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'Inside the Gates' Home Tour is this Saturday

By Sherry Benz

They say that little would be accomplished if it wasn't for the last minute! Well, these are the last few days before our Inside the Gates Home Tour scheduled for **Saturday, October 4**, running from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** You don't want to miss visiting these six incredible homes. Home Tour tickets may be purchased through the VMA website (vmavillages.vgcc.club) or directly from <https://rebrand.ly/hometour>. Tour tickets are \$35 and the charges will be billed directly to your house number. Tour tickets are \$45 the day of the event, available at the ticket pick-up in the lower golf parking lot.



Anytime during the Tour, visit the boutique at the Clubhouse. You don't have to be on the Home Tour to visit. You'll find the perfect gift for a friend (or yourself!) from olive oil, seasonings, fudge, purses, scarves, jewelry, bowls ... to name only a few! There is something for everyone on your gift-giving list!

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!

All proceeds from the Home Tour benefit VMA. The mission of the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) is to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible. 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.

A Night at the Dance—Concert Band to welcome Village Dancers for special performance

By Bernice Toy

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of music, rhythm and artistry! The Villages Concert Band, directed by Melson Varsovia, is set to take the Cribari Auditorium stage on **Sunday, October 26 at 2:30 p.m.** and this concert promises to be an unforgettable experience. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20 (cash or billed to your membership number). Bring cash to participate in the drawing.

Joining the band as special guest performers will be the talented Village Dancers, adding flair, grace and movement to the music. They will be debuting two new dance styles (waltz and ballet), choreographed by Bernice Toy. This unique collaboration blends the rich sounds of live concert band music with the beauty of dance, creating a performance that will inspire and delight our friends and neighbors.

Expect a program filled with classic dance music and lively and powerful selections from the Beach Boys and the "Mulan" movie soundtrack. Whether you come for the music, the dance or simply the joy of live performances, this event will be a treat for the senses.

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.

Flu Shot Clinic is October 12

Villagers, let's make sure we all stay healthy during this upcoming flu season. A flu shot can save a life, and VMA and Life Plus Pharmacy are working hard to keep you flu free. Stay flu free, drop in to get your flu shot, and stay safe.



The Drop-in Flu Clinic is held on **Sunday, October 12** at Foothill Center from **9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Bring your Medicare card and an ID. It really is just that—**drop in, no appointment necessary!** Easy peasy! One, two, three and done! See you October 12 at Foothill Center!

(We wish we were able to provide flu shots to Kaiser members, but we can't!)

News flash! Covid booster available at The Villages

The VMA has just been informed by Life Plus Pharmacy that they now have the capacity to provide the newest Covid Booster to Villages residents over 65. If you are at **high risk**, you can also get the new Covid Booster. If you would like to receive a Covid Booster, **please call Liz Adams at 408-621-5653** to indicate you'd like to get that new Covid Booster. It's important we have shots available for those who would like to be protected from Covid, so please call Liz to help us plan for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.

1 Deferred Pulse letter resubmitted.

1 Pulse letter published this week.

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

Villages, thank you.

We recently had a new refrigerator/freezer delivered to our home. The dilemma was what to do with the refrigerated and frozen food in the refrigerator and freezer being replaced since it would be 24 hours before our new appliance would be cold enough to use.

We remembered that our community has refrigerator and freezer space available to store food in situations like ours. All it took was a call to the Recreation Department at 408-754-1359 to reserve the space needed.

Again, thank you Villages for having space available when we needed it.

— *Villages Residents Rita & Howie* Blumstein*
* *Not submitted as a Club Board Director*

THANK YOU

Remembering my Patti from the fragrance of so many floral bouquets, dozens upon dozens of warm, sensitive cards and lastly donations in her name both to the VMA and to EVF (Evergreen Villages Foundation). All were so much appreciated.

She was so blessed to be able to make The Villages her home for 30 years! She will be missed.

Thank you.

— *Susie*

BOUQUETS

A Harvest of Thanks: The Villages Crafters Club would like to extend a great big *thank you* to all Villagers who came out and supported our Harvest Market! We had a very successful show and enjoyed seeing so many familiar (and new!) faces strolling through our event! We are already preparing for our Holiday Market on **Saturday, December 6** so mark your calendars for another spectacular shopping event! Have a wonderful Autumn and we will see you in December!

— *Villages Crafters Club*

ABOVE AND BEYOND

The crew, one man and one woman, did a great job on French Oak on Monday. I have lived here for 2+ years and never had better service. I would like to acknowledge them and thank them for a job well done. They even cleaned up everything when they finished!! Thank you!

— *Barbara Griffin*

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President’s Message— September 30, 2025

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors September 2025 meeting. This is our first evening meeting in an effort to involve more residents who cannot make daytime meetings. Any feedback you would like to give us after the meeting would be helpful in our scheduling future evening Board meetings. It is our intent to do at least one per quarter and our next evening meeting will be Tuesday, December 9.

