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Find unique crafts at Harvest Market this weekend!

It's finally here! You saved the date, you checked out our crafters, now you get to come and see our fabulous market in person this **Saturday, September 20** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center! You will be greeted with smiles, tasty refreshments and our one-of-a-kind handcrafted art! We will have all of your favorites on hand with quilts, totes, baby items, jewelry, sweet smelling lavender, exquisite wood crafts, knitted and crocheted items, Diamond art, wreaths, seasonal decor and so much more! And we have several *new* crafters that will have their beautiful creations on display. Be sure to check out our newest card and paper crafters, Debbie Earl, Laurie Westsmith and Elizabeth Schwartz. These ladies have been designing and creating beautiful cards, tags, boxes, party goods and paper crafts for many years. Their beautiful papers come from a variety of sources making each creation unique and special. Look for their handcrafted treasures along with our other talented crafters on this Saturday, September 20. Don't miss it!

Check our list for your favorite crafters and make a special note of our *new* members who will be joining our show with their exciting work!

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Look for Elizabeth Schwartz's paper creations at the Harvest market!

'Inside the Gates' Home Tour—make your home a place of respite

By Sherry Benz

Respite... it is not a luxury, but a necessity! Typically, a few precious moments to ourselves can bring relief from everyday challenges, translating into physical, emotional and mental renewal. Many of our homeowners have carved out just such a space. It might be the cozy chair in front of the fireplace, a spacious patio where the birds are in chorus, a quiet nook in the kitchen, or a warm and inviting office.

Tickets for the 10th annual Home Tour on **Saturday, October 4, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** are on sale through the VMA website at vmavillages.vgcc.club. Tour tickets are \$35 if purchased in advance, and \$45 the day of the event. A luncheon is planned at the Clubhouse with a choice of Chicken Avocado Caprese Salad or Nicoise Salad (Vegetarian option available, both \$34) with luscious Lemon Bars for dessert! The charges will be billed directly to your house number.

Each tour ticket comes with a drawing coupon for your chance to win 1 of 2 baskets worth \$100 in gourmet items and including a \$100 bill tucked inside. Additional coupons are available for sale at the boutique. You just might be a lucky winner!

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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:

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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. to 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/, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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

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

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

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

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The EVF invites you to a Complimentary Wine Reception

Join the EVF and your Villager neighbors at a wine reception and learn about EVF’s ongoing community support that will guide its next 10 years. All Villagers are invited to “Building our Future Together” on **Tuesday, October 21 at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. At this reception, we’ll celebrate the amazing accomplishments the members of the EVF have enabled over the years and announce new ideas on how all Villagers can work together to benefit the future of our community.

For over 16 years, The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) has played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life in The Villages. Through the contributions of members who are Villagers, just like you, the EVF has been involved in over 35 community improvement projects. These projects include assisting with Clubhouse improvements, the Pickleball Courts, the Bocce Court project, and the Golf Course Bunker renovation, among many others. They are just a few of the many projects that the EVF has participated in, which have improved our facilities for the benefit of all Villagers. To register for this meeting, go to the EVF website evfsj.org or call Debbie Champion 408-960-6994.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

Both the CBOD and ABOD appreciate having your questions addressed.

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

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



IN MEMORIAM

Frank Garcia
July 18, 1944 — September 2, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Charlie R. McCaskill
November 30, 1937 — August 16, 2025

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

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 or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

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HOURS

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

A Message from Your HBOD President—September 17, 2025

As we settle into the beautiful days of September, I wanted to take a moment to connect with all of you—our valued neighbors and friends who make this community special. Whether you’re a long-time resident or one of our newer families, your participation and enthusiasm are what keep The Villages thriving. On behalf of the Homeowners’ Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and for embracing the spirit of our neighborhoods.

It’s hard to believe summer is winding down and the fall is upon us. As the weather cools, we’re seeing more people enjoying outdoor activities. This is also a time for planting, landscaping and home improvement. While the Firewise rules for Homeowners will hopefully be resolved soon, if you plan on landscaping, please keep in mind the following. Trim back any foliage that is close to your house, decks and fencing. From your house, keep the 0 to 5-foot clearance rule in mind and pay attention to those attic vent screens where the screening should be no larger than 1/8”.

These small steps help maintain the safety of our properties and may help with possible insurance issues or help to reduce the cost of homeowner insurance. We

encourage you to contact your insurance provider, inform them that we are in a Firewise community and inquire about potential benefits. We also encourage you to get your home surveyed for Firewise improvements. This is cost free and will help you plan for future landscaping projects. If you are interested in having your home surveyed, please contact Mary Marjerle-Tatum, Director Special Projects & Sustainability.

If you’re planning any exterior home improvements, submit your application request through the Architectural Control Committee—they’re here to guide you every step of the way.

Lastly, get involved. Your voice matters. The ACC is an important process and needs volunteers to work with homeowners.

The Homeowners’ Board is here to help, and I am always available to talk about information you may need or any questions you may have.

—Rob Kirschbaum, President, Homeowner’s Board of Directors.

ADVERTISEMENT

Real Estate

GOOD NEWS!! We are down to 42 active listings and up to 9 pending sales.

The summer real estate doldrums seem to be passing. There is movement again in The Villages real estate market. We still have high inventory, and the prices are a bit lower now, but the market sales have increased. The last summer vacation holiday is over, and the interest rates are down below 6.5% and going lower. It looks like the stars are lining up again.

Cribari sales are up. Even if slightly, it is good to see our Cribari homes going into contract. At the height we had 20 Cribari’s competing against each other. We are half of that number now with only 11 active listings. The lower quantity of inventory was not created just from sales. Pending Cribari homes are at 3-4. There are fewer Cribari homes for sale due to several listings having been withdrawn and/or canceled. When a market gets so competitive and the prices start lowering, some sellers will choose to rent the property or even hold it off the market until the market turns around. One agent noted on the withdrawn listing that the property owner decided to fix up their place and it will be back on the market in the future. All good strategies.

Some positive news to brighten the scene. The Federal Reserve is still sitting on higher interest rates, but the 10-year bond market dropped to 4%. This is good news as it is the 10 year bond that moves the mortgage interest rates. We are now at mortgage interest rates between 6.25% and 6.50% and going down. If the Fed does lower rates as expected...look out.

Check out the VMA house tour in October. I sponsor and attend the VMA house tour event every year. This year my amazing clients the Edgerton’s are opening their newly purchased home up for the tour. I sold their beautiful home outside The Villages and helped them purchase a beautiful home in Montgomery so that they can enjoy retirement with their friends in The Villages. Jan, is an artist and will have her colorful art on display in her home. What a wonderful way to participate in the community by opening their home up to their fellow Villagers. Thank you, Craige and Jan for doing this. See you all on the tour.



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THANKSGIVING BUFFET MENU

November 27th, 2025
Two Seating: 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Adults: \$75 | Children Ages 5-12: \$35
Plus 18% Service Charge & Taxes

Displays

Cheese Board with Gourmet Crackers & Sliced Baguettes
Fruit Platter with Assorted Wild Berries and Grapes

Seafood Station

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce
Crab Claws
Oysters on Half Shells with Mignonette Sauce Mini Tabasco & Lemons
Smoked Salmon with Whipped Cream Cheese, Capers, Sliced Red Onions, Tomatoes & Mini Bagels

Salad Bar Station

Beet Salad
Pearl Couscous Salad
Yukon Gold Potato Salad
Club House Baby Mix Salad
Caesar Salad
Dressings & Vinaigrettes

Carving Station

Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream & Au Jus
Roasted Spiral Ham with Mustard Grain Honey Glaze
Assorted Rolls & Butter

Entrees

Roasted Turkey with Giblet Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Pan Seared Corvina with Beurre Blanc & Caper Sauce
Brown Butter & Sage Bread Stuffing
Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes Side Gravy
Candied Yams
Steamed Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Pumpkin Pie | Apple Pie | Pecan Pie | Rice Crispy | Chocolate Bars | Toffee Crunch
Blondie | Lemon Crumb Bar | Chocolate Cake | Petite Fours | Cheesecake |
Assorted Cookies

Beverages

Orange Juice | Cranberry Juice | Apple Juice | Lemonade | Soft Drinks | Coffee/Tea

Reservations:

Call 408-754-1337 or email theclubhouse@the-villages.com
Please Provide:
Member Number | Full Name | Phone Number | Number of Guests | Time of Seating
Final Changes or Cancellations Due by Thursday, November 20th by Noon

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MANAGEMENT

Comcast/Xfinity virtual appointments

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

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Laundry Room changes expected in November

Laundry room users in Cribari, Montgomery and Hermosa districts will see some changes in November. CSC Serviceworks, the current laundry room equipment vendor, will replace coin boxes with fully digital payment hardware on all machines. This will reduce vandalism, enable a more reliable digital payment processing experience and offer Villagers a variety of payment options including Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, PayPal, and credit/debit cards. This means Villagers can use an app—One Tap Away or a deb-it/credit card just as you would in a grocery or other type of store.
More information will be available closer to the actual transition work.

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of October are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **September 19**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, October 2**, at **9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

Next battery and light bulb collection is September 26

When: Friday, September 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)

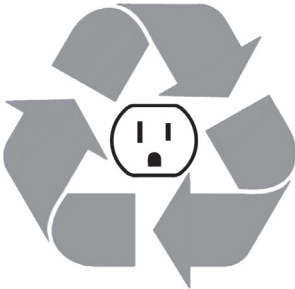


- Corroded batteries must be bagged in plastic
 - No e-waste or general rubbish
- What: Light Bulbs**
Recycling Limits:
- Fluorescent Tubes:
 - Up to 4 feet long
 - Must be unbroken and taped together
 - CFL Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs):
 - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in 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?



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 or 408-754-1334.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

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.

Sonata DAC to meet November 4

The Sonata DAC will meet **Tuesday, November 4** at **4 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Del Lago DAC to meet November 5

Del Lago DAC will meet **Wednesday, November 5** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

Valle Vista DAC to meet November 6

The Valle Vista DAC will meet **Thursday, November 6** at **4 p.m.** in the Foothill Center.

Hermosa DAC to meet November 6

Hermosa DAC will meet **Thursday, November 6** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.

Heights DAC to meet November 10

The Heights DAC will meet **Monday, November 10** at **6 p.m.** in the Montgomery Center.

Glen Arden DAC to meet November 12

The Glen Arden DAC will meet **Wednesday, November 12** at **4 p.m.** in the Foothill Center.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

It's time to think about Medicare

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 to December 7 each year. This is when you can review your Medicare coverage and explore options that may better suit your needs. Changes made during the AEP will take effect on January 1 of the following year.

Start by reviewing your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) from your insurance carrier to understand any plan changes for next year, including covered medications, doctors, and specialists. If you are satisfied with your current Medicare plan, you do not have to take any action during AEP.

For people with Original Medicare, it is recommended you check your Part D medication plan every year. Medicare Part D plan premiums and formularies can vary from year to year, and it is not uncommon to find and switch to a more affordable option. You may save money in premiums and/or prescription costs. You can check using a program called Plan Finder found on www.medicare.gov to see if a better Plan D option is available for you in 2026.

Don't want to tackle Plan Finder all by yourself? You don't have to do Medicare evaluations all by yourself. If you want to ensure that you are still in the plans most suitable to your circumstances, you can contact a HICAP trained counselor.

HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) is a non-profit volunteer-based counseling program to help seniors needing education and assistance with the complexities of Medicare, supplemental health insurance and Health Maintenance Organizations. HICAP is organized under the County's group called Sourcewise, which provides services for seniors and low-income residents. The HICAP volunteers are overseen by paid County employees.

We are fortunate that the HICAP counselor assigned to The Villages is Douglas Campbell. Doug's preference for contact is an email to dcampbell@mysourcewise.com. You can include your Medicare questions in the email. Doug will email or phone you back if the answer is short or arrange a telephone or video counseling session if the subjects are more complex. If you prefer to leave a phone message rather than email, his direct number at Sourcewise is 408-610-8059. There is no cost for this service available to you.

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Valley Vista Town Hall meeting Re: Sewer Repair is **Tuesday, September 23** at **6 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.
- 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

The Villages Executive Leadership Round Table is September 24

Come meet and chat with The Villages Board Presidents Andy Altman (Club), Michael Schwerin (Association) and Rob Kirshbaum (Homeowners) and General Manager Theresa Ostrander.

This open event is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24** at **3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room and provides an opportunity for you to ask questions, provide suggestions and share concerns.

