Monday, September 15

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
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Adv. Comm.	F
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR

## Calendar Highlights

### Free Concert by Larry Broderick

Sunday, September 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium.

### ‘Porgy and Bess’ Opera Lovers

Screening is Thursday, September 18 at 2 p.m. in Montgomery Center.

### Senior Academy S.F. History

Speaker presentation on Wednesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. in Foothill Center.

### Art Film: ‘Yayoi Kusama: Infinity’

Screened on Tuesday, September 23 at 2 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

### Concert Band Open House

Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.



## EVENT LOCATIONS

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

# CLUB CALENDARS

## RV CLUB SCHEDULE

Information and photos from outings are on [villagesrvclub.org](http://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. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org)  
**Open Studio in the Art Room:** Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 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.

**September 23:** Free Art Film: "Yayoi Kusama" Tuesday, 2 p.m., in Cribari Conference Room. Kusama is the highest selling living female artist in the world. Free to all Villagers and their guests.

**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](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com).** All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.

**September 5 and 19; October 3 and 17; November 7 and 21; December 5:** Card Making Group with Mandy Book and Sheila Robinson, during Friday Open Studio. See details on our website.

**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.

**October 2:** "Collaging a Pumpkin" with Stephanie Torres. Thursday, 6 p in the Art Room. \$25. Members only.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members only. For Open Studio hours and classes, go to [villagesceramics.com](http://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, September 10** - Rich Bainbridge and Wendy Ledamun (408-499-1789) will lead an out-and-back hike on the Coastside Trail near Half Moon Bay. It's a winding, flat, paved trail that goes in and out from the edge of the Pacific Coast. At mid-hike, we may enjoy a leisurely lunch at The Barn or at the Asian Kings Kitchen, two reasonably priced restaurants nearby. Round trip hike distance is approximately 5 miles. Round trip driving distance to the Coastside Trail is about 100 miles. To avoid excessive traffic, we will meet at **9:15 a.m.** at Cribari for a 9:30 departure.

**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 Hike, Wednesday, September 17** - David Shilton (703-887-1328) will lead a hike in Alum Rock park along the Penitencia Creek trail. This will be an out-and-back hike with several possible stopping points. Expect an elevation gain of up to 300 feet and a mostly smooth path, some paved and some dirt. We will make an optional lunch stop at Lee's Sandwich shop on Berryessa after the hike. Round trip to the park is about 25 miles. Meet at the Cribari bell at **8:30 a.m.** for an 8:45 departure.

**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.**

## 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](mailto:signups4@yahoo.com)



## MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC

With David Martinez



September 22nd & November 3rd

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In The Bistro & Bar

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
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2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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## Soup of the Day



For the week of 9/8 to 9/14

- Monday, September 8**  
Chicken Dumpling  
**Tuesday, September 9**  
Italian Sausage and White Bean  
**Wednesday, September 10**  
Chicken Tortilla  
**Thursday, September 11**  
Turkey with Wild Rice  
**Friday, September 12**  
Clam Chowder  
**Saturday, September 13**  
Chef's Choice  
**Sunday, September 14**  
Chef's Choice

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

### The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

**Restaurant Main Dining Room:** Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.  
Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687 Press #2, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://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?

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**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](http://news.thevillagesgcc.com/menus)

## Weekly Specials

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 9/9 to Sunday 9/14

**Hawaiian Spam Breakfast Sandwich:** Seared with Fried Eggs, Tomato, Lettuce, Sriracha Aioli on a Hawaiian Roll **\$19**

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 9/8 to Sunday 9/14—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Cnimichurri Steak Bites:** Seared Flat Iron Steak with Fresh Herbs over Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Steamed Vegetables **\$24**

**Fried Catfish Po' Boy:** With Roasted Peppers Aioli, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Pickles on a 6-inch Roll with Choice of Side **\$18**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 9/9 to Sunday 9/14—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Tandoori Lamb Loin Chops:** With Garlic Raita, Garlic Pita Bread, Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables **\$35**

**Stuffed Sole Fish:** With Spinach, Bay Shrimp, Bread Crumbs with Chardonnay Cream Sauce and Choice of Two Sides **\$31**

**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](mailto: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](http://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.



## ROTISSERIE

### Chicken

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**\$15.99 Plus  
Service Charge  
and Tax**



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



### Dinner For Two

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## Get ready for Villages' Groovy 'Boogie Bash'



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.

## Foothill Pool, Spa, and Deck to be temporarily closed

The Foothill Pool, Spa, and Deck will be closed beginning Thursday, September 11, at 1 p.m. and will reopen on Saturday, September 13. During this time, the pool will be partially drained to allow for the installation of missing tiles. All tiles around both the pool and spa will also be inspected to ensure everything is in proper condition.

Please note that this closure will not affect the current Aqua Aerobics class schedule.  
For more information, please contact Recreation Services at 408-223-4643 or recreation@the-villages.com.

## Shop, Dine, and Be Merry: Sign up for a Festive Day in Walnut Creek

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Walnut Creek	\$157
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
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!

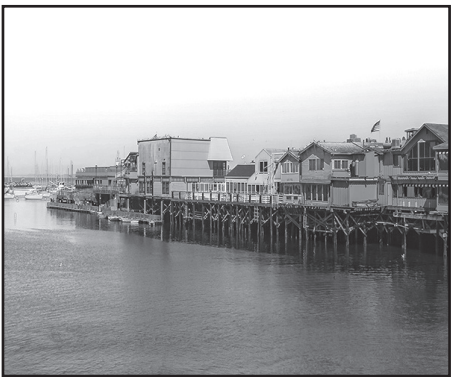
Register on the Member Portal at [member.thevillagesgcc.com/bp-8-7-25](https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/bp-8-7-25) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/monterey-bay) 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](https://tinyurl.com/wine-tasting-rec) or with Recreation Services in Building D.

## 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.

## VMA EVENT CALENDAR

REGISTER ONLINE: [VMAVILLAGES.VGCC.CLUB](https://villages.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.

**VMA Afternoon Bingo** will take place on **Wednesday, October 1** in Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at **3 p.m.**

### Support Groups

**Parkinson's Support Group:** This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, September 25 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all are welcome.

**Grief Support Group:** Pastor Bill Hayden from the Villages' Community Chapel will offer a Grief Share class beginning **Monday, September 8 from 10:30 a.m.-noon** in the Sequoia Room. This session will take place every Monday for 13 weeks. There will be a video seminar, group discussion, and personal workbook. The cost of the class is \$20. Register today by calling 408-238-3079.

**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](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

# Was the Emergency Preparedness Fair worth it? You bet!

By Arlene Versaw

What does it take to host an expansive, successful Emergency Fair in The Villages? Dedicated volunteers who show up on time and work hard on set up, community organizations who take weekend time to share their expertise with us, EPC team representatives who provided informational displays and handouts, and engaged Villagers who value the knowledge gained enough to take advantage of the opportunity.

All this came together at the August 23rd event in Cribari Center when about 350 residents streamed through the booths and absorbed volumes of critical emergency preparation suggestions and listened to our great speakers, including 6 firefighters from CalFire.

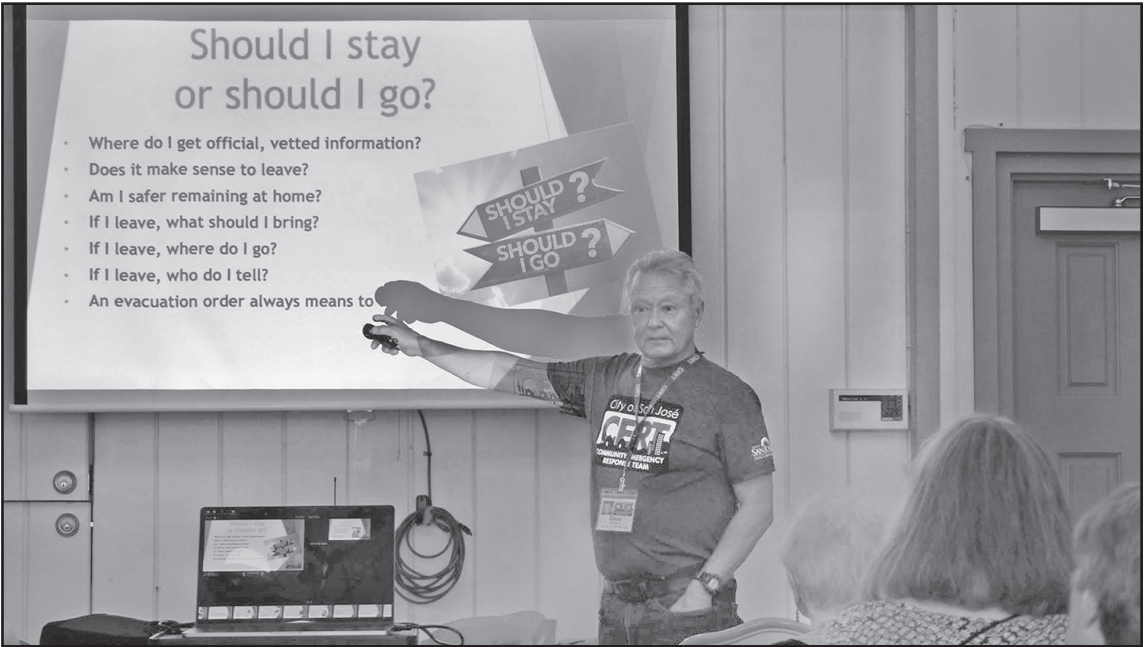
Highlights of the event? The ever-popular drawing for Go-Bags, of course. But most important, many residents volunteered to be EPC Area Representatives and signed up for the Language Assistance Team!