I would like to thank the many Valle Vista residents who turned out for our town hall last week. Your input and questions were invaluable in helping this Board come to a decision on which approach to take on the sewer project, which will be voted on later in this meeting.

Off topic, I would like to thank Bob Robles, Rob Howe, Jim Hansell and their group for arranging, organizing and pulling off an excellent Villager golf trip to Reno. Almost 50 golfers had a great time golfing, drinking, eating and gambling over four days in Reno. I hope to win some money golfing next year because this year everybody else was just too good.

We have an All-DAC meeting coming up on Monday, October 13 at 6 p.m. The purpose of that meeting is to give everyone an opportunity to hear what is going on with the changes to the CBOD Bylaws. I was selected as a member of the Bylaws Amendment committee, and, at first, I was very much against the main amendment of instituting an initiation fee on new buyers. However, after serving on that committee and putting myself in the position of devil’s advocate on that issue and a few others, I have come around to understand why, what will be called a Capital Fund Fee, is necessary. I have asked for this All-DAC meeting in order to present a brief overview of what this committee is doing, why it is necessary and to answer any questions. There will be at least two future town halls on the changes, as well as articles already published and those to be published on this topic. I think it is important all Villagers understand what is being done and why. There are many working parts that need to be updated including the redline version of the Bylaws, changes to two CBOD policies, the CBOD Capital Projects Plan and the fee schedule. All of these will be presented together so the Villagers can see how all this will work. The 5-Year Capital Projects Plan is already posted on the Member Portal and I believe the redline version of the Bylaws was put on the portal yesterday. I have put in more hours than I care to admit reading and re-reading all of these documents so if anyone has any questions or comments, you know who to ask.

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

—Michael Schwerin, Villages Association President

Club Capital Dues and The Bylaws

Adding a Capital Fund Fee to Club Bylaws will significantly ease Villages financial challenges and reduce future increases in Club Capital Dues.

The Villages needs more income just to maintain the facilities we already have and to pay for any improvements to our various amenities (meeting rooms, restrooms, paths, courts, pools, etc.). To meet this challenge the Club Board is proposing a Capital Fund Fee to be paid by new buyers of Villages homes. The bylaws will be modified to allow a Capital Fund Fee. The actual amount of the fee will be established annually based on need.

This fee will add to our yearly income. Without this income the Club will have to raise money through higher monthly dues, special assessments and/or loans, all of which will be paid by residents. Other HOA communities have similar membership fees.

Adoption of the Capital Fund Fee will necessitate a change in our Club Bylaws. To ensure this is done in an orderly manner, with input from all parties, the Club Board has formed an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee that will propose Bylaws updates, which will then be subject to a vote by Club Members in early 2026. This process will include meetings with Villagers and a Town Hall-style meeting at Cribari Auditorium on Thursday, November 13 to inform residents and answer questions.

For more information check the Member Portal.

Club Board President’s Message— September 30, 2025

Welcome to Autumn! The change in seasons seemed to happen quickly this year. There is a lot happening at The Villages, including several important developments that are taking place behind the scenes.

One major project currently underway is the construction of the Verizon cell tower. This project is expected to significantly improve cell coverage for Verizon customers in our community. Additionally, it will provide a welcome boost in revenue for all Villagers.

We are also exploring new ways to maintain the delivery frequency of *The Villager* while reducing costs. One option under consideration is transitioning from a newspaper to a magazine format. We are still in the process of evaluating this change and hope to have more information to share with you next month.

The wait for our community survey results is almost over. I anticipate being able to share the findings with you soon. As we digest those findings we will propose strategies to address the desires and needs expressed by our residents. Please look for more updates on this important topic in the coming months.

The Bylaws group is nearing completion of its first draft of proposed revisions. We have planned a robust schedule of Town Hall meetings and informal discussion sessions. These gatherings will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns about the proposed changes.

Change can be difficult, but updating our bylaws is necessary to ensure the well-being of our community. As we discuss these revisions, I have a few requests: please recognize the many hours of hard work the Bylaws working group has devoted to this effort. If you have comments or concerns, I encourage you to be respectful and constructive. Propose vs Oppose. Try to suggest solutions rather than simply opposing any changes. Approaching these discussions with openness and respect will help us have a richer and more productive dialogue.

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

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

Both the CBOD and ABOD appreciate having your questions addressed.

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

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



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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 debit/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.

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.

E-waste event coming Saturday, October 4

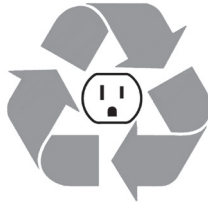
Special Projects and Sustainability Services will host an e-waste event on **Saturday, October 4.**

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.



Verizon Wireless Tower at The Villages

Construction is underway on a new 70-foot “monopine” cellular tower and related equipment yard inside the Golf Maintenance Yard. The tower will be unmanned, fully fenced and camouflaged to resemble a pine tree.