ENCROACHMENTS

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

- 5435 Cribari Green—Drain line
- 5528 Cribari Circle—Walkway

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



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**I love
this town.**

Thanks, Residents of The Villages.
I love being here to help in a community where people are making a difference every day.
Thank you for all you do.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	BC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Swingers Twilight Dinner	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, September 20

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
10 a.m.	Watercolor Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Crafters Club Boutique	A
10 a.m.	Hands-Only CPR/AED Class	VC
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	MC
1 p.m.	Charcoal and Acrylics	AR

Sunday, September 21

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass Sunday	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
10 a.m.	Chapel Worship Service	A
1 p.m.	Table Tennis Club Social	MC
1 p.m.	Table Tennis Club Social	TTC
3 p.m.	Korean Club Game Night	GP
5 p.m.	Catholic Group Dinner Dance	CH
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, September 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	VGC Six Clubs	VR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
11 a.m.	Golf Tournament	CHPatio
11 a.m.	Golf Tournament	CH
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
2 p.m.	Cat Club meeting	VC
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Jewish Rosh Hashanah	FC

Tuesday, September 23

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	Jewish Rosh Hashanah	FC
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11 a.m.	Swingers Exchange Lunch	CH
11 a.m.	VMA: Diabetes-Good Sam	MC
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.	Arts & Crafts: Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	MC
5 p.m.	ABOD Valle Vista Townhall	VC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	EPC: Area Rep Training	FC
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	PR

Wednesday, September 24

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

10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	Study Group: iPhone Class	VC
11 a.m.	Study Group: Folk Dancing	FC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Exec. Leadership Round Table	CH
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

Thursday, September 25

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:15 a.m.	Hiking Club Board meeting	PR
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	VMA: Parkinson's Speaker	FC
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.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy: Lecture	FC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
4 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Assoc. Board	AR
7 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, September 26

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Battery and Light Bulb Collection	Driving 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
11 a.m.	Pinseekers Fall Meeting	FC
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Study Groups: Line Dance	VC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
5:30 p.m.	Music in the Villages	GP
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, September 27

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
8:30 a.m.	Tennis Mixed Doubles Tourn.	TS
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Chinese Club Mid-Autumn Fest.	GP
4:45 p.m.	Study Group: Movie Discussion	SEQ
6 p.m.	Korean Club Game and Dance	VC

Sunday, September 28

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass Sunday	A
8:30 a.m.	Tennis Mixed Doubles Tourn.	TS
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
10 a.m.	Chapel Worship Service	A
7 p.m.	Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite	SEQ
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, September 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee meeting	F
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
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club Meeting & Speaker	FC

Tuesday, September 30

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
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.	Chapel Women's Fellowship	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Club Board	FC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	VC
3 p.m.	Homeowners ACC	PR
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Association Board	FC
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Global Village: Plant-based diet	MC

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Assoc. Architectural Committee	MC
9 a.m.	Jewish Yom Kippur	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
10:30 a.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	SEQ
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Ironmen Mixer	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
3:30 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR
4 p.m.	Jewish Yom Kippur	FC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, October 3

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
2 p.m.	Study Groups: Line Dance	VC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Calendar Highlights

Harvest Market

Saturday, September 20
from **10 a.m.** to **2 p.m.** in Cribari Center.

Monday Night

Magic by

David Martinez

Monday, September 22
from **5 to 7 p.m.** in the Bistro & Bar.

‘Make a Joyful Noise’

Free organ and vocal concert **Sunday, October 12** at **2 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.

Music in The Villages community concert

Friday, September 26 from **5:30 to 7 p.m.** at Gazebo Park.

Afternoon Bingo

The last Bingo session is **Wednesday, October 1** at **3 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

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Events

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. All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.

September 19; October 3 and 17; November 7 and 21; December 5: Card Making Group with Mandy Book and Sheila Robinson in the Forum Room, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free.

September 19 and 20: “Acrylic and Charcoal Multi Media with Figure” with Sandra Jones. Friday and Saturday, 1 – 3:30 p.m. \$100. All materials furnished. Members only.

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

September 24 – October 15: “Drawing” with Swati Mohari. Wednesday afternoons, 2 – 4 p.m. \$70. Members only.

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

December 4: “Winter Paint Party” with Nicole Alexander. Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. \$45.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, September 24 - John Zhang (952-200-4113) and Mimi Rong will lead a hike to Los Gatos. We will start from the free parking lot near Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad and walk along Los Gatos Creek to downtown. Total hiking distance (round trip) is about three and half miles over flat terrain, mostly under tree coverage. Meet at Cribari Bell at **9 a.m.** for 9:15 departure. Driving distance to Billy Jones wildcat Railroad will be 19 miles one way.

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.**

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, October 1 - Katy Peretti (408-531- 0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite Hike, Wednesday, October 8 - Katy Peretti (408- 531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivas and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, October 15 (Rambler) - Shoreline Park, Mountain View. Rich Bainbridge (408) 499-1789 and Wendy Ledamun will lead a hike in Shoreline Park in Mountain View. We expect to see many Fall migrants, including various shorebirds like Black-bellied Plovers, Long-billed Curlew, and colorful wintering ducks such as Northern Shovelers, Green-winged Teals, and other shoreline birds. You may want to bring your binoculars. Afterward, we will have lunch in the Shoreline American Bistro Cafe. Round-trip car mileage is ~ 35 miles. To avoid excessive traffic, we will meet at **9:30 a.m.** at Cribari for a 9:45 departure.

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, October 15 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Cribari starting at the west side. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, October 22 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, October 29 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on villagesrvclub.org. (Most outings are four nights; in and out dates are shown.)

2025

September 26-30 - Yosemite Lakes, Grove-land

October 30-November 3 - Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles

November 3-7 - Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach

November 11 - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room at Cribari

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach - Aptos

December 10 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse



2026

January 12-16 - Indian Waters, Indio

January 16-20 - Ocean Mesa, Santa Barbara

February 23-March 1 - Harbor Village, Half Moon Bay

March 16-20 - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson

April 13-17 - Sugar Barge, Bethel Island

May 18-22 - Yosemite RV Resort (Bass Lake), Coarsegold

June 15-21 - Moss Landing KOA

June 27 - Open House at RV storage lot

July 27-31 - Petaluma KOA

July 31, Aug 1-4 - Giant Redwoods, Myers Flat

September 14-18 - Olema Ranch, Point Reyes

September 27 - Annual BBQ

October 12-16 - Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe

November 9-13 - Morro Bay State Park (book early!)

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach

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For Information:
408-223-4687

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

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 9/22 to 9/28

Monday, September 22

Cream of Mushroom

Tuesday, September 23

Creamy Vegetarian

Tortellini Soup

Wednesday, September 24

Chickpeas and Pork

Thursday, September 25

Chicken Lentil Soup

Friday, September 26

Clam Chowder

Saturday, September 27

Chef's Choice

Sunday, September 28

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

Restaurant Main Dining Room: Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, Phone: 408-223-4687 Press #2, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

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

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

The Villages Golf & Country Club

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

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

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

Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

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



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

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

Weekly Specials

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 9/23 to Sunday 9/28

Greek Yogurt Parfait Bowl: With Raspberries, Blueberries, Strawberries, Granola, Poppyseeds and Honey **\$13**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 9/22 to Sunday 9/28— 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mongolian Lamb: Scallions, Ginger, Onions, Thai Chili over Steamed Rice **\$21**

Spanish Ceviche: Octopus, Shrimp, Imitation Crab, Pineapple, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Onions, Cilantro with Tostadas on the side. **\$23**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 9/23 to Sunday 9/28— 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chicken Marsala: With Wild Mushroom Sauce and Choice of Two Sides **\$28**

Veal Scallopini: With Lemon Caper Sauce, Garlic and Parsley Linguini and Steamed Seasonal Vegetables **\$33**

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

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

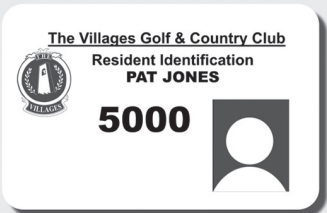
* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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

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



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

Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu. Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

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

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

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.

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



\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

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



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

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



Dinner For Two

Grilled Tri-Tip \$55 Whole Chicken Asada \$45

CURBSIDE ONLY

Pre-order 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For 5 p.m. same-day pickup

WHOLE CHICKEN ASADA \$45

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



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC With David Martinez



September 22nd & November 3rd

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

In The Bistro & Bar

RECREATION

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

Councilmember Candelas Presents: Music in The Villages

Date/Time	Cost
Friday, Sept. 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Free
Location	Reg. Deadline
Gazebo Park	TBA

Join us for a lively evening of music and community at Music in The Villages, hosted by Councilmember Domingo Candelas. This special event will take place on **Friday, September 26**, from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at Gazebo Park.

Enjoy a free live performance by Sonic Addiction, a talented local group that sings classic rock and '80s tunes. All Villagers are welcome to attend. This evening promises to be a fun-filled way to celebrate community spirit.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 408-535-4908.



COUNCILMEMBER DOMINGO CANDELAS INVITES YOU TO...

MUSIC IN THE VILLAGES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

GAZEBO PARK

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

SCAN FOR MORE INFO/RSVP OR CALL 408-535-4908



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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 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Explore Holiday Lights with Craig Smith

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



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

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

Discover California: Art, Culture & Cuisine

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



Discover the rich history, vibrant art, and diverse culture of our state with a visit to the Oakland Museum of California! This engaging trip offers a chance to explore fascinating exhibits that celebrate California's past, present, and future. After immersing yourself in the museum's collections, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at Nido's Backyard, a lively and colorful outdoor eatery known for its fresh, modern Mexican cuisine. Don't miss this

fun and flavorful day out—reserve your spot today! Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/omca-8-7-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get ready for Villages’ Groovy ‘Boogie Bash’

Get ready to rewind to the dazzling days of the 1970s as The Villages presents its Boogie Bash—a far-out evening of funky music, fabulous food, and nonstop dancing.

The event will take place on **Saturday, October 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium. Guests are encouraged to dress in their best ‘70s attire and enjoy an evening filled with entertainment, dinner, and dessert, all included for just \$25 per person. Drinks will also be available for purchase.

Villagers are welcome to invite friends and family from outside the community, making this the perfect opportunity to share the fun and show off The Villages’ vibrant social scene.

With lively music and a retro vibe, the Boogie Bash promises to bring the spirit of the disco era back to life for one unforgettable night.

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/bbash-9-2-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



The Villages

Boogie Bash

Join us for a far-out evening of funky music, fabulous food, drinks, and nonstop dancing as we rewind the dazzling days of the 1970s! Dress to impress in your best 70s attire!

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025
Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Cribari Auditorium
Cost: \$25 per person
Includes: Entertainment, Dinner, and Dessert!
Drinks available for purchase.

For more information, contact Recreation Services at 408-223-4643 or email RecreationServices@the-villages.com



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

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

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

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



Explore Monterey with guide Gael Gallagher

Date/Time Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Location Monterey	Cost \$180
Attendant M. LeGrand	Reg. Deadline Monday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.	

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

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



VMA EVENT CALENDAR

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



Upcoming Programs

Managing 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.

Preventing and Treating Parkinson’s: Join us **Thursday, September 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center 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.

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 the next Grief Share class on **Monday, September 22 from 10:30 a.m.-noon** in the Sequoia Room. This session is taking place every Monday for 13 weeks. There is 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, October 16 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the **Patio Room** and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

VMA volunteer medical drivers needed

Last year, many Villagers generously volunteered their time to serve as medical drivers for the VMA. Since then, several of our volunteers have either relocated or are no longer able to drive. While we are not facing the urgent shortage of last year, there remains a clear need for additional drivers.

We ask you to consider volunteering for just one trip per month. You select the days that fit your schedule, and in doing so, you will be providing an invaluable service to our community. At some point, each of us may benefit from one of the services the VMA provides. This is an opportunity to give back and support one another.

If you are willing to help, please contact us through the VMA website at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4230.



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All invited to ‘Make a Joyful Noise’

Save the date and be sure to attend a free organ and vocal concert on **Sunday, October 12** in Cribari Auditorium beginning at **2 p.m.** Titled “Make a Joyful Noise,” this concert is sponsored by the Villages Community Chapel and will feature organ and vocal music in a wide variety of styles performed by Catherine Ellacer and Margaret Orandi. Catherine is currently the Minister of Music at the Villages Community Chapel and also the Music Director of the Village Voices. She is an accomplished organist and pianist and she also has extensive vocal experience. Margaret is a professionally trained soprano, now retired, having sung her whole life in Minnesota, with the Minnesota Opera, Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Chorale and several other twin cities musical organizations. She also sang in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and in addition she served as their Minnesota District Director for several years.

Catherine and Margaret will delight you with their vocal and organ musical choices which will include works by Hank Beebe, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Roger Quilter and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, among others.