When asked if their time spent in the Fair was worth it, the speakers, service organizations, EPC staff and residents all responded with a resounding “Yes! This is an important Fair!”

A big Thank You to all those who made it happen and to our Councilmember Domingo Candelas who attended in a show of support!



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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Time to cultivate your inner artist!

By Stephanie Torres

The Arts and Crafts Association will be holding their annual New Member Reception, **Monday, September 15 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** in the Art Room located in the Cribari Center.



If you are not an artist/Crafter or member, this is your opportunity to join us and find out more about who we are, what we offer and to participate in the “Tiny Treasures” Art Project.

Create your own masterpiece on a 5”x5” canvas with watercolors, oil, collage, bejeweled, pen, pencil, and curated items you find on your walk/hike around The Villages. What you create is yours to keep or share. Sign it and but do not frame it. All we ask is that you bring it to the New Member Reception to show off your Masterpiece. Pick up the 5”x5” canvas from the art studio during open studio hours Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to noon.

Bring your completed art Monday, September 15 to the New Member Reception for some treats and libations. If you

have any questions, please contact Stephanie Torres at Nanasfinethingz@gmail.com or Barbara Gottesman at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

## 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](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs) or call 408-238-4029. We hope all Villagers will consider joining this important presentation.

## 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 [Il856@gmail.com](mailto:Il856@gmail.com) or 201-573-0747



## Opera Lovers to return in September with ‘Porgy and Bess’

Please join The Villages Music Society’s Opera Lovers on **Thursday, September 18 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, when we will present “Porgy and Bess.”

This is not the movie version with some voices dubbed in, but rather the full operatic stage production of our own San Francisco Opera company from 2009. The music is by George Gershwin and the libretto by his brother Ira. All the singers are fantastic as the characters many of us are familiar with: not only Porgy and Bess, but also Crown, Sportin’ Life, Clara, Jake, Serena and the supporting roles. Angel Blue, making her major opera company debut in this production as Clara, is now sought after in the world’s best opera houses!

As the opera opens, Bess is with the abusive Crown (he is an alcoholic and she is hooked on cocaine) but, after Crown



George Gershwin

kills Serena’s husband and flees, Porgy takes Bess in for a better life of love and care. However, Sportin’ Life is the drug dealer constantly offering temptation, storms cause fishermen deaths, and Crown returns to be murdered eventually. Despite the drama of these events, the opera ends on a hopeful note.

Musically, Gershwin has succeeded in fusing folk, jazz and classical elements and, although there remains much discussion over whether it is truly an opera or musical theater, a production such as

this by a major opera company proves its value as an American opera. There will always remain the racial controversy over what is viewed as stereotypical characterization, but we believe the music provides the stature that makes this a powerful drama.

Please join us on September 18. No registration is required and the event is open to all Villagers. If you need any additional information in the meantime, please call Mary Stradner at 408-887-3293. We also recommend visiting <https://VillagesMusicSociety.org> for information about other musical events.

If you need a ride to any Villages Music Society event, please contact Villages Medical Auxiliary at 408-238-4230 to arrange your free transportation.

## VMA Presents: Last Bingo of 2025

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 last bingo date for 2025 is **October 1**. 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!

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## 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, crevel 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](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)



## Join ‘News Real’ Study Group for timely discussions

By Judy Rogers

Are you curious and compassionate about what’s really going on in our world? Are you excited about learning what is happening at the local, state and national levels? Would you like to practice listening to different perspectives? How about being amazed by unsung heroes and animals that rescue children from raging waters? Do you want to share something you’ve read or seen in the news media?

In August, The Villages Study Group Club launched a brand-new program called “News Real” led by Ann Snook and Ron McChesney. The debut drew an impressive turnout of 39 participants.

The next News Real gathering will be held **Tuesday, September 9 at 1 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room. News Reals meet once a month on the second Tuesday.

To sign up (limit 50 participants, first come first served), please contact: Ann Snook [atansmeltz@gmail.com](mailto:atansmeltz@gmail.com) or text 408-891-1820, or Ron McChesney at [rlinscco@gmail.com](mailto:rlinscco@gmail.com) or text 831- 713-9556.

## Take Mixed Media with Figure class with Sandra Jones

Discover the magic of layering mediums in an inspiring two-day Mixed Media workshop, designed to spark creativity and confidence! Over two days (three hours each), you’ll begin with the forgiving medium of charcoal to develop your drawing, then enhance it with a luminous acrylic wash. It’s the perfect introduction for beginners and a fresh, colorful twist for those with experience. No matter your skill level, you’ll leave with new techniques, inspiration, and a piece you’ll be proud to call your own. Come for the technique, stay for the artistic adventure!

Sign up for this class taking place **Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20** from **1 to 4 p.m.** The class fee is \$100, all supplies included.

Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) for this interesting class! All Villagers and their guests are welcome to take this class.



## Welcome Autumn with Lunch Buddies!

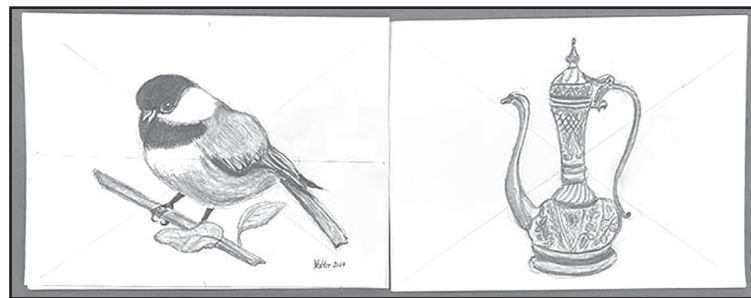
Autumn is coming soon! Leaves will fall, colors will change, and it brings to mind the folks we love and the people we love to spend time with—Lunch Buddies!

If you’ve been looking for some good company, something to get you out of the house, and some good food too, join us on **Wednesday, September 10** for the next Lunch Buddies. We’ll meet in the Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. We’ll dine together, share what we’ve done during the last few months, laugh at our foibles, and enjoy just each other’s company.

Lunch, as usual will be a salad, a half-sandwich, a scoop of ice cream, and iced tea, lemonade, and coffee by request. All this for a nominal \$12. Call the VMA office to make your reservation no later than **Monday, September 8** by noon, and remember to let them know if you’ll need a ride. A VMA volunteer will pick you up and return you home after lunch.

Come join the fun! Make a new friend, tell a joke, and laugh! All things that help us be happy and live longer!

## Take new drawing class with Swati Mohari



Swati is a public school art teacher who has offered classes for Villagers in Drawing, Acrylic, Oil and Watercolor. In September and October, she is offering a Drawing Class in the Art Room on Wednesday afternoons, **2 to 4 p.m., September 24 – October 15**. The price is \$70. Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

Build your artistic foundation in this structured introduction to drawing or brush up on your skills. Learn about line variety, value, composition and perspective to create a series of artworks. Train your artistic eye through drawings from both observations and reference. Projects include still life, compositions, reference drawing and figure drawing.

These drawings are from student work in her last Drawing Class.

Materials students need to bring include a medium-sized sketch pad and 2B and 6B pencils. Other materials such as colored pencils and charcoal will be provided in class.