The Villages and Verizon Wireless have executed a Land Lease Agreement granting Verizon the right to install and operate the communications facility.

- Initial Term: Five years, commencing on the first day of the month after Verizon begins installation.
 - Extensions: Automatically renews for two additional 5-year terms, unless Verizon provides notice to terminate, for a potential total of 15 years guaranteed, with the ability to extend further to a maximum of 35 years.
 - Base Rent: \$21,600 per year (\$1,800 per month), payable monthly in advance. Standard annual rent escalators apply (per lease schedule). This rent provides unrestricted income to the Club.
- Additional Benefits**
- Improved Cell Service—Stronger Verizon 4G/5G coverage throughout The Villages, including homes, golf course and common areas.
 - Emergency Reliability—A35kW generator and 500-gallon propane tank will maintain service during PG&E outages.
 - No Resident Expense—Verizon pays all construction, permitting, utilities, and maintenance.
 - San Jose Planning approved the project in the winter of 2025. Installation is now underway with service activation expected in the fall of 2026.
- The Verizon lease delivers \$21,600 in annual rent with automatic 5-year renewals, providing a stable new revenue stream and enhanced wireless service—all at no cost to Villagers—while remaining discreetly located in the Golf Maintenance Yard.



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THE DACs

Cribari DAC to meet October 14

The Cribari DAC will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

Montgomery DAC to meet November 3

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

Verano DAC to meet November 3

The Verano DAC will meet Monday, November 3 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Vineyard 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 Foothill Center.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- All-DAC meeting Re: Club Bylaws Proposals is **Monday, October 13** at **6 p.m.** in the Foothill Center.
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, October 28** at **9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, October 28** at **1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Hermosa DAC to meet November 6

Hermosa DAC will meet **Thursday, November 6** at **3 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Heights DAC to meet November 10

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

Glen Arden DAC to meet November 12

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Changes in the Standard Tax Deduction

How the New Deduction affects You

The federal standard deduction represents the amount of income you can exclude from taxes. You have probably heard about new legislation that might positively impact what you owe, starting with the 2025 tax year.

The standard deduction for 2025 for filers under age 65 is now \$15,750 for single filers and \$31,500 for filers who are married filing jointly (MFJ). For filers aged 65 and over it is \$17,350 for single filers and \$34,700 for MFJ.

In addition, for years 2025 through 2028, the following “bonus” deduction amounts will apply for filers aged 65 and over whether they use the standard deduction or itemize deductions. Single filers with taxable income of \$75,000 or less will have an additional \$6,000 added to their deduction. For MFJ filers the additional deduction amount is \$12,000 if your taxable income is \$150,000 or less.

If your taxable income is more than the \$75,000 and \$150,000 limits, you may still be eligible for a partial “bonus” deduction. Below are two examples of how to calculate your personal deduction amount. The examples are for a single filer with \$100,000 in taxable income, and an MFJ filer with \$200,000 in taxable income. The basic formula applies in all cases:

Single: Subtract \$75,000 from the \$100,000 leaving \$25,000. When you multiply the \$25,000 overage by 6% you get \$1,500, and subtract that from the \$6,000 bonus. The remainder is your actual bonus deduction amount of \$4,500.

MFJ: Subtract \$150,000 from \$200,000 leaving \$50,000. When you multiply the \$50,000 overage by 6% you get \$3,000, and subtract that from the \$12,000 bonus. The remainder is your actual bonus deduction amount of \$9,000.

If your taxable income is usually stable, and you’re curious about how this change will impact your tax obligation for 2025, you might want to pull out your 2024 tax return and do a sample calculation!

How the New Deduction affects Social Security’s Financial Stability

Unlike most income tax revenue, which flows into the general U.S. Treasury, taxes on benefits go into Social Security’s two trust funds, one for retirement and survivor benefits and one for disability benefits. In 2024, those taxes added \$55.1 billion to Social Security’s coffers.

But that represented only about 4 percent of the program’s total revenue, which comes mainly from payroll taxes assessed on U.S. workers and their employers. However, reducing it would still have an impact on the trust funds, which are projected to run short of money in 2034 unless Congress acts to shore up Social Security’s finances. If nothing is changed and that happens, benefits would have to be cut by about 19 percent, according to the latest annual report from Social Security’s trustees.

But that’s only when you look at the two trust funds combined. The trustees project that the fund for retirement and survivor benefits, which faces the most significant gap, will run short in 2033. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan fiscal policy think tank, estimates that the new deduction and other provisions of the reconciliation bill will accelerate that fund’s insolvency by a year, to 2032.

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of November are due to the Architectural Committee on or before October 24, 2025. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, November 6** at **9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

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.