Remember this concert is free but attendees may choose to donate to the Chapel Youth Music Scholarship fund. Plan to come and bring your friends to experience the power of music.

VMA Presents: Last Afternoon Bingo of 2025

Join us for our final afternoon Bingo of the year on **Wednesday, October 1** in Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at **3 p.m.** and games begin at **3:30**. Cards are only \$1 each, or six cards for \$5. No need to sign up. Just come in and join us for coffee and snacks.

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.



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 yoursoulsmedicine.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.

Get ready to board the ‘Orient Express’

By Suzanne Roberts

The cast is set, and the train will be approaching soon, so all we need is for you to get ready to board the Orient Express. The VAT (Villagers Amateur Theater) fall performance preparation of Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Orient Express” is well underway. Rehearsal is in full swing, sets are under construction, and costume fittings are happening.

Performances will be held **Friday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.** and **Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Tickets go on sale Saturdays, October 18 and 25 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Cribari Center. Your ticket purchase includes a 10% discount off dinner at the Clubhouse.

Mark your calendar for these dates and times. Please join us as Hercule Poirot investigates a murder aboard the luxurious Orient Express, which is stopped by heavy snow, trapping a group of potential suspects. The detective must uncover the killer among the passengers, leading to a classic “whodunit” scenario with a famous and surprising ending that explores themes of justice and revenge.

Now for keeping the performance on track...

Maybe you have the theater bug, but aren’t longing to be under the footlights? Well, there is a lot to do behind the scenes to make our productions a success. VAT is looking to recruit new members to support the backstage efforts for our upcoming fall production. If you are willing and able to help with things like set painting, stage crew duties, props, ushering, etc., we welcome your participation. Some support is needed now, while other tasks are needed for the actual performances. Please email Tom Carson at tccent@msn.com if you are interested.



VMA Presents: ‘Managing Diabetes’

Do you or a loved one struggle with managing diabetes? You can’t ignore it and just hope it will go away. Unmanaged diabetes can damage your organs, circulatory system, your whole body. Instead, it’s in your best interest to learn about it and how to keep it in check. On **Tuesday, September 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at



Shiella Marie Olidan



Kevin Edmund Olidan

Vineyard Center, Shiella Marie Olidan, a dedicated medical-surgical nurse educator, and Kevin Edmund Olidan, Medical Telemetry Educator, will explain the two types of diabetes, how insulin works, the various medications used to manage it, diabetes diets, and the consequences of unmanaged diabetes. They will break it down into easier to understand terminology.

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 health-care 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.

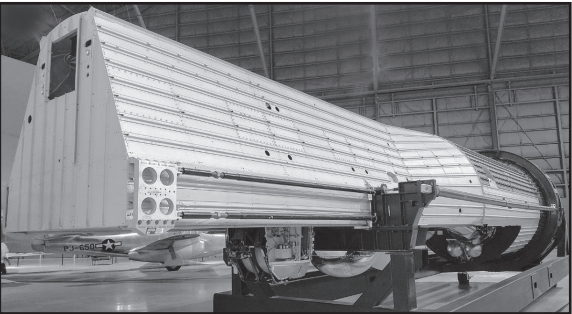
To register for this important presentation, please go to <https://vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs/> or call 408-238-4029.

Senior Academy: Learn about ‘Spies in the Sky’

By Arlene Versaw

Sputnik. Explorer I. An incredible leap for mankind. These first satellites—one Russian, one American—threw open the doors to space exploration with great excitement and anticipation. But it was not long before space breakthroughs had a new mission as they began being employed for reconnaissance and photographic spying that continues to this day.

HEXAGON was the last film-based reconnaissance satellite used by the United States. Designed in the 1960s, 60 feet long and flying at 100 miles up, it enabled Nixon to sign the SALT Treaty and



required cooperation between the CIA and the Air Force. Its mission remained classified until 2011 when its story could be told. That story is being brought to you by Senior Academy from someone with hands-on inside knowledge and experience.

In the 1970s, Ricky Deutsch, a U.S. Air Force Captain, was Operations Director for HEXAGON at the Satellite Test Center in Sunnyvale. He is an expert on how Lockheed built HEXAGON, how it interfaced with six worldwide tracking

stations, how the CIA determined its photographic targets and most importantly, how it positively affected the outcome of the Cold War.

Join Senior Academy for an inside look at this “Spy in the Sky” at Foothill Center on **Thursday, September 25 at 2 p.m.** Register at senioracademy.vgcc.club.

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

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



Dr. Michael Okun

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

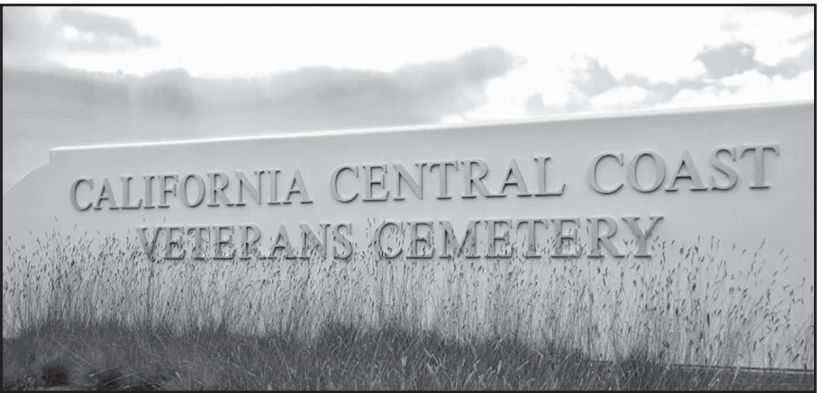
Veterans Club to lead Fort Ord Veterans cemetery tour

On **Wednesday, October 1**, The Villages Veterans Club will lead a tour of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord. The specific address is 2900 Parker Flats Cut Off Rd., Seaside. **All Villagers, veterans or not, and/or their spouses are welcome to attend the tour.**

All veterans who have met the minimum active-duty service requirements and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable are eligible to be interred in this beautiful cemetery. There is no cost for the burial

of an eligible veteran, but a reasonable fee is set for eligible spouses. A staff member will meet us at the site and lead us on a tour of the facility and provide application forms, and answer all questions. For more information and photographs concerning this Cemetery, go to www.calvet.ca.gov.

We will meet at the Bell at Cribari Center at **9 a.m.** where we will set up carpools. To make sure everyone gets a ride, it is requested that you call Al Girolami (209-531-6553) and inform him if you can take passengers or if you will need a ride. It’s a 130-mile round trip, which takes a little over an hour to get there. It is suggested that all riders make a voluntary contribution of \$10 to the driver. Unless those in a particular vehicle decide otherwise, the plan is to have lunch at the nearby Fort Ord Bayonet Black Horse golf course restaurant and then return home.



Cat Club to resume this Monday



Riff Raff owned by Christa Boyce.

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.

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!

To attend the Cat Club meeting, please sign up on our website at <http://sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club> or text Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798.

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.

Join Card Making Group—note updated location

The Card Making Group was off to a roaring start at our first meeting on September 5! Everyone tried their hand at making a box to hold a set of cards for a gift, and worked on their individual projects. We shared two different types of boxes to make. Sheila R. brought her box-making punch which made the boxes a breeze to do, and Debby E. showed us a more polished version that could be made with 8 1/5 x 11 sheets of cardstock.



We will continue to meet every first and third Friday of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30. Our next meeting will be on **September 19** in the Art Room in Cribari Center. We will be working on note cards and Thank You cards as our theme. Bring flower-themed stamps and dies to share with the group if you would like, and of course materials for your own project.

Please note: Remaining meetings for the year will move to the Forum Room in Cribari: **October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, and December 5.** Come and join the fun! For more information, contact Mandy at 408-205-8662 or signups4@yahoo.com.

More CLUBS

VMA Presents: End-of-Life Care for Dementia Patients

Caring for a loved one who has dementia can be challenging and heart breaking as this illness takes them away bit by bit. On **Tuesday, October 14** from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room, the VMA invites you to come to an event that offers compassionate guidance for supporting dementia patients at the end of life, focusing on dignity, comfort, and connection. Rita Estrada, RN, of With Grace Hospice will discuss practical tools and soulful approaches to navigate this tender stage with grace. You will learn the unique needs of dementia patients in end-of-life care, communication strategies for connecting when words are limited, and approaches to preserve dignity, comfort and peace. You'll also learn tools for caregiver resilience and emotional support, and how to integrate compassion and presence into care practices. This is an important presentation for anyone who is caring for someone with dementia. To register, please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or call 408-238-4029.

Dog Club elects 2026 officers

By Judy Rogers and Linda McChesney

On October 6, the Dog Club held its general meeting and annual election, accompanied by a delicious luncheon. We are excited to announce the new officers who will begin their terms in 2026:

President: Linda McChesney; **Vice President:** Betty Abelson; **Secretary:** Linda Ingoglia; **Treasurer:** Tina Parsley; **Publicity:** Judy Rogers; **Membership Chair:** Ginny Spencer; **Social Committee:** Ann Snook, Susan DeMartini, and Leslie Glovin.

Wonderful new dog-centered activities are planned for the new year, and dog owners as well as dog lovers without dogs will be most welcome to join the fun.



Future and past Dog Club presidents Linda McChesney and Barbara Sunseri.



Cribari Halloween Party
Featuring the 14th Street Band!
All Villagers are invited to party!
Great Italian food will be served for dinner.
B.Y.O.B. – Alcohol is permitted.
Saturday, October 25
Party with us from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Dinner from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

For Reservations email: cribarisc@gmail.com,
text: 408-375-1760 or call: 408-274-1882.
Please include HOA member (house) number for ticket(s) charge.

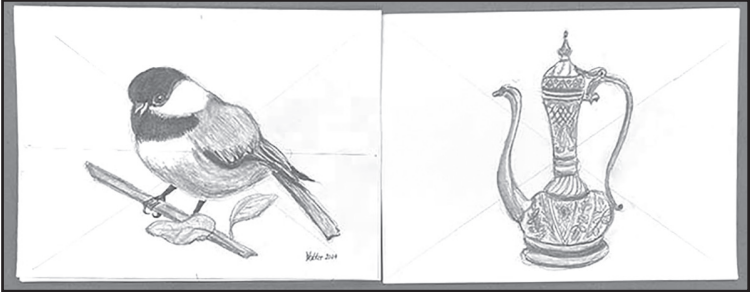
Take new drawing class with Swati Mohari

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

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.



Italian Club accepting registrations for ‘Festa Italiana’

The Villages Italian Club is accepting reservations for our Club 25th Anniversary “Festa Italiana” on **Saturday, October 11** from **3:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at Cribari Plaza. We'll have plenty of good food, live music on the plaza and in the Auditorium, a strolling magician, fortuneteller, cooking demo, and a lot more. Members can sign up at italianclub.vgcc.club and can include their guests for a nominal fee. Want to join this fun club? You can sign up on our website!

For more information, visit the website or contact Anahid Gregg at anahid.villages@gmail.com. Please reserve early — space is limited!

Villagers turn out for annual Vineyard Ridge Barbecue

The annual Vineyard Ridge barbecue was held this year on Saturday, September 6. Attendees included residents of Vineyard Ridge Place and Court and a few extra nearby residents. Eilish and John Perry were the Chief Coordinators of this event.



Top row: Pam Thompson, Lee Thompson, Eilish Perry, Wayne Williams, John Perry, Steve Kang, John Mueller, Don Minami, Lesley Chen, John Wang, Tony Tran, and Fen Tran. Bottom row: Suzy Kim, Margaret Arneson, Merrilee Claverie, Sumi Minami, Michele Bosakowski and Rocky, Jini Kang, Phyllis Mueller, and Anne Davenport.

Navratria festival.....

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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 or text 650-336-3310 for more information.



Hermosa / Heights Residents to celebrate ‘Noktober’



Another great event has been planned for Hermosa/Heights residents. Mark your calendar for this fun “Noktober” fest on **Saturday, November 1 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center. There will be great German/American style food with vegetarian options, along with a complimentary German Radler drink. There will also be live accordion music for listening, dancing and sing along songs in German and/or English. More details to follow. Flyers will be delivered in your tubes beginning on October 1.

Explore the Aging Strong & Well Connection

This is not just another exercise class; it’s about showing people how to stay strong, independent, and in charge of their lives. Learn how simple breathing, stretching, and strength practices can help you keep doing the things you love: driving, walking, gardening, playing with the grandkids, and enjoying family life with the energy and stamina you deserve. Each month, we gather in a safe, welcoming space to explore practical wellness skills, healing practices, and community connection. Together, we empower one another to live with more strength, confidence, and vitality, no matter your age or health challenges. Gathering will be on first Wednesday of every month (**on Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3**) in the Patio room from **1 to 2:30 p.m.** Space is extremely limited—only 10 participants per session! Pre-registration is required. Don’t wait! Take the steps now to Stay Strong. Stay Steady. Stay Independent. Reserve your spot today at mwezokudumu@yahoo.com.