## Learn about National Monuments—photos and current controversies



National Monuments can be beautiful places to visit with opportunities for hiking, learning and renewing spirits. You may have read about plans to de-establish, shrink or change the management of certain National Monuments. What’s that all about and what generally is the future of National Monuments?

On **Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.** in the Foothill Center, come hear Hiking Club member David Shilton, who retired from the U.S. Department of Justice after working on some National Monument issues, describe with photos his experiences with National Monuments and provide an explanation of current controversies.

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.

## Music at the Clubhouse

### 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.

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

## 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](http://villagesceramics.com) or email [dianefinley1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)



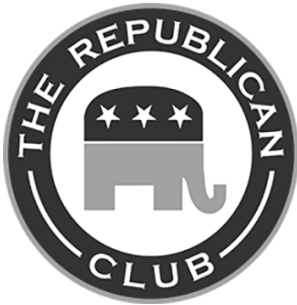
## Republican Club to celebrate summer's end

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](http://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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Everyone is welcome. The first class is free. Sign up in class.

We meet **Tuesdays** and **Thursday** from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.



## Pianist Larry Broderick to offer free concert

Pianist Larry Broderick will present his third annual recital on **Sunday, September 14, at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. Featured pieces include "Autumn Leaves," "Evergreen" and "MacArthur Park." This concert is sponsored by The Villages Music Society, Inc. (VMS) and is free to residents.

"I do this recital every year to express my gratitude to The Villages, for the amenities they have provided and what they've done for my gift," Larry said. "At age 82, I can do things now on the piano that I couldn't do when I was younger and in my prime. And it just keeps getting better! This has given me so much joy, and I want to transmit this joy to my audience." Larry is president of the Villages Music Society's Piano Open Studio. He invites you to come and listen or to play at their open studio in Cribari Auditorium on Tuesday afternoons. See [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for more information.

In his program Larry will include medleys that have become audience favorites: "Phantom of the Opera" and his tribute to the Beatles. If you are unable to drive, don't let that stop you from attending. Contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at 408-238-4230 to schedule transportation to our special event.



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### Real Estate

**We have 52 active listings and 6 pending sales.** Even the Single-family homes are staying on the market longer. In the last several years The Villages single family detached homes would fly off the market as soon as they were listed for sale. Times have changed. There are 4 single family homes that are not flying off the market, and the large condos are doing the same. The good news is that Cribari homes are selling now but in a whole new lower price range.

**Sellers need a whole new strategy.** In my last article I have shared the heart aches of this transitioning market. Sellers want that price from 6 months ago and buyers are holding out to see how low the market will go. I will name this market "the Doldrums market". Interesting enough though, my last 3 homes sold for list price or more in a short amount of time. I will not be sharing my 30 years of experience, hard won secrets here, but I am always up for a personal conversation.

I will tell you that the summer vacation months of July, August and September are not the best times to sell. Increased cost of living in the Bay Area, high interest rates and uncertainties in the stock market have made this year even tougher to sell homes this time of the year. With this last summer holiday coming up, I hope to see increased activity once the holidays are over.

**Some positive news to brighten the scene.** I have held an Open House on my South San Jose listing for the past 3 weekends. This last weekend I had the most activity so far. The interest was higher, more potential buyers were looking at it and I had more agents call with interest in the home. I believe that once the buyers start buying outside The Villages, the activity inside The Villages will follow. We just need to get through the last summer holiday and return to normal markets.

**On the lighter side, let's talk about color and Wallpaper.** I watch HGTV home shows, so you don't have to. Designers are still pushing wallpaper which is tricky. They are also pushing painted accent walls, which can also be tricky. Deep bold colors are in and can look very pretty on TV with designer furniture to match, but when you are selling a home and trying to appeal to as many buyers as you can, a plain light color canvas is a better bet for buyers to visualize with.



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Senior Academy: See another side of the City by the Bay

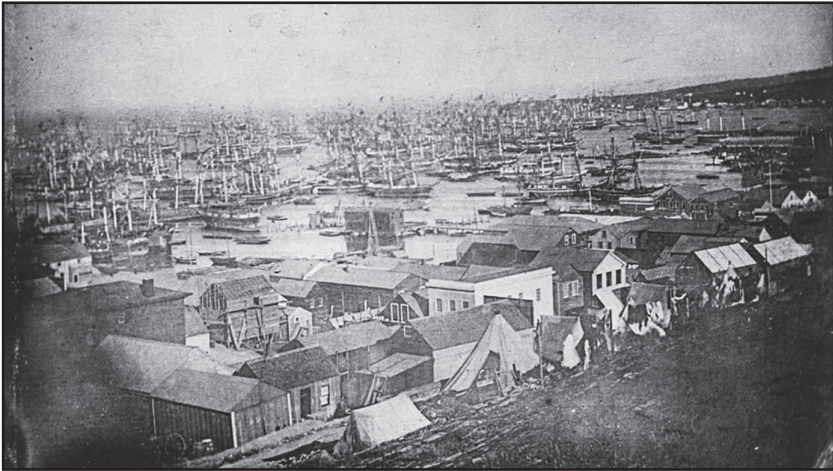
By Arlene Versaw

If you have ever left your heart in San Francisco (and even if you haven't), you're sure to enjoy Senior Academy's first presentation of "The Fall, The Star, The Saint and The City—How Sam Brannan's Newspaper Heralded the Gold Rush and Created San Francisco."

It is a little-known factual account of how Sam Brannan led Mormon refugees to California in 1846 and colonized Yerba Buena (which they renamed San Francisco), how his newspaper—The California Star—broke the news about the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, and how he argued that San Francisco should become the Mormon capitol instead of Salt Lake City and instigating a contentious relationship with Mormon leader Brigham Young. There is an additional focus on the history-making Sam Brannan, little-known and largely overlooked in the incredible story of California.



Author-Historian William Briggs



Yerba Buena Cove 1850, San Francisco—with a view of the abandoned ships.

The presentation is based on a book written by regional author-historian William Briggs, a California State University emeritus dean and retired journalism professor, who will be our speaker. This book completes Briggs' Golden State trilogy of lesser-known history stories.

Join us on **Wednesday, September 10 at 2 p.m.** in Foothill for another take on the City by The Bay. Register at [senioracademy.vgcc.club](http://senioracademy.vgcc.club).





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## VMA Presents: Hearing Aid Cleaning and Hearing Screening

Did you know that The Villages has a hearing specialist for you? Every other month, Lori Coyle, Hearing Care Provider (hearinglife.com) will check your hearing aids and your hearing. Lori was a VMA Speaker of the Week and addressed Hearing Life. With a background in nursing and as a health aid, Lori found her calling in 2012 in the hearing health field.



Lori Coyle, Hearing Aid Dispenser

Lori has presented a number of relevant hearing topics for seniors, including hearing and brain strain, frustration, and the long-term effects that hearing loss has on our health. According to the 2020 Lancet Commission Report, if you have hearing loss, you may have a greater chance of developing dementia.

Some of us know how hearing loss may also affect our social lives. The

Mayo Clinic recommends baseline hearing tests for all adults because being proactive about one's health can increase your quality of life.

Lori will be at the Montgomery Center on **Tuesday, September 16** from **10 a.m. to noon**. Please call 408-238-4230 to reserve your spot!

## Calling all 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](mailto:barbarasunseri4@gmail.com)  
Let's woof it up—see you there!

## Villages Macintosh Users Group to meet 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](mailto:larryroben21@gmail.com).

## Save The Date - Friends of SJSU Golf and Dinner Event

The Friends of San Jose State University invite you to join us at our annual Golf Tournament and Dinner supporting the fabulous SJSU women's golf team. Last year we raised over \$15,000 while having a fun and memorable time as we got to see some of the best women college golfers in action and were entertained by the SJSU Cheer Squad at our post golf dinner. Not a golfer, not to worry, you can sign up just for dinner!

This is a nine-hole, fun, scramble tournament and takes place on **November 2, 2025** with a 2:30 p.m. shotgun start, followed by no-host drinks, buffet dinner and silent auction. Signups will begin in early September, so put your foursome together and email Rich James at [rajames5959@gmail.com](mailto:rajames5959@gmail.com) for golf/dinner information or, for sponsorship opportunities, contact Dave Loomis at [davidjloomis@gmail.com](mailto:davidjloomis@gmail.com).