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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.	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

Saturday, October 4

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	E-Waste Event	E. Crib. Parking Lot
9 a.m.	Quilters Mini Camp	FC
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
10 a.m.	VMA Home Tour	CH
12 p.m.	Navratri Festival	A

Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:30 a.m.	ABOD Study Session	FC
10 a.m.	EPP Director's Meeting	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Adv. Committee	F
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts meeting	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	18-Hole Women's Brd. mtng.	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
6 p.m.	Korean Club Singing Group	VC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 a.m.	Men's Club Exec. Commte.	MC
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	Cribari Plaza
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11 a.m.	9-Hole Women's Golf Board	VC
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12 p.m.	Comcast Appointments	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Architectural Committee	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	Veterans Club meeting	FC
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	VC
2:30 p.m.	Club Technology Committee	F
3:30 p.m.	Catholic Council Meeting	MC
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club: Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise A	
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	VMA Board meeting	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga A	
10:30 a.m.	Senior Leader Team Meeting	VC
11 a.m.	Study Group Club: Folk Dance	FC
11 a.m.	VMA Silver Creek P. Therapy	SEQ
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
1 p.m.	Cribari Social Committee	SEQ

2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board meeting	PR
4 p.m.	Valle Vista Social event	FC
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	VC

Thursday, October 9

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Swimming Pool Advisory Com.	VR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Oils/Acrylics	AR
10 a.m.	Comm. Advisory Committee	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Luncheon	CH
12:45 p.m.	Chapel Organ Practice	A
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	MC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
4:30 p.m.	Pickleball Club Board	PR
7 p.m.	EPC Area Reps Training	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Board	MC
7 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	VC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, October 10

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise A	
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass Friday	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Battery and Light Bulb Collection	Drive Range Lot
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
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

Saturday, October 11

6:45 a.m.	Men's Club Coffee Station	CH
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	Cribari Plaza
9 a.m.	Pickleball Club: Tourn.	PC
9:30 a.m.	Club EPC Area Reps Training	FC
10 a.m.	Men's Club fall annual mtng.	CH
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	MC
3:30 p.m.	Italian Club Festa	A

Sunday, October 12

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass Sunday	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
9 a.m.	Pickleball Club: Tournament	PC
9:30 a.m.	VMA: Flu Clinic	FC
10 a.m.	Ceramics Room Picnic	GP
10 a.m.	Chapel Worship Service	A
2 p.m.	Community Chapel Concert	A
4 p.m.	Fairweather Friends Golf/Potluck	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite	SEQ
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Monday, October 13

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Club EPC Leadership	FC
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Sector Chiefs Meeting	MC
10 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	PR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR

2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Garden Club: Autumn Picnic	GP
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
6 p.m.	All-DAC Meeting	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, October 14

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10 a.m.	French 101	CR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
10:30 a.m.	VMA: With Grace Hospice	SEQ
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
1 p.m.	Painting Exhibit/Art Show	CR
1 p.m.	Bocce Board meeting	PR
1 p.m.	Study Group: New Real	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Crafters Club Meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	MC
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	VMS Board Meeting	PR
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
6:30 p.m.	Cribari DAC meeting	CR
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club meeting	FC

Wednesday, October 15

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
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Macintosh User Group	SEQ
5 p.m.	Zumba Gold	CR
5 p.m.	VMA Bingo Dinner	CH
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, October 16

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	Cribari Plaza
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.	VMA: Caregiver Support Grp	PR
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Opera Lovers Movie	MC
2 p.m.	Senior Academy: Lecture	FC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
6 p.m.	Democratic Club meeting	FC
7 p.m.	VAT Fall Show Rehearsal	A

Friday, October 17

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
5 p.m.	Sadie Hawkins Golf Tourn.	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC

Calendar Highlights

Inside the Gates Home Tour

Saturday, October 4 at six Villages homes (get tickets from VMA website) from **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.**

‘Make a Joyful Noise’ Concert

Sunday, October 12 at **2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium

Boogie Bash ‘70s party

In Cribari Auditorium on **Saturday, October 18** from **4 to 7 p.m.** (admission fee)

Speaker topic: Ukraine-Russia War

Tuesday, October 7 at the Mens Fun Social Club luncheon in the Clubhouse at **12:15 p.m.**

Animal Blessing Ceremony

Saturday, October 11 at **11 a.m.** at the Montgomery Lake (hosted by Villages Dog Club).

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 Friday afternoons, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Events

October 6: “Innovative Free Art Demonstration” and meeting of Arts & Crafts. Monday, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. President Mandy Book presiding and Programs Chair Michael Sunzeri presents Nicole Alexander, an acrylic painter and Reiki Masster.

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

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

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.

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

October 21: Free Art Film with Host Marion Rose. “3 Famous Artists.” Tuesday, 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room.

November 11 and 18 and December 2 and 8: “Art Journaling” with Pat Remington, Tuesdays, 1 - 3:30 p.m. \$50. All supplies furnished.