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. 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.



New Cribari exhibit to feature Pimei Huang’s watercolors

By Michael Sunzeri

Pimei Huang is a watercolor artist whose work blends realism with nature-inspired themes and emotional expression. Born in Taiwan, she was a high school teacher before immigrating to the United States with her husband. She and her husband moved to The Villages five years ago from Ohio to spend time and be closer to their family and to enjoy all that the Villages has to offer.

Her artistic journey began later in life, when her children were grown and she finally had the space to pursue painting, a passion that had long been waiting quietly within her. Working primarily in watercolor, Pimei captures the beauty of the natural world with sensitivity and depth, often drawing on her travels and encounters with God’s creations for inspiration. Her paintings reflect both technical mastery and a deep sense of wonder, offering viewers moments of stillness, reflection, and joy.

Pimei Huang is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society and an award-winning artist whose works have been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions. Her art has been exhibited in venues including the Cleveland International Airport, where her paintings reached audiences from around the world.

Today, Pimei continues to explore the expressive possibilities of watercolor, sharing her vision of the world’s quiet beauty and emotional connections that arise from it.

Starting mid-October, make a visit to Cribari Conference Center to see her Exhibit and spend some time with every one of her beautiful paintings. They will draw you in with wonderment. Her exhibit begins **October 14** after we take down the current exhibit at **1 p.m.**



VMA Presents: Regaining balance after hip & knee surgery

If you’ve had a hip or knee replaced, you experienced the process of recovery. Balance and confidence can be difficult to regain. If you are planning this type of surgery, you will want to come to this presentation. VMA invites you to join Dr. Shalaka Taware of Silver Creek Physical Therapy on **Wednesday, October 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. She will help participants understand why balance is affected, the factors that cause imbalance, and what to expect post-surgery. She will also explain pre-op care you can do, exercises to do, stretching and strengthening, and how to combine these to improve your balance.

Dr. Taware has been a physical therapist for over 20 years. She received her Bachelor and Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Russell Sage College in New York. Her approach is very holistic and evidence based. She uses functional movement analysis for evaluation and treatment. Outside of work, she enjoys being active with running, biking, hiking and yoga.



Dr. Shalaka Taware
PT, DPT

Harvest Market...

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Velna Arata - Jeweled art; **Tere Barbella** - Fall and Halloween items; **Marty Blinde** - Baby items, fabrics; **Joanne Brooks** - Hand smocked baby items, fabrics; **Debbie Earl** - Greeting cards, gift bags; **Susie Henderson** - Lavender items, ceramics; **Beth Keller** - Crocheted items; **Kime Kim-Tiger** -Knitted and crocheted items; **Mary LeGrand** - Succulent gardens; **Kathy and Larry Lohman** - Fine woodcrafting; **Judith London** - Author of caregiving, Alzheimer’s books; **Maria Mercado** - Scarves, jewelry, crocheted items; **Marilyn Murata** - Cards, photos, wearable art; **Barbara Osborne** - Jewelry, wreaths, seasonal decorations; **Kathleen Pennington** - Hand cut paper crafts, cards; **Sheila Robinson** - wreaths, knit and crocheted items; **Elizabeth Schwartz** - Papercrafts, cards, boxes; **Elisa Sumcad** - Diamond art, jewelry; **Michael Sunzeri** - Photos, Diamond art, upcycled jewelry; **Stephanie Torres** - Wreaths, seasonal gifts; **Jim Valenti** - Rustic woodworking; **Lorrie Velez** – succulents; **Mary Wollesen** - Quilts, totes, placemats; **Laurie Westsmith** - Papercrafts, cards, boxes; **Cheryl Wical** - Silk scarves.



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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.



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Wednesday October 15, 2025

No Host Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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Prizes for Most Festive Table
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Two Course Plated Dinner

Spooky Vegetables
Haunted Smashed Potatoes
Frightful Chicken Marsala
Dessert
Creepy Pumpkin Cheesecake

Veg Option

Butternut Squash Ravioli
in a Truffle Cream Sauce

\$25 Plus Service Charge & Tax per guest
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Come join us for Bingo & Dinner
Reservations can be made by calling 408-754-1339 or e-mail at
theclubhouse@the-villages.com. Reservations for all size parties are accepted with a maxi-
mum of 8 guests per table. If you wish to organize a table of friends, only one person needs
to call but must furnish the guest names and house numbers for all players. Bingo cards will
be sold (three for \$5 or \$2 each) in the reception area starting at 5:30 p.m.

Are you a maker? Get ready for the Holiday Faire!



Saturday, November 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications to join our event are now available online at thevillagesholidayfaire.com or in the Arts & Crafts mail slot in the Cribari Center. If you have any questions about our event, we’re happy to help. Visit thevillagesholidayfaire.com or email Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com.

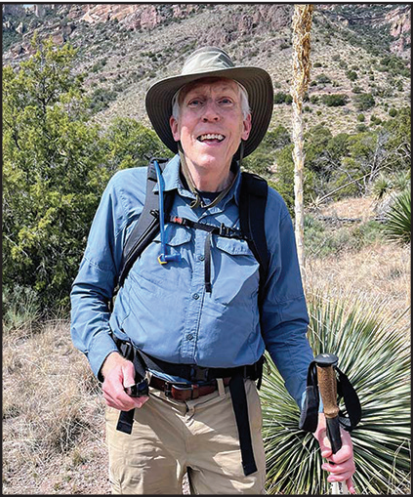
You will want to join our largest event of the year! The Arts & Crafts Association hosts Holiday Faire every year in the Cribari Center. Dozens of artists, crafters, wood-workers and more will show and sell their handmade and unique items. This year’s event will be held

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.



Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m.
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Thursday, October 9
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For Montgomery Villagers only
\$5 per person

Sponsored by the Montgomery Social Committee to
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Pizza and Salad
Dessert
Bring Your Own Drink
Bring a chair, seating is limited.

RSVP by October 6 to Celia Schiffner at
montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com
Include names of attendees, address,
and phone number.



Parlez-vous français?

Bonjour! Parlez-vous français? Are you looking for someone to speak French with? Then join the Study Groups Club's French Conversation Group. (You must be able to speak and understand basic French at a minimum.) We will speak French together, and while we're at it, explore all things French: food, wine, travel, art, books, films or whatever else you may be interested in. We will decide these things as a group, and have fun speaking French at the same time.

If you're interested, please call or text Mary Kelly for more information: 408-621-3477.

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 home-made 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** from **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center—don't miss this joyful gathering of food, friends, and flavor.

Registration required. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69>

See you there!

Join 'Walking/Chair Dancing for Quality Life' class

As we get older, it is natural to see a gradual decline in mobility. Still, for those who fail to exercise, the drop in fitness level can have devastating consequences on health, culminating in disease, disability and high fall risk, making it difficult to go out with friends and family and live independently. Our Walking/Chair Dancing for a Quality Life class will help you restore and maintain your balance, gait, and physical strength. LSAL Fitness Club is here to help you feel, look, move better, and maintain your independence. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*. Sign up in class.



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 **Sunday, November 2** 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 for golf/dinner information or, for sponsorship opportunities, contact Dave Loomis at davidjloomis@gmail.com.

Friends of San Jose State University 9 Hole Golf Tournament & Dinner Sunday, November 2, 2025



Celebrating and supporting SJSU's championship Women's Golf Team!

- Members of SJSU Women's Golf Team will be on select holes to help boost your scores by selling drives and mulligans!
- Door prizes and a silent auction!
- SJSU Cheer Unit!
- Proceeds will go to the SJSU Women's Golf Program.
- Scramble Format - Shotgun Start at 2:30 p.m.
- No host cocktails 5 p.m.
- Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
- Fairway Room

- ☐ Villages resident: Dinner & golf \$100 per person
☐ Non-resident: Dinner, golf & cart \$125 per person
☐ Dinner only: \$60 per person

Send this form before Oct. 20, 2024
Make checks payable to the Friends of SJSU.

Name: _____
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Please send this registration form with full payment for all players to: Rich James, 7912 Caledonia Dr., San Jose, 95135 or email questions to Rajames5959@gmail.com
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Come to Evergreen Valley College freebies

Evergreen Valley College free events happening in September/October:

Now through **Thursday, October 2**, "Snapshots at 50" a historical look of EVC's history. **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Thursday**, EVC Art Gallery

Friday, September 19 - EVC Women's Soccer - **6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, September 23 - EVC Women's Soccer - **6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 24 - Monthly Music Ensemble – noon to 1 p.m., Performing Arts classroom 117

Friday, September 26 - EVC Men's and Women's Soccer Doubleheader - **4 p.m. / 7 p.m.**

Tuesday, September 30 - EVC Men's Soccer - **6:30 p.m.**

Friday, October 3 - EVC Men's and Women's Soccer Doubleheader - **4 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.**

Parking: Parking is \$3 on most days. Please pay at a yellow kiosk. It is free in the lot by the soccer field on game days.

Full EVC event schedule is at evc.edu/events. Events open to and free to the public.

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., September 22 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

‘Conversations that Reflect Values’

By Marcos Herrara

“It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.” (1 Timothy 2:1-8). Wow! A terrific idea.

Have you noticed how difficult it is to have a conversation with anyone without issues of the day becoming a sticking point? Immigration, rule of law, health policy, racial and religious respect, foreign policy, LGBTQ+, basic facts and science and so many other topics have become hot buttons at the dinner table. Are we being faithful to Paul’s request to Timothy that we gather without anger or argument? Having a conversation does not mean reaching agreement, it means that when we speak, are we sharing our experience of Jesus Christ as given to us in the Gospels?

Perhaps at the Thanksgiving table we should talk about our Gospel Values. We should talk about what is said about the poor, about the alien, about the widowed. Keep especially in mind what is said in Luke, “You cannot serve both God and mammon” (Luke 16:1-13). In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus say’s “ For when I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, prison and visited me.’ This is quite clear what is expected of a believer. I don’t consider that political but living out my/our commitment to Gospel values.

Some say the church should not be political. It is political to encourage policies that pursue the “preferential option for the poor and value all life from conception to death.” See USCCB.org or vaticannews.va for ways to converse about topics in the political arena. I pray that I am more like the Good Samaritan that reached out to the poor injured man and not like the young man who walked away in dismay after Jesus Christ said to sell all he had to reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

It’s that time of year again with the High Holy Days fast approaching and we wanted to let you know our schedule for Services this year.

Our services will be led by Rabbi Mordecai Miller and are held at Foothill unless otherwise stated:

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday September 22

Candlelighting and Evening Service 7 p.m.

Tuesday September 23

Morning Service 10 a.m.

Tashlich will be held at Montgomery Lake 2:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday October 1

Kol Nidre 7 p.m.

Thursday October 2

Morning Service 10 a.m.

Afternoon Service Neilah & Yiskor 5 p.m.

Break the Fast 6:45 p.m. (reservations only)

To make a reservation for Break the Fast please contact Jan Margolius, janbuff13@yahoo.com by September 25. Price is \$25 per person.

We are looking forward to seeing you as we join together to bring in the upcoming year.

Shanah Tovah

— The Board of the Villages Jewish Community

The Jewish High Holidays: A Journey of Repentance and Renewal

By Bob Lapidus

The Jewish calendar is punctuated by a series of significant holidays, but none hold the same profound weight and spiritual intensity as the High Holidays, or Yamim Noraim (“Days of Awe”). This 10-day period, beginning with Rosh Hashanah and culminating in Yom Kippur, is a time of deep introspection, repentance, and renewal, offering a unique opportunity for individuals and the community to reconnect with their faith, their actions, and their purpose.

Rosh Hashanah: The Head of the Year

The High Holidays begin with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Unlike other New Year celebrations focused on revelry and new beginnings, Rosh Hashanah is a solemn yet joyous oc-

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COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Determination Wears the Crown’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There are countless times that people have made promises fueled by the hope of immediate and significant personal development. Those unhealthy habits of overindulgence or the lack of commitment to follow through are at the top of the list to address.

The reality is that some of us take a deep breath and plunge into the task with a fervor, at most, for a couple of weeks (before it becomes a habit). Then something comes up that changes our direction and focus. It’s a fact that few smokers quit because of a single moment of resolve. Few obese people have become slim and healthy because of one dramatic moment of commitment. Few people who were deeply in debt have changed their financial situation because they resolved to do so. Few marriages have changed because of one dramatic resolution without continual efforts to improve and stay on task.