## Free Art Film: 'Yayoi Kusama: Infinity'

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association presents another excellent film on the work and life of Yayoi Kusama on **Tuesday, September 23** at **2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room hosted by Marion Rose.

Yayoi Kusama was a little girl in Japan when she first started seeing spots everywhere, flowers and nets and dots that filled every inch of her vision. She turned them into a language that would change the art world forever. Her polka dots became a way to both capture and survive the chaos inside her mind, transforming fear into something mesmerizing and alive. She created a world, a universe, a happening out of an obsessive vision.

Kusama's story is a reminder that even the darkest parts of our minds can hold light, and that women can take the spaces where they have felt powerless and turn them into worlds that invite others in. Her life is proof that art is not just something to be looked at, but something that can transform pain into beauty and isolation into connection.

Free to all Villagers and their guests. Popcorn will be served. An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film, which runs for 1 hour and 17 minutes.



## VMA Presents: 'Preventing Parkinson's and Treating Parkinson's'



Dr. Michael Okun

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](http://vmavillagesvgcc.club)

## VMA Presents: 'Managing Diabetes'



Shiella Marie Olidan

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 how to keep it in check. On **Tuesday, September 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at **Montgomery 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.

Sheilla has over a decade of nursing experience, with a passion in helping people understand complex disease processes. She works to educate nurses grow in competence and compassion. She remains committed to lifelong learning and the development of the next generation of healthcare professionals.

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 Sheilla and Kevin work at Good Samaritan Hospital.

To register for this important presentation, please go to [vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs/](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs/) or call 408-238-4029.



Kevin Edmund Olidan

# Join us for ‘Smooth’ Latin dance moves!

By B. Brown

“Give me your heart, make it real, or else forget about it.” ¡Ay Caramba! That sounds spicy! It is, in fact the tagline in Carlos Santana’s ever-popular song named “Smooth.”

Fun fact: Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20 re-wrote and sang “Smooth” for Santana and this mega-hit album. “Smooth” also peaked at #1 in Canada and charted within the top 10 in Australia, Austria, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.



“Smooth” Latin moves are on tap for the month of September in the just-for-fun dance group Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Join us in Cribari Auditorium every Monday—including Labor Day—for easy-to-follow dance steps.

Dance, Socialize and Exercise with us. No partner needed. All are welcome. Each month brings a new dance theme, loads of fun and even a few new friends!

Bernice Toy is the Artistic Director and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers.

She can be reached at [vms.dancers@gmail.com](mailto:vms.dancers@gmail.com). Please see the Music Society website: <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3>

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

## Global Village to celebrate festival of Navratria

The Global Village Community Club is inviting its club members to celebrate a special cultural event on **Saturday, October 4** from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium—Navratria, a festival of devotion, dance, and joy celebrated across Indian subcontinent.

Navratri, meaning “Nine Nights”, is dedicated to the worship of the Divine Mother in her many forms. It symbolizes the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and hope over despair. The festival is marked by music, dance, storytelling, and a spirit of togetherness.

### Program Highlights include:

- Storytelling and audio-visual presentation to bring alive the meaning and traditions of Navratri.
- A delicious festive lunch – traditional Indian menu with a touch of French.
- Live dance demonstrations with expert guidance: Learn the graceful steps of Garba and Dandiya; watch Asian Dances by Sunshine Dancers; music, performances, and festive cheer with live (Dholak) player.

**Dress Code:** Wear bright festive colors if you wish—and bring along your energy to celebrate!

GVCC members, please register early at <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69>. On our website you can see our explanation of Navratri and find links to Garba and Dandiya Raas, as well as Ankita and Sonali.

Email [ws.gvclub@gmail.com](mailto:ws.gvclub@gmail.com) or text 650-336-3310 for more information.



## Upcycled art? Don’t miss it!



Michael Sunzeri’s unique upcycled jewelry!

What is upcycled art? Stop by Michael Sunzeri’s table at the Crafters Club Harvest Market on **Saturday, September 20** and find out! Michael is a seasoned Villages artist whose work is easily recognizable. He has been involved in making “assemblage art” since age 9. Inspired by Picasso’s assemblage pieces, he finds interesting discards or is given items by others who know that he can turn them into a work of art. He lets the pieces dictate what the finished product will be, working intuitively with his material. You will have the opportunity to see some of his upcycled as-

semblage jewelry pieces at the Harvest Market along with 25 other talented crafters. Quilts, paper crafts, holiday decor, fabrics, wearable art, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, wood crafts and even books will be on display for your shopping pleasure! Be sure to mark your calendars for the Harvest Market on Saturday, September from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center!

## Arts and Crafts meeting to feature Nicole Alexander



By Michael Sunzeri

Waiting for you at the Arts and Crafts membership and demo meeting on **Monday, October 6** in Cribari Conference room is Nicole Alexander, a Bay Area native. Our meeting will start at 1:45 sharp. She is a certified Reiki Master, Breathwork Specialist and Art instructor. As part of her practice and philosophy, she strives to help people tap into their ability to heal themselves, empowering them to use their breath and their minds to restore themselves physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

In addition, she also offers art instruction, guiding individuals and groups through artistic expression. Nicole has personally found healing through alternative modalities, such as art, to share these passionate Soul Medicine practices with others.

Nicole has a B.A. in Psychology from San Jose State, and is pursuing her master’s in psychology from Saybrook University. Nicole is in constant pursuit of growth so that she can support others in their journey of self-discovery. Part of that is being an art instructor and creative expression in art is part of that growth.

Nicole offers guided art instruction for groups, and individuals leading unique workshops painting canvases, wine bottles, and canvas bags, or creating vision boards. She provides a supportive environment for self-expression and exploration. Access her site at [yoursoulmedicine.com](http://yoursoulmedicine.com)

When viewing her art, you will see vivid color, spirituality and composition, drawing you into that realm. “Lotus” (pictured) is a perfect example of her art. Her upcoming demo will relate that visual and explanation of spirit. Do join us for one of our last two demos this 2025 season. Please bring one of your pieces to place on the back table for others to view and perhaps discuss with you. This will be an ongoing monthly request so that we can all enjoy your work that many of us have never seen.

## Cat Club to resume this month

The Cat Club is returning **Monday, September 22** to the Vineyard Center from **2 to 4 p.m.!** MedVet will be the guest speakers at our meeting! What a great way for the Cat Club to resume after the summer break. MedVet promised to offer new information about the care and well-being of your cats.



Mary McLane’s cat

They will also inform you of the emergency veterinary hospital services that they offer. If you haven’t heard a presentation from MedVet before, this is a must lecture to attend!

Please continue to bring something for the free exchange table. This is a great way to try something different for your cat without costing you anything!

Bring a rock if you need/ want a ladybug rock painted.

Also invite a friend or neighbor share this our cat club with others. Remember this is a no fee/dues club!

Look for the yellow Cat Club sign in front of the Vineyard Center.

# SPORTS NEWS

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



M and M organizers Suzanne Fazzio and Lyn Strong with overall net winners Hanhi Min and In Kim who scored -16.

By Loanne Rube

Fine weather, fine friends and fine scores in free fall, cascading downward for the final round of the M and M Classic. Teams of two ladies competed arduously to drive their net score ever lower in this two-women, single best ball in an eclectic format this past Thursday. I bet you thought I was going to say.... two women, best looking in a swimsuit, golf cleats, carrying a lob wedge and driving a wheelbarrow full of bank notes toward the bank. Well, you were thinking it, weren't you? Money involved, lots of money. These scores are posted in the Scoreboard and also on the website. That's in case you missed the email blast the night of the competition. These ladies want to win. They want to collect those sawbucks and read their names in the paper. Here are the highlights.

The overall net winners were Hanhi Min and In Kim at -16! For sure, a dynamic duo, that's incredible! Lest you think this was a run-away win... it wasn't. Also posting very low at -15 were Wa Cha and Aejung Kim. Truth be told, at the last drop of the putts, there were 17 pairs posting in double digits under par. How's that for driving out of your socks! Over the two-day event, Renee Woolard and Judy Frey improved to an 11 under spread from -2 to -13 to win most improved. Games galore made the event more fun. Hitting the Circle, Most Accurate Drive, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive were all rewarded on both days in each of four flights. See the Scoreboard for bragging rights and high fives. Of special note, Millie Anne Schwerin was 2 feet, 6 inches from a Hole in One on #11, Day One and Janet Gonzales was 7 inches from a "Onesie" on Hole #11, Day Two. These women hit them far in the fairway. Longest drive winners by flight were Monica Saneholtz, Cindy Fuller, Judy Rodrigues and Kay Gray. The accuracy drive, hole #2, left these ladies throwing darts from a distance. By flight the winners were: Susan "woo baby" Anderson 10 inches, Jay Lee 6 foot 2 eyes of blue, Bev Poellot 3 feet, 5 inches, and Betty Samdahl "show me the money" 1 foot, 5 inches. That's from the tees ladies a mile away. Awesome!