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-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 Hike, SATURDAY, October 18: Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a Saturday Rambler hike along San Francisco’s Embarcadero going from the Ferry Building to Pier 39. Parking is at the Golden Gateway Garage at 250 Clay St. (\$10/day). Total hiking distance is approximately 5 miles over very flat terrain. The Ferry Plaza Farmer’s Market will be in progress for those who want to get something yummy for breakfast before starting. Points of interest along the way include the Bay Bridge, Transamerica Building and Coit Tower. Plenty of benches are along the way. Meet at Cribari Bell at **9 a.m.** for 9:15 a.m. departure. Lunch can be at Pier 39 or any of several restaurants along the Embarcadero.

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.**

Long Hike (yes, a Long Hike), TUESDAY, October 28 – John Zhang and Gordon Carbonetti are planning a hike within the Pinnacles National Park. It would be a long, one-day event involving about a 90-minute drive from the Villages to the East entrance of the Pinnacles. The planned hike is about 6 miles in length with some elevation gain. We are planning a pre-hike very soon, so stay tuned for more information on this exciting hike.

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

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



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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



Donation and Collection Event!

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Rooted is a nonprofit program offering reuse and recycling services for clothing and household items with a commitment to social responsibility. We focus on healing and transformation for formerly incarcerated adults by providing a vital training ground & employment for people to become empowered business leaders.

CAN accept:

- All clothing items
- Purses, bags, shoes, tools, and toys
- Electronics, TVs, microwaves, blenders, printers, and laptops

CANNOT accept:

- Furniture, beds, pillows, large appliances, batteries, or junk

We will be in YOUR neighborhood!

Date: Saturday, October 18

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Cribari East Parking Lot

Contact: Debi Higgs
408-838-6351 (Villager)

www.carrythevision.org
Tax ID: 01-0952753

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

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 10/7 to Sunday 10/12

Cowboy Brisket & Egg Soft Tacos: Scrambled Eggs, Cheddar Cheese, Smoked Brisket, Salsa on Four Tortillas with Country Potatoes **\$21**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 10/6 to Sunday 10/12—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Barbecued Ribs: With Mac n' Cheese, Coleslaw and a Biscuit **\$24**

Crispy Chicken Flautas: Three Shredded Chicken Flautas, with Flour Tortilla, Cotija Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sour Cream and Salsa **\$18**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 10/7 to Sunday 10/12—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Coconut Crusted Halibut: With Mango, Lemon Grass and Coconut Sauce, Dino Kale, Lemon Orzo Pasta **\$33**

Beef Bourguignon: With Mushrooms, Mire Poix, in a Red Wine Reduction and a Choice of Two Sides **\$30**

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

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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Pickup Available at 5 p.m.

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and Tax



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



Dinner For Two
Grilled Tri-Tip \$55 Whole Chicken Asada \$45
CURBSIDE ONLY
Pre-order 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For 5 p.m. same-day pickup

WHOLE CHICKEN ASADA \$45

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



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



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RECREATION

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

Transform your body with Yoga

Date/Time	Location
Wed., Oct. 15 - Nov. 19, 10 to 11 a.m.	Auditorium
Cost	Instructor
\$80	Mariko D.
Reg. Deadline	Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

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



includes six classes.

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/yoga-9-29-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Zumba Gold awaits you

Date/Time	Location
Wed., Oct. 15 - Nov. 19, 5 to 6 p.m.	Conf. Room
Cost	Instructor
\$80	Elena R.
Reg. Deadline	Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

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

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/zumba-9-29-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Restore balance and vitality with QiGong class

Date/Time	Location	
Wed., Oct. 15 - Nov. 19, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium	
Cost	Instructor	Reg. Deadline
\$80	Mariko D.	Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

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

Register on the Member Portal at member.thevillagesgcc.com/qigong-9-29-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Take Beginner or Advanced Aqua Aerobics

Date/Time		Location
Tuesdays, Oct. 7 - Nov. 11		Foothill Pool
Beginner, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m		
Advanced 11:45 a.m. - 12:45		
Cost	Instructor	
\$80	Ted M.	
Reg. Deadline		
Monday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.		

Dive into fitness with our low-impact, joint-friendly Aqua Aerobics classes—perfect for all levels! The Beginner class offers a gentle pace with easy, repetitive movements that help improve strength, endurance, and mobility—ideal for those easing into exercise or recovering from injury. The Advanced class turns up the energy with faster-paced routines, cardio conditioning, and muscle-toning workouts. Whether you’re starting out or ready to challenge yourself, there’s a class that fits your flow. The session price includes six classes. Activity Level: Beginner – Moderate; Advanced – Intense

Register for the class(es) on the Member Portal at:
Tuesday Beginner Class - member.thevillagesgcc.com/aqua-tu-beg-9-29-25
Thursday Beginner Class - member.thevillagesgcc.com/aqua-th-beg-9-29-25
Tuesday Advanced Class - link not available; register in person
Thursday Advanced Class - member.thevillagesgcc.com/aqua-th-ad-9-29-25
Or sign up in person 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Get ready for Villages' Groovy 'Boogie Bash'

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

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.