People say, “If it isn’t broken... why fix it?” Is change important? Yes, it is essential for all of us. From the womb until we leave this life, change happens. Is commitment to change crucial? Commitment is critical and necessary to any personal change we attempt to make. We can create a list of all the changes in our lives that have occurred because of commitments.

When it comes to breaking those deep, habitual, and unproductive habits, change must originate within the soul of a person. The transforming grace of God enables a person to experience the most remarkable results in personal change, which comes through Him. Many people want to change but lack the motivation to make the necessary sacrifices and discipline to change.

I thought about my life as a young person desiring not to repeat my father’s legacy, which was to run away from commitment when changes happened, and things became difficult. As much as I wanted to be different from him, I developed some unhealthy habits that took me away from what I desired in my soul. It was easier to give in to the weakness of my will than to resist and pursue what my heart desired.

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

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

Please join us in celebrating Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium this Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place 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

SPORTS NEWS

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Judy Owen

It was a beautiful day for the first round of the Club Championship. The pairings were made based on September 10 handicaps by flight for the 3/2 combo and 2 tees. Next week pairings will be made based on today's results. See the results from day 1 at villageswomensgolf.vgcc.club.

There were a number of winners today. Birdies: Helen Varenkamp #16; Monica Saneholtz #5; Susan Anderson #3; Millie Anne Schwerin #11; Auralie Citrigno #11; Priscilla Piper #5; Markey Olsen #15. Chip Ins: Susan Anderson #17; Jay Lee #18; Auralie Citrigno #11 and #6; Vivian Brown #18; Judy Frey #16; Sue Park #13. These ladies came to play today in the Championship. They will likely be showing up in good positions in the Championship results from today.

Upcoming events: Hole in One Party September 18 and Guest Day on October 23. Please note that next Captain's Trophy will be September 25. It is moving up from its normal first Thursday due to planned course aeration.

Diana Hallock shared with the group that on September 16 the Villages will be hosting the Helen Langfeld Golf Tournament. This is a prestigious high school golf tournament to honor Helen who was a founding member of the PWGA (Pacific Women's Golf Association). There will be 35 high school girl's golf teams from Sacramento through San Jose playing, over 100 golfers.

At lunch Mazie Rice shared with the members the plans for moving onto the Golf Genius on course scoring platform. The Villages Golf is moving to using this to streamline running of tournaments here at the Villages. The purpose is to enter scores for the foursome in the Golf Genius app for real time scoring and ease of uploading at end of tournament. Many courses locally have already adopted this tool and our members have used at those locales.

18 Hole Women travel, finish Team Play season on record high

By Loanne Rube

In addition to our many tournaments and special play events at the Villages, did you know that the 18 Hole Women's Golf Club enthusiastically supports three different leagues in Team Play? They are Mid-Peninsula (lowest handicap team), Silicon Valley League (middle handicap team) and the Valley League (higher handicap team). Each league travels between 5-7 other country clubs to play and compete on challenging and beautifully maintained golf outings, making new friends, and also forming deep rooted friendships with teammates. What's not to like about this sweet set-up? Lunch is included!

This year under the rousing leadership of Gloria Landry and Kathy Apgar, it was a *big* win and high finish this season for the wee lassies in Valley league. Gloria and Kathy are yelling from the mountaintops, boasting about our second place overall. No one in the club remembers such a tremendously exciting, vaulted finish in *any* recent year. Our highly lauded teammates include: Christine Leisy, Kitty Ohtaka, Patti Bell, Vivian Brown, Diana Hallock, Mary Wagle, Debbie Moore, Marie LeBlanc, Jan Kiernan, Pat Sear, Suk Pau, Jin Kang, Emily Li, Jay Lee and Marky Olsen. Valley League traveled this summer to Silver Creek, Crazy Horse, Almaden, Coyote Creek, and Half Moon Bay as well as hosting at The Villages. Plans are to play these same clubs next year, so consider signing up for Team Play 2026 and be part of the fun. It's a fabulous way to play other elite clubs in a fun match play format, enjoy a delicious lunch, and have some laughs with new and old friends. Come out and join us! If you see these ladies out on the course, give them a cheer and a high five for a tremendous accomplishment. Well done, Lassies!

BOCCE NEWS



Village Challenge champions, Team Olivas. Back row (left to right): Jon Stuart, Jana King. Roger King, Tony Mora, Joe Civello and Ron Speer. Front row: Maria Burn and Betty Mora.

By Roger King

The courts buzzed with excitement last weekend as players from each of the villages gathered for the much-anticipated annual Village Challenge Bocce Tournament. What began years ago as a friendly rivalry has now grown into one of The Villages' favorite traditions—a celebration of friendships, competition, and, of course, plenty of bocce.

Teams from each village played with a healthy dose of good-natured banter. Spectators came to cheer on friends and neighbors while enjoying coffee, doughnuts and bagels, and plenty of laughter.

The tournament featured round-robin play on Saturday, with teams vying for a spot in the Sunday finals. Some matches were nail-biters, decided by a single roll just inches from the pallino.

The championship game between Cribari and Olivas was a highlight. Victory eventually went to Olivas, who won the trophy for the first time. But true to the tournament's spirit, every team walked away a winner, with memories made and stories to share until next year's rematch.

TABLE TENNIS

By Tony Berg

It's been a long time coming—more than 25 years—but perseverance, passion, and a deep love for the game have finally paid off for The Villages Table Tennis Club.

Founded over two decades ago, the Club began humbly in the Old Bank Building, playing on just three tables next to a small kitchen. The space served its purpose until the building was condemned and later rebuilt as the gym, leaving the Club without a dedicated home. For years, members rotated through temporary venues, including the Auditorium and the shared Montgomery multipurpose room.

Back then, our longtime rivals at Rossmoor faced similar challenges—at one point playing on two tables in separate rooms. Annual tournaments between the two clubs were closely contested, with both sides trading victories.

But Rossmoor made a game-changing move: they built a dedicated, International Table Tennis Federation-compliant facility, complete with Taraflex flooring, evenly distributed anti-glare LED lighting, five safely spaced professional-grade tables, a social area that seats 60, a kitchenette, and two restrooms. The result? Membership and performance soared.

Meanwhile, The Villages Table Tennis Club endured more than a decade of frustration—11 straight years without a tournament win. We became the Cinderella story of the circuit, patiently waiting for our breakthrough.

That breakthrough finally came.

Thanks to unwavering commitment from our members and leadership, The Villages Table Tennis Club secured full-time ownership of the Montgomery Table Tennis Center. This permanent home brought new energy, attracting enthusiastic players and top-level talent. These skilled members, in turn, helped mentor and elevate the entire Club.

And this year, the hard work paid off—spectacularly. In a stunning comeback, The Villages didn't just win the annual tournament against Rossmoor—we dominated it, with a decisive 80 games to 36.

From humble beginnings to hard-earned triumph, The Villages Table Tennis Club has proven that dedication, teamwork, and resilience can turn underdogs into champions.



Team Cribari. Back row (left to right): Karen Carlson, Vivian Hobbs and Linda Liebel. Front row: Janelle Marines, Ro Miller, Jeanne Anne Whitacre and Barbara Orlando.



The Villages Table Tennis Club claims victory against Rossmoor after a 25-year journey.



By Doug Moore, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming Events
Fall Classic/Annual Meeting—October 11
Format: 6-6-6, 6-Holes Best Ball, 6-Holes- Shotgun-8 a.m.
Alternate Shot, 6-Holes Scramble, two-man teams, flighted
Lunch in the Fairway Room - Coffee / Donuts
Hole In Ones for August

It has been quite some time since we had a “hole-in-one” by an MGC member, and there’s quite a few guys out there that are starting to dehydrate. It is truly a sad situation.

Eagle Shooter for August

Well at least we had one gentleman that was serious in August.



Dave Dimmick

Oh, but wait, we’re not done yet. On the 27th he shot another 77, and then finally he finished off the month with a 73 on the 31st.

You may seriously need to re-grip your clubs after that month, buddy.



Larry Angel

What an incredible August!
Yes, he was the Flight #4 Champion in the Club Championship a few years back, and yes, his other golf cart is actually a beer cart. But besides that, **Jessie Martinez** blistered a score of 79 on August 2 to shoot his age. Well done my friend. Do it again soon!

And once again **Larry Angel** is in the Age Shooters Section. Larry had an 82 on the 14th. Way to go, buddy! I had the honor and the privilege of playing with this gentleman in the Reno Invitational last week, and I’ve got to tell you this guy really knows how to golf his ball on the golfing course.

Tom Nedney went on a terror in August by shooting his age with a 79 on August 6. Oh, but he was not done by a long shot! He fired off 79s on the 11th, the 13th, the 22nd, and finally finishing with a 79 on the 25th. When asked about his phenomenal month, he simply replied, “Dimmick can’t tie my shoes!” Well done, Tom! Birdie juice all around!

Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify Donald Chaisson at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager. And please have a friend take a quick picture of you so we can get your handsome mug in the monthly recognition article.

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.



Ted Escobar

Ted Escobar eagled hole #16 on August 2 then he came back on the 10th and did it again. It’s getting to the point where he could probably just pencil in a three on a scorecard before he tees off.

Well done, Ted. We hope you have many more in your bag.

Now The Age Shooters for August... or the “What did Dave Dimmick & Tom Nedney do in August?” section

Dave Dimmick went absolutely bananas in August. He took the term “going low” to a whole new level. He shot his age on August 6th with a 72. Then on the 13th he did it again with a 77, then on the 20th he did it again with another 77.



Jessie Martinez

Well done my friend. Do it again soon!

And once again **Larry Angel** is in the Age Shooters Section. Larry had an 82 on the 14th. Way to go, buddy! I had the honor and the privilege of playing with this gentleman in the Reno Invitational last week, and I’ve got to tell you this guy really knows how to golf his ball on the golfing course.



Tom Nedney

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, September 11, 2025, 15 Ironmen played. It was mild with a slight overcast, another fine day for some golf.

Walter Lucas won third place honors with a net 29. Joe Alarcon captured second place with a net 28. Mario Silva and Hiei Takazawa shared first place honors with net 27s!

There was one birdie today by Hiei Takazawa on hole 2.

Hiei Takazawa won low gross with a 34.

Hiei Takazawa won closest to the flag today on hole 5 at 10 feet, 11 inches.

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

See the results of the first round (1 of 3) of the 2025 Ironmen Club Championship on the Scoreboard page.

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.

9-HOLE WOMEN

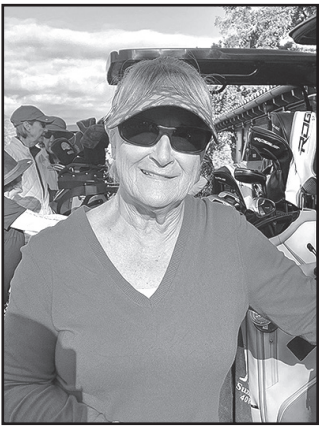
By Valerie Dimmick

Sixty-nine ladies woke up to cooler weather on September 9 and said, “What a great morning to play golf!” And, golf they did. Two flights teed off on the front and two flights started on the back. On the front, Renee Woolard came in first in Flight 1 with a 32 net. There was a two-way tie, net 34, in the front Flight 2 with Madeline Naftzger winning the tie. Three ladies tied for first on the back Flight 1 with a 33 net. Beverly Rees won that card off. Barbara Weisend captured first in the back Flight 2 with a net 29. No birdies this day, but chip-ins made a showing with Jini Kang, Geri Wilk, Bev Poellet, Diana Flanigan, and Bev Rees all getting it into the cup from beyond the green with just one stroke.

Heads up! The course is scheduled for aeration on Tuesday, September 30. So, that week our sweeps tournament is being played on Monday, September 29. Adjust your calendar and inner clock accordingly.

Board Member Spotlight: Next week we are holding our second Exchange tournament of the year. If you were wondering who puts in the work to make the Exchanges happen, it’s board member Mary Wagle. Mary has done much for the Nine Hole Women’s Club and for golf here at The Villages, in general. She has been a past captain and secretary of the club. Besides chairing the Exchange tournaments, she also currently serves as a consultant to our club captain and as our liaison to the Villages Golf Club which oversees all six clubs. Mary volunteered to run the Nine and Dine Friday afternoon games which so many of us enjoy, the Whacky Wednesday fun games, and the annual Couples Tournament, all bringing in revenue to further sustain The Villages’ course. Among Mary’s enjoyments is playing golf with her grandson in whom she takes great pride. She has nurtured his game since he was a little guy, leading to his success in garnering a spot on his middle-school golf team.

Good luck to all of you who are playing in the Fall Foursome Exchange tournament this coming Tuesday!