**Other winners of note.** Day One, Birdies: Millie Anne Schwerin #11, Michelle Chung #15, Gloria Landry #4, Priscilla Piper #4 and #11 (What?!), Day Two Tweeties: Millie Anne Schwerin (I'm typing that name a lot) #2, Janet Gonzales #11 and Vicki, "eagle eye" Krattli #4. Day Two Chip-Ins for even more cash Maxine Amundsen #5, Lila Esfahani #14, Joyce Mukuno #12, Suzanne "follow the money" Fazzio #5, Michelle Chung #10, and Kerry "Ripple" Besmehn #12. Too much fun! My guess is none of us are going back to work after this tournament. We're just happily banking our laughs, love and life with the cash of our friendship. You go, Ladies, you GO!

## 9-HOLE WOMEN

By Mary Wagle

What a fun day on August 26 for 67 of our members. It was our Charity of Choice tournament and luncheon benefitting Child Advocates of Silicon Valley and our General Meeting. The game was a step-aside scramble, and winners were paid in three places on the front and back nine. Here are the winners:



Lesley Robinson, Judy Rogers, Sabrina Kupperberg, and Elena Johal enjoying the "Escape to the Tropics" Twilight Nine and Dine.

Front Nine

First Place winning \$20 each – Hanhi Min, Bock Kim, Vicki Krattli, and Kathleen Holt

Second Place winning \$15 each – Nancy Dawn, Kathleen Pennington, Gisele Barber, and Mary Wagle

Third Place winning \$10 each– Renee Woolard, Judy Frey, Kathy Apgar, and Lanette Carey

Back Nine

First Place winning \$20 each – Jay Lee, Susan Anderson, Sue Park, and Jini Kang

Second Place winning \$15 each – Josephine Chan, Liiwan Ma, Anka Hoek, and Lila Esfahani

Third Place winning \$10 each – Sachiko Coleman, Suzy Kim, Joyce Mukuno, and Song Cho

There were no birdies, but Jane Smith got a chip-in on hole #8.

Congratulations to all of the ladies who won on this date.

Valerie Dimmick reported that she has collected just shy of \$3,000 for Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. The final number will be reported

next week after Valerie finishes collecting checks. Kudos to Valerie for doing such a wonderful job with the tournament, which benefitted such a worthwhile organization.

The only thing discussed at the General Meeting was score posting. As a reminder, if you do not have pre-printed scorecards on a non-sweeps day, you are to post your own scores. If you receive a pre-printed scorecard, even if you do not finish, you must return your scorecard to the Pro Shop indicating "withdrawal" or "did not finish."

Registration is now open for the "Fall Foursomes" Exchange on September 23. Use this link to sign up: <https://womens9holegolf.vgcc.club/sign-up-now-for-the-fall-foursomes-exchange> . As of this date, there are 50 already signed up, so register soon to guarantee your spot.

The theme of Twilight Nine and Dine on August 22 was Escape to the Tropics, and there were 99 who played golf, and 103 for dinner after golf. The last Twilight Nine and Dine of the season, Batter Up, will be on September 19. Here's a photo of four ladies who played together and had a good time playing twilight golf.



### Twilight Nine and Dine Mixer

Friday, September 19, 2025 with 4:30 p.m.

**Shotgun Start**

**Batter Up!**



Sign up as a single, couple or foursome.

Wear your baseball shirts!

Senior players are allowed to adjust their tee box selection but must inform the Pro Shop when a reservation is made.

**Format:** Step Aside Scramble

**Food:** Mini Pork BBQ Sliders on Brioche Buns, Coleslaw, Potato Wedges, Ice Tea, Coffee, Ice Cream Sundae - No Host Bar

**Cost:** \$32.27 Dinner, \$23 Golf, \$5 Sweeps. **Total: \$60.27** (Costs charged to House Account)

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

**Registration:** Begins Friday, September 5. You *must* call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220

Cancellations are required by noon, September 16. After that, you will be charged for the dinner(s). To have cancelled meals "To Go" let Gisele know in advance so she can have your dinner ready for pickup.

Contact: Gisele Barber at [pjgsbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:pjgsbarbers@gmail.com) or (408) 892-7454

Diana Hallock [dianahallock@yahoo.com](mailto:dianahallock@yahoo.com) or (650) 465-1818

# SHONIS



Jan Ehrhardt wins big on her birthday!

By Teddy Morse

Tuesday, August 26—out on the course today were Amy Song, Tricia Hardt and Dee Garfinkle who we haven’t seen in a while. It was nice to have these ladies playing with us again. Today was Jan Ehrhardt’s birthday and she was our big winner, having won putting for pesos and because it was her birthday game, she got to knock off her score on hole 7 resulting in her winning first place in her flight.

The lowest gross score of the day was Judy Rogers Neece’s 38. Way to go, girl!

**Club Championship**—Next

Tuesday is the last day to sign up for the Club Championship. We have 18 signed up so far which is awesome! The Eclectic and Club Championship are our biggest competitive tournaments of the year and a lot of fun.

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/Fall-Round-Robin-Individual)

**Captains Team Registration:**

[tinyurl.com/Fall-Round-Robin-Captains](https://tinyurl.com/Fall-Round-Robin-Captains)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Rose at [jeffarose11@gmail.com](mailto:jeffarose11@gmail.com) or 408-489-1968.

## 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

# TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

On Sunday, August 24, Brett Foremen and his USTA Men’s 55+ 7.0 team held their season ending team party celebrating their first place in league. First place team gets the playoff match at home which they won sending them to sectionals. Sectionals were held at the Marin Country Club and the round robin format resulted in a score of 1 win, 3 losses, but it was one step up from last year by making it to sectionals.

The potluck dinner was enjoyed by all with Brian Dombrowski putting on his BBQ apron and barbecuing hamburgers and sausages. Adrien Fournier presented Brett with a special plaque thanking him for his time and efforts in raising the team’s tennis skills at The Villages and providing the camaraderie necessary for a winning team. A very successful season!

Brett Foreman is captaining another village team with Betty Olsen as co-captain. This time it is the USTA 55+ Mixed 7.0. Their first match is Saturday, August 30 at 5 p.m. Come out and cheer your village team. They will be playing Morgan Hill.

And finally, don’t forget to come out and watch your tennis club’s tournament featuring Men and Women’s doubles on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

# 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 28, 2025, 10 Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf.

We are pleased to announce that we added a new member today, Kerry Lambert.

Arki Galicki and Mario Silva shared **third place** honors with net 27s. Chuck Benjamin captured **second place** with a net 26. And, Bob Lapidus and Hiei Takazawa shared **first place** with 3 under par net 24s!

There was one **birdie** today by Chuck Benjamin on hole 9.

Hiei Takazawa won **low gross** with a 31.

Hiei Takazawa won **closest to the flag** today on hole 3 at 40 feet even. (I didn’t know the green was that big J.)

Hiei Takazawa won the coveted **“Golfer of the Day”** honors with low gross, first place and closest to the flag. Way to go, Hiei!

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](http://ironmen.vgcc.club).

# PICKLEBALL

## The History of Pickleball—Backyard Beginnings

By Kim Silverman

Pickleball, the quirky game invented on Bainbridge Island, Washington, in 1965, has exploded into one of the fastest-growing sports worldwide. What started as a summer boredom hack has become a global cultural and athletic phenomenon.

**Backyard Beginnings**—In the summer of 1965, friends Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum improvised a game using ping-pong paddles, a perforated plastic ball, and a badminton court. The goal was simple: keep their kids entertained. The inaugural match happened in Joel’s driveway using chalk lines.

**What’s in the Name?**—The name “pickleball” sparks debate with two competing origin stories:

The Pickle Boat Story: According to Joan Pritchard (Joel’s wife) the game reminded her of a “pickle boat,” a term used in crew racing for a boat filled with leftover rowers.