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

Balance Post Hip and Knee Surgery – Dr. Shalaka Taware P, DPT will explain the causes of imbalance, what to expect after surgery and suggest some pre-op exercises that can help stretch and strengthen you in preparation for surgery. **Wednesday, October 8 at 11 a.m.** in the Sequoia room.

Guiding with Grace: End of Life Care for Dementia Patients – Rita Estrada, RN covers the unique needs of the dementia patient while on hospice. She will offer tools and communication strategies while navigating this difficult time for both patients and their loved ones. **Tuesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in Sequoia.

AARP Driver Safety Class (Two-Day class—not renewal) – **Tuesday, October 21** and **Wednesday, October 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room. Irv Kaplan will be conducting this training which when completed may reduce your car insurance payment! The class is limited to 25. Payment to be made at the start of class and must be in cash or check made out to AARP (no credit cards accepted). Cost: AARP members \$20; non-members \$25; Free to those with United Healthcare Supplemental Insurance.

Bingo — the last Evening bingo is scheduled for **October 15 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Clubhouse.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson's. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, October 23 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, October 6 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.

Getting on the Road to the 21st Century Fireside Chat with Theresa Ostrander

Wednesday, October 29, 3 - 4 p.m. - Fairway Room
Topic: **Wildfire Hazards vs Risk** - What Makes Us Vulnerable with Chief Winnacker and Captain Ibarra (SJFD)

Open to all residents. First come, first served.



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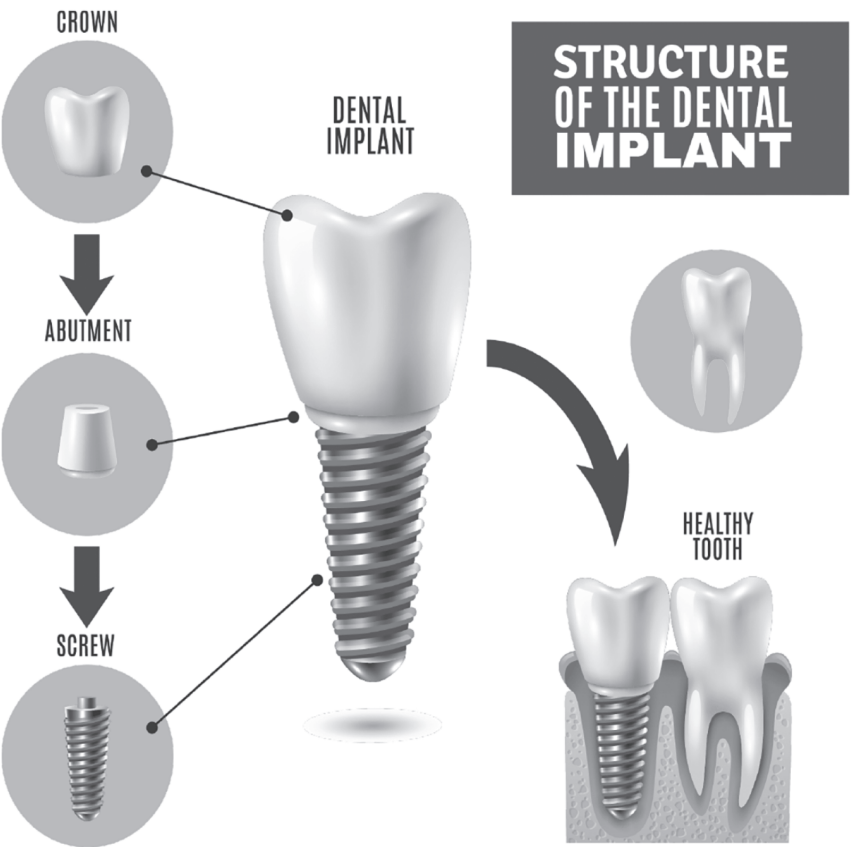
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CLUBS & EVENTS

Global Village to celebrate festival of Navratria

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

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

Program Highlights include:

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

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

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

Email ws.gvclub@gmail.com or text 650-336-3310 for more information.



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.

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 noon** in the Sequoia Room. 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

Mira Dytko to speak on Ukraine-Russia war at VMFSC meeting

On **Tuesday, October 7**, Myroslawa (Mira) Dytko, will be the speaker at the Villages Men's Fun Social Club luncheon. Social Club members should make lunch reservations at least a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:15 p.m.

Mira is very knowledgeable on the Ukraine-Russia war and will be an expert speaker on the war situation. She just returned from Lviv, Ukraine.

Mira was born in the Lviv region of Ukraine. Lviv is the fifth largest city in Ukraine, located in western Ukraine near the Poland border and has a population over 700,000 residents. Lviv has become a safe haven for many Ukrainians fleeing other parts of the country affected by the Russian invasion. Many used the city as a stopping point on their way to Poland.