Mary Wagle

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Saturdays 10 a.m.- 11 a.m.++

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September 20 - Chipping & Pitching

Get it Close to the Hole

September 27 - Greenside Sand Bunkers

Get the Ball Out in ONE Shot Every Time

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October 11 - Specialty Short Shots

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October 25 - Driver

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SHONIS



Previous Shoni club champions, Manoli Kelly, Meg Rogers, Jan Ehrhardt, Marty Blinde and Teddy Morse.

By Teddy Morse

Twenty Shonis are participating in our 2025 Club Championship. We’re proud to have several former club champions still playing with us. Oftentimes once the success of winning the championship on the Par 3 Course is accomplished, players move on to the Long 9 Women’s Golf Club. However, these five former champions are again playing in the championship this year: 2024 - Manoli Kelly, 2018 - Meg Rogers, 2019 - Jan Ehrhardt, 2021- Marty Blinde and 2020 - Teddy Morse. Our 2023 champion Betty Hall is unable to play with us this year, but we look forward to having her back with us in the future.

We had 24 players on September 9 and welcomed a former Long 9 Women’s Golf Club player Mimi Steinhauer for her first qualifying game. Mimi’s years playing the Long 9 show in her knowledge of and ability to play golf. Welcome Mimi!

The Shonis are looking forward to the upcoming mixer with the Ironmen (Par 3 Course men’s golf club) and the Pinseekers (Long 9 men’s golf club). The event is Thursday, October 2 and includes a shotgun start, lunch and awards after golf.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball History—The First Tournament

By Kim Silverman

The sport’s competitive era officially began in spring 1976, when the South Center Athletic Club in Tukwila, Washington, hosted the first known pickleball tournament.

The Players: Most competitors were college tennis players, confident that their racquet skills would give them an edge. Some reportedly laughed at the small paddles and perforated plastic ball, assuming the game would be too easy.

The Surprise: They quickly discovered that raw power wasn’t enough. The locals, who had mastered finesse shots and the all-important dink game, dominated. The sport’s emphasis on placement, patience, and soft touch caught many off guard.

The Outcome: Local pickleball pioneers, including Steve Paranto and his father Arlen Paranto, won doubles, while David Lester captured the singles title. Lester’s adaptability and skill helped him triumph over more experienced tennis players, even though there is no public record confirming whether he had a tennis background prior to the tournament.

The Legacy: This tournament proved that pickleball could support competitive play and laid the foundation for national and international growth. It inspired the creation of standardized rules, formal leagues, and organized competitions in the years to come.

Fun Facts:

Early matches were played on chalk-lined on the gym floors, rather than permanent courts.

Players had to adjust to the quirky bounce of the Wiffle-style ball, which could behave unpredictably on wooden floors.

The event was family-friendly, with many kids and spouses watching and cheering—highlighting pickleball’s early emphasis on community.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

2025 Fall Aeration Schedule

Monday, September 29 – Back-9 Closed for Greens aeration – Front-9 Open for play
Tuesday, September 30 – Front-9 Greens aeration + Practice greens aeration + cleanup – All Golf facilities closed all day including golf courses, practice areas, driving range and Pro Shop
Wednesday, October 1 – Par 3 Course greens aeration – Par 3 Course closed all day
Thursday, October 2 through October – Fairways aeration
End of October into November – Fairways Top Dressing & Over Seeding

All based on weather conditions as any heavy rains can disrupt the planned schedule
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.

September Golf Schedule

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
Monday, September 22 – Outside Tournament 12 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed* all day

Tuesday, September 23 – Swingers Exchange Day 9 a.m. Shogun

Friday, September 26 – 8 a.m. Open Shotgun – 12:45 p.m. St, John Vianney Charity Tournament 18-Hole Course *closed*

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—The July Villages Golf Committee meeting will be on **Thursday, October 9 at 3 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are welcome to attend.

Tips from the Pro—Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!

How important are your eyes in the game of golf?? The answer is that they are imperative! The ability of our eyes to gauge distance, see obstacles and recognize changes in the terrain makes them one of the most important tools in our game. But as we know, at address, our eyes are on the ball...so the timing of when to use our eyes to your advantage is the key! Remember that the ball is not the target, your landing spot or your putting spot is the TRUE TARGET.

Here’s what I mean:

1. On the tee use your eyes to see the hole in its entirety. Stand on the tee box and look at any trees, hazards, and where fairway and rough merge
2. Use your eyes to choose a specific and small target to aim at from tee to green; such as a rooftop, a mountain, a patch of grass, or a tree in the distance – NOT a general area
3. Use your eyes when chipping and pitching to determine the proper trajectory for the shot and more importantly the landing spot for the shot. Focus on the landing spot during your rehearsal swings.
4. Use your eyes when putting during your pre-shot routine. Look at the hole during your practice strokes and your eyes will tell your arms how hard or soft to swing the putter. Use your eyes to see the top line of the break of the putt and be sure to putt toward that spot.

In all cases your eyes are best employed from BEHIND the ball, using your eyes as a set of two, in line, using your binocular vision...it is NOT best to wait until you have addressed the ball to finally tilt your head and use your one-eyed peripheral vision. Again, the timing of when you use your eyes is the key. Let us know if these tips help... **To sign up for a lesson with me, email sssteele@the-villages.com**

TENNIS TALK



By Betty Olsen
It was perfect weather for our Tennis Club tournament, Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. Men's A doubles was a round robin with Brett Foreman/Sukh Johal on Saturday and Venkat Prabhala on Sunday came in first, Paul Spisar/Harry Soin came in second and Catherine Phan/Lolivic Shaw came in second and Shirley Mariani/Lucky Rapp came in third.

Jayne Dickson, Don Clarke, Dari Taribini and Randy Shaw.

The Men's B doubles was a full compass draw. Sheng Chen/Venkat Prabhala came in first, Tony Loiacono/Jay Desai came in second, Jayme Dickson/Randy Shaw came in third and Tim Keys/Marty Funcell won the consolation. The Women's B doubles had three teams so they each had two matches. Lynn Dickson/Tatiana Pierce came in first, Susan Cho/Montse Vronan came in second and Michele Prest/Nancy Cassidy came in third.



Catherine Phan and Lolivic Shaw.

And talk about the food. Nancy Domingo and her committee of volunteers outdid themselves with pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc. for breakfast and barbecue marinated chicken, skewered chicken, more sausage, potato salad, etc. for lunch. Nancy makes it a full-on party!

Alert: The October 5 Awards Banquet has been **canceled**. Tournament medals will be awarded at the TC Christmas party, Saturday, December 6.

The USTA 55+ Mixed 7.0 village team is currently 1W/1L as of this writing. Our third match is Saturday, September 13 at 4:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

IRONMEN

2025 Ironmen Annual Tournament

Flight One

Name	HCP	9/11	Net	9/18	9/25	Total
Hiel Takazawa	7	27				27
Joe Alarcon	8	28				28
Dave Hathaway	4	28				28
Paul Belknap	6	30				30
Sang Nam	4	31				31
Frank Beltran	7	33				33

Flight Two

Mario Silva	9	27				27
Bob Lapidus	12	31				31
Lee Thompson	8	32				32
Jim White	10	33				33
Larry Dorsey	8	34				34
Chuck Benjamin	8	--				--

SHONIS

Tuesday, September 9

Putting for Pesos Winners

Schinae Ogihara and Meg Rogers

Birdies

Judy Rogers Neece

Flight Winners (net)

Flight 1 (Handicaps 11-15)

1. Marty Blinde 24
2. Joyce Baptiste 25
3. Judy Rogers Neece 26

Flight 3 (Handicaps 20-24)

1. Terri Matsumura 17
2. Amy Song 21
3. Linda McChesney 22

Flight 2 (Handicaps 16-19)

1. Jan Ehrhardt 23
2. Tie Dee Garfinkle and Schinae Ogihara 26

BRIDGE

Monday, September 8:

1. Mary LeGrand - Jonna Robinson
2. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels
3. Art Lind - Hanhi Min

Wednesday, September 10:

1. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
2. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
3. Art Lind - Donna Erickson

Friday, September 12:

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Hank Koransky - Hanhi Min
3. T.R. Fu - Art Lind

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, September 10

Shirley Bellavance	102
Kit Hultquist	209
Sylvia Rozewicz	216
Eva Medeiros	335

Friday, September 12

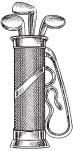
Shirley Bellavance	199
Kit Hultquist	231
Maribeth Berlie	259

Updated hours for Pedestrians on Golf Course

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

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

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October 4, 11, 18, 25

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Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	\$/Per. SqFt
Active	8845 Wine Valley Circle	2,096	3	2 0	\$1,599,000	53	\$762.88
Active	8315 Chianti Court	2,011	3	2 1	\$1,595,000	53	\$793.14
Active	7133 Via Solana	1,790	3	2 0	\$1,568,000	80	\$875.98
Active	8853 Wine Valley Circle	2,032	3	2 0	\$1,450,000	45	\$713.58
Active	8718 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,399,999	156	\$685.27
Active	3114 Pinot Grigio	1,398	3	2 1	\$1,175,000	5	\$840.49
Active	7369 Via Montecitos	1,781	2	2 0	\$989,000	40	\$555.31
Active	7530 Morevern Circle	1,751	2	2 1	\$988,000	77	\$564.25
Active	7886 Moorfoot Court	1,751	2	2 1	\$987,500	148	\$563.96
Active	2010 Carignan Way	1,629	2	2 0	\$980,000	25	\$601.60
Active	2051 Folle Blanche Drive	1,969	3	3 0	\$950,000	5	\$482.48
Active	8100 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$950,000	40	\$526.90
Active	7759 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$948,000	CS	\$525.50
Active	3417 Avernus Court	1,679	2	2 0	\$935,000	107	\$556.88
Active	3123 Lake Trasimeno Drive	1,855	2	2 0	\$910,888	186	\$491.04
Active	8480 Grenache Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$899,888	116	\$572.81
Active	7638 Falkirk Drive	1,572	2	2 0	\$809,000	72	\$514.63
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$785,000	47	\$499.68
Active	7648 Falkirk Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$785,000	52	\$520.21
Active	7704 Galloway Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$780,000	24	\$523.49
Active	8386 Riesling Way	1,497	2	2 0	\$779,000	30	\$520.37
Active	7597 Tayside Court	1,307	2	2 0	\$750,000	16	\$573.83
Active	7772 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$749,000	58	\$502.68
Active	7792 Prestwick Circle	1,490	2	2 0	\$749,000	99	\$502.68
Active	7713 Galloway Drive	1,572	2	2 0	\$749,000	117	\$476.46
Active	8463 Traminer Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$748,000	87	\$454.43
Active	6354 Whaley Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$724,500	41	\$605.26
Active	7302 Via Granja	1,781	3	2 0	\$699,999	73	\$393.04
Active	8356 Charbono Court	1,646	2	2 0	\$674,000	135	\$409.48
Active	8065 Winery Court	1,497	2	2 0	\$649,000	53	\$433.53
Active	6094 Montgomery Court	913	2	1 0	\$627,991	157	\$687.83
Active	5155 Cribari Knolls, #5155	1,240	2	2 0	\$624,867	95	\$503.93
Active	8513 Fume Blanc Court	1,370	2	2 0	\$597,000	159	\$435.77
Active	5350 Cribari Dell	1,223	2	2 0	\$523,750	176	\$428.25
Active	5142 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$519,777	45	\$419.18
Active	5408 Cribari Court	1,223	2	2 0	\$510,000	122	\$417.01
Active	5469 Cribari Green	1,223	2	2 0	\$509,000	171	\$416.19
Active	5286 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$497,000	59	\$406.38
Active	5302 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	207	\$404.74
Active	5264 Cribari Heights	947	1	1 0	\$470,000	6	\$496.30
Active	5235 Cribari Hills, #5235	947	2	1 0	\$468,000	73	\$494.19
Active	5271 Cribari	1,223	2	2 0	\$445,000	20	\$363.86
Contingent	8344 Riesling Way	1,571	2	2 0	\$725,000	156	\$461.49
Contingent	5176 Cribari Knolls	1,402	2	2 0	\$680,000	22	\$485.02
Contingent	5090 Cribari Place	1,348	2	2 0	\$599,990	64	\$445.10
Contingent	5111 Cribari Place	1,223	2	2 0	\$428,000	76	\$349.96
Pending	7111 Via Portada	1,954	3	2 0	\$1,495,000	31	\$765.10
Pending	8779 Fruit Barn Lane	1,415	2	2 0	\$999,000	6	\$706.01
Pending	3230 Lake Albano Circle	1,776	2	2 1	\$949,888	65	\$534.85
Pending	7676 Helmsdale Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$898,000	7	\$595.10
Pending	6251 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$719,000	108	\$536.57

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Active	42 ↓ from 49	1,529	\$834,361	79 ↑		\$536 ↑
Cont/Pend	9 ↓ from 10	1,504	\$832,653	59 ↑		\$542 ↑
Sold	14 ↑ from 9	1,409	\$749,186	54 ↓	\$738,311	\$511 ↓

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



Inside the Gates Home Tour...