The Dog Story: Barney McCallum insisted the game was named after the Pritchards’ family dog, “Pickles,” who supposedly kept chasing the ball. (Truth bomb: Pickles didn’t join the family until years later)

**From Chaos to Rulebook**—For the first decade, games were casual and rules were flexible—often changing from one backyard to another. That changed in 1972, when Pritchard, Bell, and McCallum established a corporation to protect pickleball’s creation. By 1976, the first known official rulebook was written by Bob O’Brian and Marchia Collier. This was a turning point, because standardized rules meant the game could be played—and judged—consistently anywhere.



Brett Foreman holds plaque recognizing his USTA Men’s 55+ 7.0 team’s first place finish.

MEN’S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore, villagesgolfers.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.

Jim Valenti—This gentleman is truly amazing, and we are so proud to be able to call him our Village’s hero. On Saturday, August 23 Jim reached his 550th game of “Shooting His Age.”

“You know, accomplishing 550 rounds of ‘shooting my age,’ feels pretty special—each one filled with its own stories, ups and downs, and reasons to keep coming back for more.

Looking at today’s game, I can see that from tee to green, my shots were going right where I wanted them to. Overall, I was hitting the ball really good! But then when I got on the green it was a different story. I was just sick. I really had to struggle on the last two holes, but I accomplished my goal and shot a final score of 87 and that gave me my 550th game of “Shooting My Age.”



Jim Valenti completes 550th game of “Shooting His Age.”

Congratulations, Mr. Valenti! Let us know when you hit 600!

Golf Thoughts: Be Aware  
The Montana State Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while playing on Gallatin, Helena, and Lewis and Clark National Forest’s golf courses.

They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the bears unexpectedly.

They also advise golfers to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a bear.

They say that it’s also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity on the courses. They recommend that golfers be educated so that they can recognize the difference between Black bear and Grizzly bear droppings.

Black bear droppings are smaller and contain remains of nuts, berries and possibly squirrel, rabbit or gopher fur (sadly, no Canadian geese).

Grizzly bear droppings have small bells, golf gloves, sunglasses and other similar golf items in them and they usually smell like pepper spray.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men’s Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be October 7, 2025. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.



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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  
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.

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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.

2026 Master Golf Calendar

We are now formulating the Master Golf Calendar for 2026. If your group or Club has a golf event planned for 2026, do not forget to hold your place on the 2026 Golf Calendar. To do so, please email PGA Director of Golf Scott Steele with any details. ssteele@the-villages.com

VGC Meeting in September—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—Gordon Gekko said “greed is good” in the movie Wall Street...but greed is not always good when playing golf

Have you ever heard the term “sucker pin”? Well it’s a common golf term used for a hole location that is cut near the edge of the green, or just over a bunker or body or water. The term means that aiming at that hole is a risk, as it brings the trouble into play. We have many such instances that can occur here at The Villages.

Here are some classic Villages “sucker pins” and Tips to avoid high scores

Front right on Hole #3 – brings the bunker into play – play to the left side of the green

Far right on Hole #4 - brings the huge greenside bunker into play - play to the left side or center of the green.

Right on Hole #5 – brings the short right bunker into play – play to the left side or center of the green.

Middle/Back left on Hole #7- brings the back left bunker into play—play to the front of the green.

Front on Hole #9 – brings the stream into play – play long to the center of the green

Front left on Hole #11 – brings the left bunker into play – play to the right or center of the green.

Back on Hole #13 – brings the back left bunker into play – play short to the middle of the green.

Left on Hole #15 – brings left bunker into play – aim to the center of the green.

Front on Hole #18 – brings the stream into play – play long to the center of the green.

To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

# SCOREBOARD

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

**2025 M&M Results**  
**Overall Low Net:** In Kim & Hanhi Min -16  
**Most Improved:** Judy Frey & Renee Woolard -13

**First Flight Winners**  
1st Janet Gonzales & Betty Sharps - 13  
2nd Helen Varenkamp & Millie-Anne Schwerin -12  
3rd Jan Mahoney & Priscilla Piper -10  
4th Annie Bassford & Monica Saneholtz -10

**Second Flight Winners**  
1st Suzanne Fazzio & Lyn Strong -13  
2nd Susan Anderson & Laura Swenson -13  
3rd Patti Bell & Vicki Krattli -11  
4th Michelle Chung & Diana Hallock -10

**Third Flight Winners**  
1st Wonja Cha & Aejung Kim - 15  
2nd Suzy Kim & Joyce Mukuno -12  
3rd Debbie Moore & Mary Wagle -11  
4th Janis Kiernan & Barbara Nilsen -11

**Fourth Flight Winners**  
1st Delma Juarez & Sue Park -12  
2nd Gwen Bindon & Barbara Weisend -11  
3rd Valeri Dimmick & Kay Gray -9  
4th Auralie Citrigno & Gloria Lowry -8

## SHONIS

**Putting for Pesos Winners**  
Bonnie Evans, Jonna Robinson and Jan Ehrhardt

**Flight Winners (net)**  
  
**Flight 1 (Handicaps 11-15)**  
1. Judy Rogers Neece 26  
2. Tie Marty Blinde and Joyce Baptiste 27  
3. Teddy Morse 28

**Flight 2 (Handicaps 16-19)**  
1. Jan Ehrhardt (birthday game) 18  
2. Tie Bonnie Evans and Schinae Ogihara 26  
3. Leslie Ingham 27

**Flight 3 (Handicaps 20-24)**  
1. Jan Trusso 19  
2. Terri Matsumura 22  
3. Tie Barb Berman and Amy Song 23

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, August 27	Friday, August 29
Kit Hultquist 123	Suzanne Fazzio 145
Bonnie Barrett 192	Sylvia Rozewicz 285
Suzanne Fazzio 237	Remy Pessah 312

## BRIDGE

**Monday, August 25:** 1. Art Lind - Jonna Robinson 2. Hank Koransky - Hanhi Min 3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho

**Wednesday, August 27:** 1. Jonna Robinson – Guest 2. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels 3. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott

**Friday, August 29:** 1. Cathy Struck - Ray Struck 2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson 3. Hank Koransky - Mary LeGrand

***Pedestrians on Golf Course***

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

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# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

**Weekly:**

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

**Regularly Scheduled:**

Friday	9 a.m. <b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7 p.m. <b>Jewish Shabbat</b>	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., September 8 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](mailto:mpcolaizzi@gmail.com) or [haggertymaryann1@gmail.com](mailto:haggertymaryann1@gmail.com) for menu and details.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘Oh No!... Good Grief!’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There is not one person on the planet who is not affected by grief. Most people have experienced some form of loss at some point in their lives. We can’t escape the curse, no matter how hard we try to avoid thinking or talking about it.

Everything on earth has its cycle of life, from civilizations and governments to manufacturers and all living things. Now and then, someone in our community is grieving over the loss of a loved one or a pet who was like a member of their family, and for some, their only family member.

The effects of grief can be debilitating and may cause a person to sometimes withdraw from their loved ones. The feelings of personal guilt can occur, especially if you think that the outcome would have been different if you had taken a different path.

Depression can cause you to isolate yourself from the outside world and all the things you used to enjoy, leaving you feeling empty, lonely, and sad. A person can become so overwhelmed that they lose their appetite and the will to survive.

Despite the effects of grief, there can be “Good Grief.” I know that when I make that statement, it makes no sense. How can grief be thought of as good when your heart is broken? We will grieve here on earth because we are attached to earthly things and to other human beings. However, grief can have a positive effect, bringing about growth, maturity, and independence as a person progresses through the stages of mourning. In ‘Good Grief, we embrace the assurance of seeing our loved ones again because of our mutual commitment to Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV**

**Condensed:** We grieve in hope, knowing that we will be reunited with those who died trusting in Christ. Jesus died, rose from the grave, and will return with those who died believing in Him. We, who remain alive, will be caught up together in the air and taken to Heaven forever.

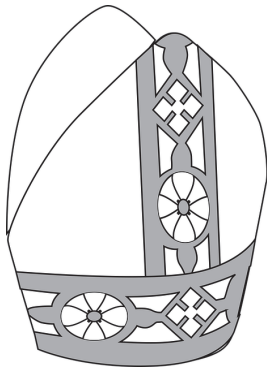
“Good Grief” is about waiting to be reunited! For many of us, there isn’t a day that passes that we don’t think about a loved one that we have lost.