Mira graduated from high school and left Ukraine to go to the University in Vladivostok, Russia. As a graduate of Far Eastern Federal University, she came back from Russia to Ukraine. In Lviv, Ukraine, she entered a Ph.D. program at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

In 1991, Mira left Ukraine and came to Canada, studying and working in Toronto, Edmonton, and Thunder Bay, Canada. In 1996, she met her husband, Tom Dytko. They were married in 1998 and unfortunately Tom passed away in 2018. Most recently, Mira has worked for many software and hardware companies here in the Bay Area.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Mira has been helping families in Ukraine and here in the U.S. You are encouraged to attend and listen to Mira and her captivating talk on Ukrainian current events.



Fall Frolic

Thursday, October 9
4 to 6 p.m. at Montgomery Lake
For Montgomery Villagers only
\$5 per person

Sponsored by the Montgomery Social Committee to thank Montgomery residents for their support.

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.

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More CLUBS

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 and pets invited to Animal Blessing

By Barbara Sunseri

Come and join the Animal Blessing Ceremony on **October 11 at 11 a.m.** at Montgomery Lake. The Villages Dog Club will be hosting the annual blessing for animals. It’s open to everyone so bring your cats and birds, in a carrier.

The blessing will be given by Pastor Bill Hayden from the Villages Chapel. There will be a short prayer and individual blessings beginning at 11 a.m. There will also be refreshments and cookies.

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Cribari Halloween Party Featuring the 14th Street Band!

All Villagers are invited to party!
Great Italian food will be served for dinner.
Performance by the Village Dancers
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.

Tickets are \$30 per person

Join Opera Lovers for ‘West Side Story’ viewing

Please join The Villages Music Society’s Opera Lovers on **Thursday, October 16 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, when we will present “West Side Story” (1961).

While “West Side Story” is a musical, its plot is certainly dramatic enough to emulate an opera, it being based on Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet.” The score, by the eminent classical composer/conductor/pianist/educator Leonard Bernstein, was innovative and challenging while giving us melodies that remain unforgettable. The lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim, who went on to become one of the most renowned and prolific writers of musicals. The eminent ballet choreographer Jerome Robbins created the spectacular dance sequences and co-directed the film with Robert Wise. The movie runs 2 1/2 hours.

“West Side Story” won 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture and remains the version we return to again and again. Steven Spielberg did direct a recent film, but it was not as successful. Opera San Jose produced it on stage a few years ago, and it was excellent, with not only great singing but also the energy of a live performance.

While we all love Natalie Wood as Maria, her role is actually sung by Marni Nixon (who also sang for Audrey Hepburn in “My Fair Lady”). Rita Moreno, Richard Beymer, George Chakiris and Russ Tamblyn are equally memorable. Most of all, the music is fabulous!

Please join us on October 16. No registration is required and the event is open to all Villagers. As the room tends to be chilly in the summer months, we encourage you to bring a sweater or jacket and, if you are sensitive to air conditioning, a blanket. The room is set remotely for 73 degrees but feels cooler if you sit closer to the air conditioning vents.

If you need additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. We also recommend visiting VillagesMusicSociety.org for information about other musical events.

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



Learn about new heat pump technology

The Sustainable Villages Community club will be featuring a representative from Rewiring America, a national nonprofit focused on residential electrification, to educate us on how we can do electrification projects by the end of this year, and all the rebates, tax credits and discounts



available. They have launched a campaign to ensure people take advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act electrification tax credits before they expire at the end of the year. They are working with a network of high-quality heat pump installation contractors in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to discount and rapidly deploy heat pumps in the Bay Area over the next three months, and to help households connect to all of the available rebates and tax credits to reduce the costs of installing a heat pump.

So, if you have been thinking about changing your gas burning appliance to the new heat pump technology, you are not too late to get it done. Or if you just want to learn more about it, please attend our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 p.m. on

Zoom. Please email Bill at billdevincenzi@me.com for the Zoom link.

Hermosa / Heights Residents to celebrate Noktoberfest



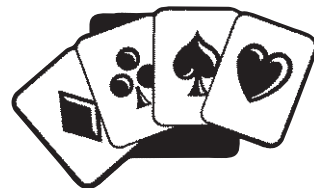
Another great event has been planned for Hermosa/Heights residents. Mark your calendar for this fun Noktoberfest on **Saturday, November 1 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.** at Foothill Center.

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 October 1.

Looking for a few good bridge players!

If you’d like to play bridge in a relaxed, social atmosphere, join the Party Bridge group on Monday evenings. For more information, text or call Mary Kelly at 408-621-3477.



New Cribari art exhibit to feature Pimei Huang’s watercolor art

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.**



Dance Club News: ‘I Feel Like Dancing’

By Bernice Toy



Join the Village Dancers as we dance to Jason Mraz’s “I Feel Like Dancing”—a fun, upbeat song that’s sure to get everyone moving and smiling. Whether you’re a regular on the dance floor or just want to try something new, come join us! Our club is all about fun, friendship, and finding joy through dance—and what a better way to celebrate than with a song that literally says it

all? The Village Dancers meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. No partner needed.