(Continued from front page)

Anytime during the Tour, stop by the boutique at the Clubhouse. It is open to all Villagers. You do not have to be on the Home Tour to visit. Many of our 2024 vendors are back. Allsey Toffee is not to be missed (come early as supplies sell out!) and Eden & Zoe brings their luxurious cashmere and fine merino wool knits for kids and adults.

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.

High Holy Days...

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casion. Its name literally means “Head of the Year,” and it marks the anniversary of the creation of the world, a moment of divine judgment, and a day of personal and communal reckoning.

The central mitzvah (commandment) of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn. The shofar's piercing, primal blasts are a powerful wake-up call, a spiritual alarm clock urging listeners to awaken from their complacency and begin the process of teshuvah (repentance). Each blast has a specific meaning and is meant to stir the soul, reminding us to examine our past actions and resolve to improve in the year ahead.

During Rosh Hashanah services, special prayers are recited, including the Unetaneh Tokef, a powerful liturgical poem that speaks of God's judgment and the fragility of life. This prayer encapsulates the holiday's central theme: that on this day, God sits in judgment, and all of creation passes before Him. While this can seem intimidating, it is ultimately a message of hope, reminding us that our fate is not sealed and that through teshuvah, tefillah (prayer), and tzedakah (charity), we can change the divine decree.

The 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the Aseret Y'mei Teshuvah, the “Ten Days of Repentance.” This is a period of intense reflection and self-improvement, where individuals are encouraged to seek forgiveness from those they have wronged. Unlike sins against God, which can be atoned for on Yom Kippur, sins against other people require direct reconciliation and forgiveness from the offended party. This practice reinforces the importance of interpersonal relationships and the responsibility we have to one another.

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement

The High Holidays reach their climax with Yom Kippur, the “Day of Atonement.” This is the holiest and most solemn day of the Jewish year, dedicated entirely to repentance and reconciliation with God. Yom Kippur is a 25-hour fast, abstaining from all food and drink, as well as other physical pleasures like bathing, wearing leather shoes, and marital relations.

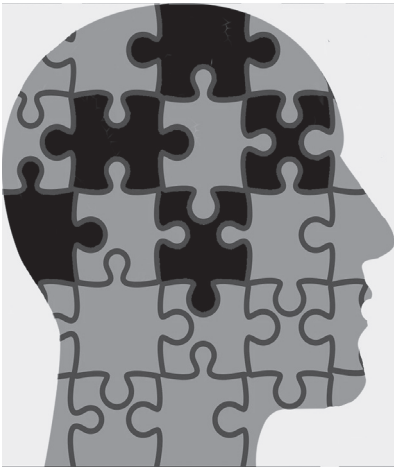
The Yom Kippur liturgy is extensive and focuses on confession and communal atonement. The Vidui, a prayer of confession, is recited multiple times throughout the day, often in the plural (“we have sinned”) to emphasize our collective responsibility. The Kol Nidre service on the eve of Yom Kippur is a deeply moving and ancient ritual, where we annul vows and oaths made in the past year, acknowledging our human fallibility and setting the stage for a day of sincere repentance.

The day concludes with the Neilah, or “closing the gate,” service. This final, intense prayer session symbolizes the closing of the gates of heaven, offering one last chance to pray for a year of life and blessing. The final shofar blast at the end of Yom Kippur marks the end of the High Holidays, signifying that our period of atonement is complete and that we have been sealed in the “Book of Life” for the coming year.

The meaning of the High Holidays extends far beyond the synagogue. They are a profound and transformative journey that every Jew, regardless of their level of observance, can undertake. They are a time to ask: Have I been the person I want to be? Have I treated others with kindness and respect? Have I lived up to my potential?

In a world of constant distraction and instant gratification, the High Holidays offer a much-needed pause. They compel us to slow down, reflect on our lives, and make amends. They remind us that our actions have consequences and that we have the power to change for the better. Ultimately, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not just about judgment; they are about hope, mercy, and the enduring belief in our capacity for growth and renewal. They are a powerful testament to the Jewish people's commitment to self-improvement and their unwavering faith in God's compassion and forgiveness.

The PUZ-LER



Last week you had two coins in your pocket totaling 35 cents. One of them was not a quarter, What were the coins. Well, the one that was not a quarter was a dime and the other was a quarter.

It is tough to fool a Villager and those who were not fooled were Don Fernandez, Mike Gilbert, Tom Moore, Bill Tibbs, Janelle Salvatierra, Peter Groot, Joann Robinson, Donna Hale, Hasan Rahim, Ann Jackson, Larry Broderick, Larry Rosen, Neda Dorjath and Jim Ware. WAY! TO! GO!

But before you get all caught up in yourself let's move things up a notch. Maybe two. **What do the following words have in common? ELLEN ESSAY EXCEL SEEDY CUTIE**

Send me your best guess to Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com and be sure to put PUZZLE in the subject line and include your first and last name. Good luck!

Thought for the day: What do you call a belt made out of \$100 dollar bills? A waist of money.



In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

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, or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

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

• Pest Control

- Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels—Village Montgomery, Village Del Lago, Village Sonata **will occur on 9/22**.
 - (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))
- For Pesticide information used by the pest control vendor or the landscape vendor, please contact Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal.

• Mulching

- On July 29th, 2025, 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 Montgomery**—The contractor will trim trees in Village Montgomery September 16.
- **Village Glen Arden**—The contractor will trim trees in Village Glen Arden on September 17 through 18.
- **Village Valle Vista**—The contractorwill trim trees in Village Valle Vista on September 18.
- **Village Fairways**—The contractor will trim trees in Village Fairways on September 19.
- **Village Verano**—The contractor will trim trees in Village Verano on September 24.
- **Village Highland**—Village Highland exterior site inspections are ongoing from September 10 through October 17.

Club Maintenance

• Verizon Cell Tower

- Work began on the cell tower project the week of August 4. Work will be coordinated with tournaments. No work will occur while a tournament is occurring. You may have noticed that a large section of plant material has been removed. This needed to be done as the contractors needed a specific additional area of clearance on both sides of the path to trench and perform other work.
- **Current Work** (8/26-9/19)
 - 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.
- **Foundation work.**
 - Power supply infrastructure including backup generator and natural gas tank.
 - Installation of perimeter fencing and gates.
 - There is no impact to golf course operations during this phase.
- **Upcoming Work**—Tower Delivery and Installation
 - Expected start date: Week of October 10th.
- **“No Work” days during tournaments**
 - High School Girls Event: September 16
 - Sicilian Sisterhood: September 22
 - St. John Vianney: September 26

• **There’s cows in “them thar hills!”**—The Villages will have cattle on site from June 16 through November 2025. The cattle will be grazing in the hill lands to help mitigate fire risks. There will 50 animals with colored ear tags to help distinguish them from Richmond Ranch Cattle.

Practical advice for residents:

- Admire the cattle with your eyes and from a distance. Do not attempt to approach or interact with the animals.
- Always keep dogs on leashes.
- Cattle do not like loud noises. If a cow seems aggressive, which is very unlikely, yell or make a loud noise to deter them from approaching you.

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

Please notify Member Services of death of household member

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



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FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

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

This month’s installment is about the origins of The Valley of Heart’s Delight and Silicon Valley.

Evergreen: Riding on the back of a rising colossus — milestones from prunes to Apples

In November of 1777, 15 soldiers and settlers with their families were chosen by Spanish officials from the San Francisco and Monterey presidios to found Alta California’s first civil settlement, the Pueblo San Jose de Guadalupe. The second and third civil settlements were Los Angeles in 1781 and Branciforte (Santa Cruz) in 1797. These three villages were designated to produce the food for the network of missions and presidios.

By 1841, under Mexican rule, the pueblo’s population grew to 300.

In 1846, the flag of the United States was raised over San Jose by Thomas Fallon, later to become one of its mayors.

Continuing in its agricultural role, the town became known as “the Garden City,” and in 1849, became the first state capital of California, hosting its legislative body. This brief change in status sparked San Jose’s very first bout of land speculation, driving prices of some town lots up to \$10,000—a trend that collapsed with the relocation of the state capital to Vallejo in 1851.

The Gold Rush brought a huge wave of settlers to California and after most of them failed to find their fortunes in mineral wealth, many made their way to the valley to prosper by growing crops in some of the richest alluvial soil and exceptional climate on earth.

Alviso, Santa Clara Valley’s port town, became the busiest port in south San Francisco Bay in the 1850s; it was the main link between northern and southern California. As San Francisco became the economic and cultural center for the West Coast, San Jose with its “sunshine, fruit and flowers” became known as the “loveliest inland city of California.” The nineteenth century was all about agricultural production, and the remote village of Evergreen was a participant in the bigger picture of that blossoming economy.

Father Junipero Serra, founder of many of the California missions, is said to have brought apricots to California from his native Spain. Apricots were seen growing at missions Santa Clara and San Jose as early as 1792. California’s first orchards were planted at the missions and tended by the monks and mission Indians.

In 1856, Loius and Pierre Pellier brought prunes from France to the valley. Conditions were ideal for stone fruit such as prunes and apricots—and most other agricultural products as well.

The completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869 radically transformed access to fruit, vegetables, grains and livestock in the west, opening new markets for produce, thus creating significant opportunities for local growers.

As more and more orchards covered the flat land surrounding San Jose, the valley became a spectacular vision of Paradise during the blossom season. The local boosters noticed and came up with the term “The Valley of Heart’s Delight” to encourage more people to come to Santa Clara County. Valley towns held blossom festivals and local trolley lines began giving “blossom tours.” By 1920, Santa Clara County grew one third of the prunes in the world. In 1870, the valley had 300 acres in prune orchards and by 1900 it was up to 90,000 acres—not to mention the other orchards with apricots, cherries, peaches, pears and almonds. In the decade between 1880 and 1890, the number of fruit trees doubled to 4.5 million.

The proliferation of fruit and vegetables brought industrialization to the valley in the form of canneries. San Jose Fruit Packing Company opened in 1873, followed by many others, and, by 1885, more than a thousand workers were employed in canneries. The 1887 season produced \$1 million worth of canned produce and four million pounds of dried fruit. By 1893, the San Jose Fruit Packing plant was the largest cannery in the world.

Agricultural production continued at full throttle into the twentieth century with San Jose sitting at the center of it all as the state’s largest canning region. Cannery work was seasonal, and 80% of cannery workers were women, most earning supplementary income for their families. In 1943, half of workers in San Jose were employed by the canneries.

World War II precipitated another vast transformation, as more wartime and post-war industry came to the Bay Area. The Home-front war efforts and the rise of the defense industry during the Cold War drove the growth of the Bay Area throughout the mid to late twentieth century. In the two years from 1948 to 1950, the population of the Santa Clara Valley tripled. In 1961 alone, 300,000 people moved into San Jose. From 1945 to 1965 the Santa Clara Valley population grew by 88%. In the first quarter of 1951, in San Jose, 13 subdivisions broke ground, and in 1958, more than 10,000 new homes were built.

When the Soviet Union launched the first satellite, Sputnik 1, in 1957, the Space Race began bringing new industry to the valley.

The economy was moving away from agriculture. Perhaps the last nail in the coffin of The Valley of Heart’s Delight was driven by an energetic, pro-growth San Jose City Manager, A. P. “Dutch” Hamann. He held the San Jose City Manager position from 1950 to 1969. His tireless expansion policies soon swallowed Evergreen and other outlying communities. Under Hamann, such terms as “strip annexation” and “cherry-stem annexation” were added to the city planning lexicon. A 1965 Haman quote was prophetic: “They say San José is going to become another Los Angeles. Believe me, I’m going to do everything in my power to make that come true.” Some local examples of his influence included Eastridge shopping center far distant from San Jose, and the uncompleted I-280/US 101 overpass that towered over the junction of those two roads for years. Early on, Hamann predicted that San Jose would become the largest city in the Bay Area, and it happened in 2020 when Census figures listed San Jose’s population at 1,013,240 overtaking that of San Francisco. During Hamann’s tenure, San Jose expanded from 17 to 149 square miles.

As The Villages, a new wrinkle in urban living, began its build-out in 1967, a massive change was brewing in the suburbs of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Menlo Park, driven in large part by Stanford University—the birth of Silicon Valley.