**For those who are grieving — “good news”!** Join us for a 13-week Grief Share class, held Mondays, commencing September 8 to December 1 at 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Sequoia Room. There will be a video seminar, group discussion, and personal workbook. The cost of the class is \$20. Please, register today by calling 408-238-3079 or email [Villageschapel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Villageschapel@sbcglobal.net).

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 [www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](http://www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)

### ‘A Different World is Possible’

By Margaret Lam



Lately, I have been drawn to watching YouTube videos reporting on the Catholic Church’s Jubilee of Youth held on the outskirts of Rome Italy, from July 28 to August 3.

Coming from 146 countries around the world, over 1 million young people camped out for a pilgrimage of faith. Under the blazing sun, skirting water cannons to keep cool, they slept in tents under an open sky, and lived on pizzas and gelato. It was like the Woodstock of the ‘60s, the Coachella of the Catholic Church!

Pope Leo XIV flew to the site via a helicopter and then cruising in his popemobile, greeted the crowd. At one point, the Pope caught a ball thrown to him. The Holy Father welcomed them with the words of Jesus, “You are the SALT of the Earth, the LIGHT of the World.” In an historic moment, Pope Leo led a procession carrying

the cross while everyone followed.

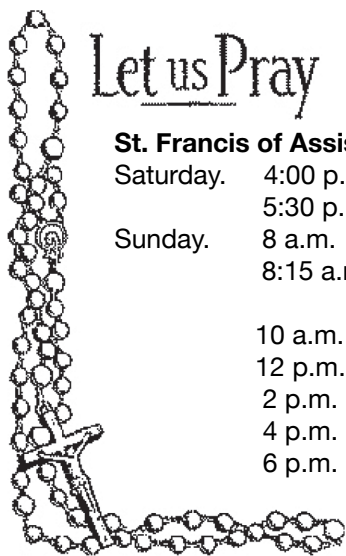
Bishop Robert Barron from the United States gave an electrifying keynote address to the U.S. youths on the adventure of following Jesus. Citing the journeys of Abraham, Jacob, Saints Peter and Paul, he said, “Listen to God, God has an idea of the saint you were meant to be.”

Makeshift confessionals were set up for everyone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Circo Massimo, an open field. As the night fell, Pope Leo led an evening vigil featuring music, singing, Scripture readings, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Pope Leo participated in a digital Q and A session, on friendship, life choices and encountering Jesus. Pope Leo answered each person in Spanish, Italian and English. Will, a 20-year-old from the U.S. posed the final question: “How can we truly encounter Jesus? Even in the midst of trials and uncertainties?” In reply, Pope Leo said, “Reflect on your way of living,” “seek justice,” “serve the poor,” and “adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.”

At Sunday mass, Pope Leo sent forth his message of hope to the Gen Z. “You are a sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.” He reassured them, “Yes, with Christ it is possible, with his love, with his forgiveness and with the power of his Spirit.”

This Sunday, in Luke’s gospel (Luke 14:25-33), Jesus teaches us that true discipleship requires wholehearted commitment and the sacrifice of carrying one’s cross. With the new generation of young Catholics, I believe that a different world with Jesus Christ is indeed possible!



## Let us Pray

**St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:**

Saturday.	4:00 p.m.	Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Chapel (Vietnamese)
Sunday.	8 a.m.	Chapel
	8:15 a.m.	Villages Cribari Auditorium
	10 a.m.	Chapel
	12 p.m.	Chapel
	2 p.m.	Chapel (Spanish)
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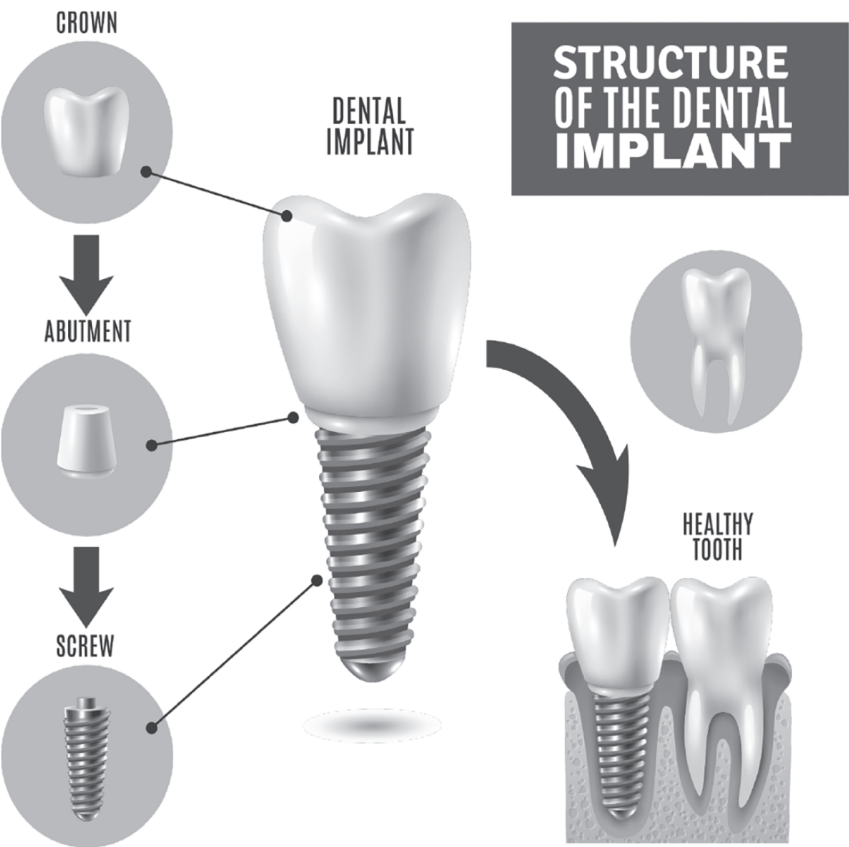
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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## 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](https://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 Highland, Village Glen Arden, Village Valle Vista will occur on 9/8. (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talprid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))
  - For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal.
- **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.

### 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 Del Lago**— The contractor will trim trees in Village Del Lago on September 3.
- **Village Highland**— The contractor will trim trees in Village Highland on September 4.
- **Village Heights**— The contractor will trim trees in Village Heights on September 5.
- **Village Cribari** —The contractor will trim trees in Village Heights on September 8 through 10.
- **Village Olivas**—The contractor will trim trees in Village Heights on September 10 through 11.

### Club Maintenance

- **Verizon Cell Tower**
  - Work began on the cell tower project this week of August 4th, 2025. 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 9/1**
    - All work for the next few weeks (8/26 – 9/19) will be within the confined space of the Hydro Station in the middle of the golf course with minimal to no cart rerouting along hole 8.
    - PG&E boring across hole 15 to the PG&E vault on The Villages Fairway Drive is on hold with permitting. We will notify residents and golfers as soon as we get an update.
    - 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.



## Report Irrigation Issues

Please report broken sprinklers or other irrigation repair issues by calling Maintenance Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or online at: [workorder@the-villages.com](mailto:workorder@the-villages.com)  
For after hours or on holidays, contact Public Safety at 408-223-4665

## 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.

## 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.

## ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:

- 5435 Cribari Green—Drain line

Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager’s office.

## Please notify Member Services of death of household member

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

Did you know that the library has Consumer Reports? These magazines may be read in the library, but not checked out. Ask our volunteers for assistance. The Villages Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Our latest recommendations:**

**“King of Ashes” by S.A. Cosby.** Publisher’s description: “When eldest son Roman Carruthers is summoned home after his father’s car accident, he finds his younger brother, Dante, in debt to dangerous criminals and his sister, Neveah, exhausted from holding the family—and the family business—together. Neveah and their father, who run the Carruthers Crematorium in the run-down central Virginia town of Jefferson Run, see death up close every day. But mortality draws even closer when it becomes clear that the crash that landed their father in a coma was no accident and Dante’s recklessness has placed them all in real danger.

Roman, a financial whiz with a head for numbers and a talent for making his clients rich, has some money to help buy his brother out of trouble. But in his work with wannabe tough guys, he’s forgotten that there are real gangsters out there. As his bargaining chips go up in smoke, Roman realizes that he has only one thing left to offer to save his brother: himself, and his own particular set of skills. Roman begins his work for the criminals while Neveah tries to uncover the long-ago mystery of what happened to their mother, who disappeared when they were teenagers. But Roman is far less of a pushover than the gangsters realize. He is willing to do anything to save his family. Anything.”


**“A Marriage at Sea” by Sophie Elmhirst.** Publisher’s description: “Maurice and Maralyn make an odd couple. He’s a loner, awkward and obsessive; she’s charismatic and ambitious. But they share a horror of wasting their lives. And they dream—as we all dream— of running away from it all. What if they quit their jobs, sold their house, bought a boat, and sailed away?

Most of us begin and end with the daydream. But in June 1972, Maurice and Maralyn set sail. For nearly a year all went well, until deep in the Pacific, a breaching whale knocked a hole in their boat and it sank beneath the waves. What ensues is a jaw-dropping fight to survive in the wild ocean, with little hope of rescue. Alone together for months in a tiny rubber raft, starving and exhausted, Maurice and Maralyn have to find not only ways to stay alive but ways to get along, as their inner demons emerge and their marriage is put to the greatest of tests. Although they could run away from the world, they can’t run away from themselves.”

**“The Quiet Librarian” by Allen Eskens.** Publisher’s description: “Hana Babic is a quiet, middle-aged librarian in Minnesota who wants nothing more than to be left alone. But when a detective arrives with the news that her best friend has been murdered, Hana knows that something evil has come for her, a dark remnant of the past she and her friend had shared. Thirty years before, Hana was someone else: Nura Divjak, a teenager growing up in the mountains of war-torn Bosnia—until Serbian soldiers arrived to slaughter her entire family before her eyes. The events of that day thrust Nura into the war, leading her to join a band of militia fighters, where she became not only a fierce warrior but a legend—the deadly Night Mora. But a shattering final act forced Nura to flee to the United States with a bounty on her head.

Now, someone is hunting Hana, and her friend has paid the price, leaving her 8-year-old grandson in Hana’s care. To protect the child without revealing her secret, Hana must again become the Night Mora—and hope she can find the killer before the past comes for them, too.”

## Slice of Humor



You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Association Annual Statements of Compliance

Arriving in September for residents of The Villages Association (condos) are the annual Association Smoke, CO Detectors and Insurance Statements of Compliance.

Association (Condos Only) Smoke, CO Detectors, and Insurance Statements of Compliance: In order to fulfill the requirements of The Villages Association Policies APo 408 Smoke Detectors Installation, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement, and APo 410 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors, each resident is required to inspect (or have inspected by a third party) his/her condo/villa on an annual basis to ensure their detector(s) are in working order, and in addition, all Association residents (renters and owners) must provide a certification of insurance that complies with the Association CC&Rs and Association Policy APo 409 Home Owner & Resident Insurance Requirements and Verification.

State and local laws require a smoke detector in each sleeping room and in the hallway and a carbon monoxide detector be installed outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area. Per the policies, the replacement of smoke detectors is required every ten years and replacement of CO detectors is required every five years. In addition, a statement of compliance shall be demonstrated annually.

Moreover, all Association condo owners must maintain property and liability coverage (commonly referred to as HO6) plus loss assessment coverage and renters must maintain liability coverage (commonly referred to as HO4) and property coverage in an amount deemed appropriate by the renter. Both parties are required to provide a certificate of insurance that complies with the CC&Rs.

The policies listed above and the specifics on The Villages insurance guidelines and requirements are available on The Villages Member Portal at the following address links:

**Association Insurance Information and Guidelines:**

<https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/Insurance1-2026>

<https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/insurance2-2026>

**Policies:**

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The deadline to complete and return the Smoke, CO Detectors, and Insurance Compliance forms (for condo residents) is on or before October 10, 2025. You may either drop it in the deposit box located in the parking lot just outside of Building A or mail the completed document and any attachments back to:

The Villages Association  
Attention: Association Compliance  
5000 Cribari Lane  
San Jose, CA 95135

We appreciate you taking the time to complete and return these important forms. Please be assured that the information that you provide is used strictly for the Corporation’s records and to document compliance with the Association’s governing documents.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

## Fall into Flavor: Learn Soups & Sourdough with Chef Marie-Paule



The crisp days of fall and cozy nights of winter are coming; what better way to warm up than with a steaming bowl of homemade soup? In August and September, you learned the joys of baking sourdough (or found that one-off source of freshly baked bread). Now it’s time to pair that bread with another from-scratch creation: soup!

Join us for this month’s Global Village Healthy Eating Class on the last Tuesday of September, when Chef Marie-Paule Wood presents The ABCs of Soups.

In this lively, flavor-filled session, you’ll discover the many delicious ways to thicken and build your soup—goodbye cornstarch-only, hello variety! Once you know the basics, you’ll have the freedom to create soups that are hearty and rustic, or light and refreshing, depending on your mood (and what’s in the fridge).

Chef Marie-Paule will guide us through vegetable soups bursting with color, protein-packed bean soups, or nourishing lentil creations that practically hug you from the inside out. You’ll taste, learn, and leave with tips and techniques you can use right away in your own kitchen.

And because every great soup deserves the perfect partner, Chef Marie-Paule will also share two kinds of her fresh sourdough bread to enjoy alongside your tastings.

So, bring your curiosity, your appetite, and a smile—this class promises warmth, flavor, and plenty of fun. Whether you’re a kitchen beginner or seasoned cook, you’ll leave inspired (and full!).

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 30—don’t miss this joyful gathering of food, friends, and flavor.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69> or email [he.gvclub@gmail.com](mailto:he.gvclub@gmail.com).

See you there!

*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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The luxury residences include living rooms, two flat-screen TVs, oversized bathrooms, sun terraces, washers and dryers and refrigerators stocked daily with beer, soft drinks and water. Marival's four gourmet à la carte restaurants offer a variety of choices of meals to please everyone. And socialize at the Insu Roof Top Sky Bar or the Mozzamare Beach Club for cocktails, unforgettable meals, sunsets and spectacular views. If you're not on the golf courses, you can get in your beach time, swim in the resort's pools or fire it up on the five pickleball or five tennis courts.

For the golfers, you'll get an exclusive three-round discounted golf option that you will only find with ILT for just \$529. You'll be able to play three of the finest golf courses in the Puerto Vallarta area at exclusive prices, including Vista Vallarta's Weiskopf & Nicklaus courses and Higuera Golf Club. The package includes private van transportation, pre-blocked prime tee times, green fees and shared carts.

Don't miss out on this fantastic trip. Take a few minutes to complete the booking form—available at: [tinyurl.com/PVR-BOOKING](http://tinyurl.com/PVR-BOOKING). Print it out and mail it in with your deposit in as soon as possible because this very popular trip will sell out fast.

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



*In Memoriam  
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In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com), or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com).

**The PUZ-LER**



I went easy on you a couple of weeks ago about the conversation coming out of The Garden of Eden. Most of you nailed it, reminding me that each of the statements were palindromes. They can be read both forwards and backwards.

And those of you who got it right were Jim Ware, Peter Groot, Donna Hale, Diana Hallock, Larry Broderick, Neda Dorjath and whatever name goes with larosene@\_\_\_\_\_.

**Here's a good one:** You have two coins in your pocket that equal 35 cents. One of them is not a quarter. What are the coins?

Got a clue? Send an email with your answer to Mike Bailey at [michsp@aol.com](mailto:michsp@aol.com).

Be sure to put puzzle in the subject line and include your first and last names. Good luck!

**Thought for the day:** Yesterday I saw an ad that said "Radio for sale, \$1, volume stuck on full." I thought, "I can't turn that down!"

*Inside the Gates Home Tour...*

*(Continued from front page)*

Home Tour are on sale. Be sure to save the date—**Saturday, October 4, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**—and include your neighbors, family, and friends. Home Tour tickets may be purchased on the VMA website ([vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club)). Tour tickets are \$35 and luncheon tickets are \$34. The charges will be billed directly to your house number. Tour tickets are \$45 the day of the event.

A fabulous luncheon is planned for you at the Clubhouse and you can visit the boutique at the same time. This is a great time to pick up gifts from a wide selection of jewelry, purses, cashmere, soaps and other high-quality items.

All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit VMA (Villages Medical Auxiliary) that provides much needed assistance to our residents. For information, contact Penny Barcellos at 408-234-2792 or Melinda Dobbs at 408-666-9713. For ticket information, contact Anahid Gregg at 732-742-4874.



*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!



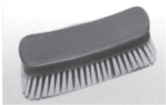
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