Early on, the origin of Hewlett-Packard began in 1939 with Bill Hewlett and David Packard in Packard’s Palo Alto garage.

The electronic transistor was developed and perfected by the Shockley Semiconductor Lab, mostly developed by Frederick Terman and William Shockley—who was considered the “father of Silicon Valley,” as he chose silicon for use in transistors.

Two employees of Fairchild Semiconductor, Robert Noyce and Gordon Moore went on to found Intel corporation, which made astounding advances in computer chips and microprocessors.

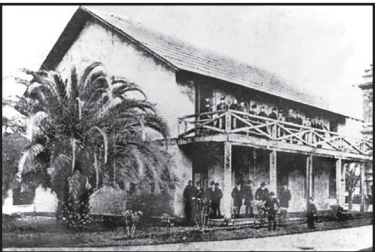
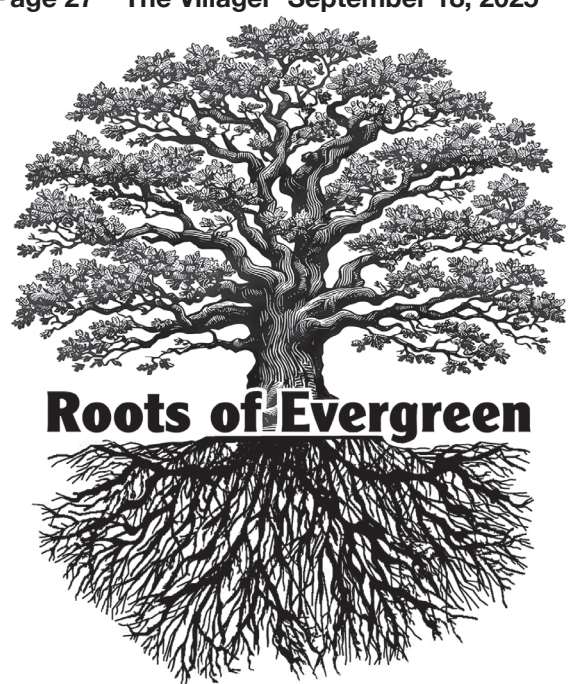
In 1975, the first meeting of the Homebrew Computer Club—a group of hobbyists—met in a Menlo Park garage. In attendance were Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs who formed the People’s Computer Company, later known as Apple Computer. Bill Gates also attended those meetings before founding Microsoft and developoting operating systems and computer programs.

Personal computers were developed in the 1980s with Apple and IBM as the primary drivers. And at the Stanford Research Institute the Arpanet was developed by private companies and the military. We know it now as the Internet.

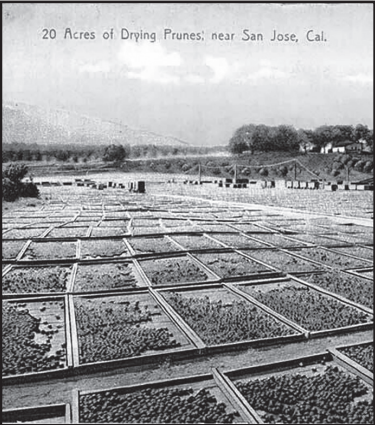
The mid-1990s saw the expansion of the dot-com bubble in Silicon Valley, which resulted in yet another bout of unprecedented real estate prices. Sand Hill Road in Palo Alto became the most expensive commercial real estate in the world. And companies like PayPal generated a re-emergence of consumer internet companies.

Through all its ups and downs, the Santa Clara Valley maintains its status as one of the top research and development centers in the world, as the region is likely on the cusp of another tech tsunami—artificial intelligence—AI and robotics.

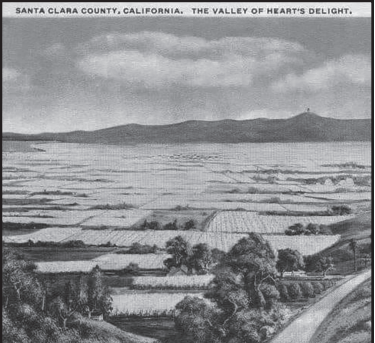
What now? When you take a seat on the bench near the upper gardens in The Villages and see the Santa Clara Valley spread out before you—the result of a couple centuries of unbridled prosperity—ponder this question: “Is there anyone out there who knows how to pick prunes and cut ‘cots’?



First state capitol in San Jose from 1849 to 1851.



20 acres of drying prunes.



Blossom time in the Valley of Heart’s Delight.



One of the casualties of the frantic push to expand, San Jose’s historic Old City Hall, bulldozed in 1955, when historic buildings were in the way of progress.

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OBITUARY

Frank Garcia

July 18, 1944 – September 2, 2025

Following several hospitalizations, Frank entered into hospice and lost a courageous battle that had raged critically since July. He was surrounded by his immediate family during transition, in his beloved home with a view of the greenbelt.

Born in Alameda during WWII, Frank was the son of Connie and Frank Garcia Sr., a military man. His early childhood was spent in Evergreen where he was brought up by his paternal grandparents who worked for the Mirassou wine-making family. His love of plants and horticulture began there.

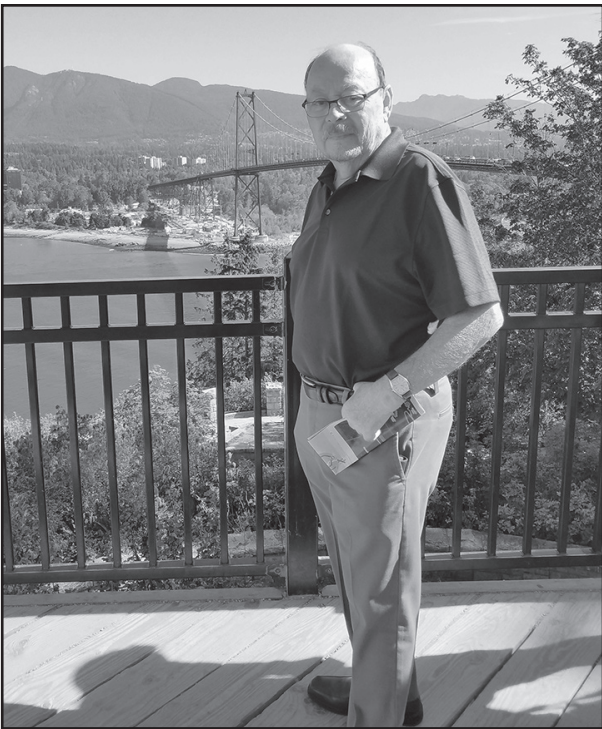
He attended Evergreen Elementary and Andrew Hill High School, and graduated from San Jose High and Evergreen Valley College. At 19, he worked in road maintenance for the County of Santa Clara Roads Department before being promoted to warehouseman and then to purchasing. He then transferred to the County Library system where he was Administrative Support Officer for 25 years.

During this time, he met and married the love of his life, Betty Supnet, who shared his love of music and travel. They enjoyed traveling near and far with friends and family. Their farthest-reaching adventure was a Southeast Asian cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016. They bought their first house in 1968, and their joy was complete with the birth of son Jeffrey and daughter Lani. Beside the close family times and celebrations, he enjoyed playing adult softball. He later coached Little League, became manager, and then president of Evergreen Little League. Always a sports buff, he trained as a paid umpire for adult baseball leagues and as referee for boys’ and girls’ high school basketball games.

The year 2004 brought retirement with a plan to “hop over the fence” from a home in the Estates neighborhood to The Villages, where, along with Betty, he enjoyed golf and bocce, participating in clubs and social activities with the many friends he met in retirement. He looked forward to his regular golf outings with buddies. He loved gardening, playing guitar and singing, listening to music, watching the History channel and old western movies, but most of all, spending time with the family who then included grandchildren Ava and Christian. Family trips to Hawaii were cherished times.

Predeceased by his parents and brother Michael Garcia, he is survived by his wife Betty, son Jeff Garcia and daughter Lani (Todd) Rhynes, Ava and Christian Rhynes, brothers George Garcia of San Jose and Charles Garcia of Idaho. The family acknowledges with gratitude his loving nurse, Gloria Esparza, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, godchildren and compadres.

Beloved by those who knew him. Plans for a celebration of life to be announced.



FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

Here at The Villages we can rely on our very own library. New books arrive monthly in regular and large print, chosen from among the bestsellers. 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.

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Our latest recommendations:

“This Dog Will Change Your Life” by Elias Weiss Friedman with Ben Greenman. Publisher’s description: “Elias Weiss Friedman became known as The Dogist when he took thousands of photos of dogs and posted them online along with their unique dog stories. Even before he was The Dogist, though, he was a Dogist—a fervent dog lover, and an evangelist about the relationship between dogs and humans and the joy this bond brings us in the modern world.

Over his decades of studying dogs and their people, Elias has arrived at a deceptively simple realization: Dogs make people’s lives better by making people better. Dogs improve us. They save us. They give our lives greater meaning and fulfillment. They teach us to become the best versions of ourselves. They help us understand our own identities, deepen our relationships, and remind us of patience, purpose, and commitment. We constantly seek those things in our human life, but so many of the answers are already right in front of us, in our dogs.”

“Everything is Tuberculosis” by John Green. Publisher’s description: “Tuberculosis has been entwined with humanity for millennia. Once romanticized as a malady of poets, today tuberculosis is a disease of poverty that walks the trails of injustice and inequity we blazed for it.

In 2019, John Green met Henry, a young tuberculosis patient at Lakka Government Hospital in Sierra Leone while traveling with Partners in Health. John became fast friends with Henry, a boy with spindly legs and a big, goofy smile. In the years since that first visit to Lakka, Green has become a vocal and dynamic advocate for increased access to treatment and wider awareness of the healthcare inequities that allow this curable, treatable infectious disease to also be the deadliest, killing 1.5 million people every year. In ‘Everything is Tuberculosis,’ John tells Henry’s story, woven through with the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world and how our choices will shape the future of tuberculosis.”



At the Folle Blanche Potluck

Nine neighbors on E. Folle Blanche Dr. met on Saturday, August 23 for a potluck lunch under the redwoods in Marilyn and Bill Rodman’s front yard.



Jane Michael, Christa Boyle, and Grace and Tony Gonzalez, the cooks of the potluck.



Marilyn and Bill Rodman with new residents Debbie and Daniel Earl.

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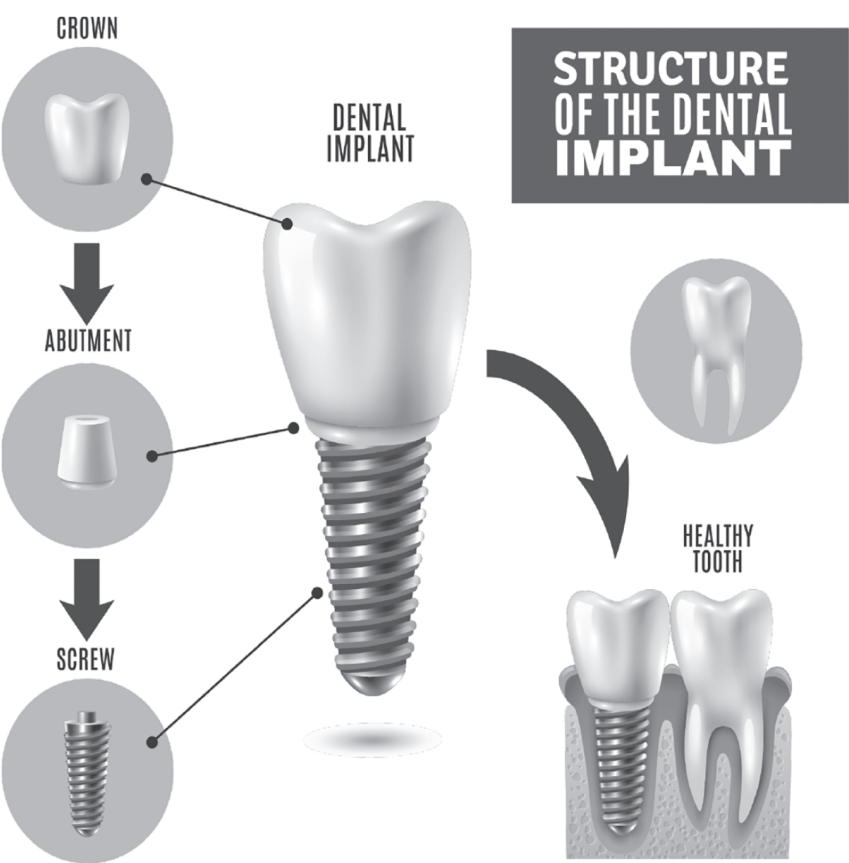
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