Each month brings a new dance theme with loads of fun. We even have performance opportunities. Contact Bernice Toy, Artistic Director and Choreographer at vms.dancers@gmail.com. For more information please see the Villages Music Society website at villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3. The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee. While the weekly session is free; donations are welcome.

MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC

With David Martinez



November 3rd

5p.m. to 7p.m.

In The Bistro & Bar

Villages Readers—Book Lovers unite!

Do you enjoy reading and discussing good books? A wonderful way to do that, and to make new friends in the process, is to join one of our Villages reader groups. There are currently 14 groups that meet regularly in the homes of the participants. One group reads only mysteries, but the others all read a variety of fiction and nonfiction.

If this is something that interests you, please come to an open house on **Wednesday, October 22 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center to meet some of our group leaders and to learn more about the groups. You might choose to join if this interests you; some have formed new groups and others fill a vacant place in an existing reader group. Still working? An evening group might need another member. We look forward to seeing you!

In the meantime, if you have questions, contact Linda Arbaugh at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

VMA Bingo & Dinner

Wednesday October 15, 2025

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

Costumes Recommended!

Prizes for Most Festive Table and Best Costume!

Room Decorations

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
An Additional \$1 is Then Added for VMA

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 maximum 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.

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Study Group goes behind the Scenes at Opera SJ

By Judy Rogers

On September 12, 25 members of the Villages Study Group Local Tours enjoyed an exciting behind-the-scenes tour of the California Theatre in San Jose. The visit offered a rare glimpse into preparations for Opera San Jose’s upcoming production of Mozart’s comic opera, “Così fan tutte” (translation: ‘Women Are Like That’).

Participants explored the beautifully restored 1927 picture house, now a performing arts center, including the dressing rooms, costumes, orchestra pit, and backstage areas. A special treat was the chance to hear singers rehearsing—with standout performances from the baritone starring in the opera and a tenor scheduled for a future production. Their voices were mesmerizing, and some attendees were so inspired they made plans to return for the full performance.



From Garden to Gallery: Capturing Flowers with Any Camera

The Villages Camera Club will host master photographer

Rich James for a program entitled “Floral Focus: How to Capture Stunning Flower and Fungi Images with Any Camera.”

The program, which takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21 at Vineyard Center, will explore garden, woodland, and studio photography, along with the equipment best suited for each setting. A special section will highlight smartphone photography, now a favorite tool for both amateurs and professionals.

Rich James has lived in The Villages for nine years and has served as Camera Club president for the past three. He has won numerous awards at the club, regional, and national levels, with several of his images published. He also served as chairperson of the San Jose Arts Commission, and just last year one of his photographs was selected by the California Coastal Commission for publication.

We invite anyone who loves flowers and mushrooms and wants to capture their beauty through photography. Non-members may attend one program free by contacting Sy Gelman at s.gelman@gmail.com to be added to the guest list. Annual membership is just \$30, offering priceless education and inspiration.



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.

Get ready to board the ‘Orient Express’

By Suzanne Roberts

Get ready to board the Orient Express for the VAT (Villagers Amateur Theater) fall performance preparation of Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Orient Express.” 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 (Continued on page 21)

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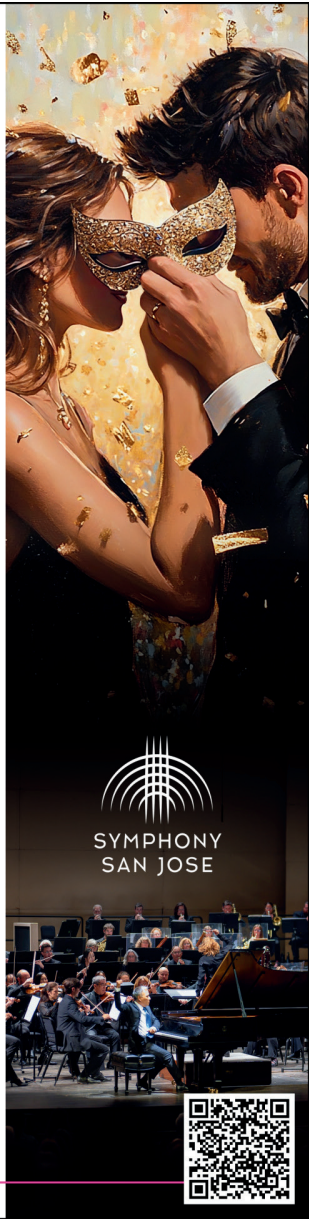
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Macintosh Users Group to meet October 15

The Macintosh Users Group will host a hybrid meeting by Zoom and in person in the Sequoia Room at Cribari Center at **3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15**. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be sent email notices. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is larryroben21@gmail.com.

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

Paint flowers, animals and landscapes with Doug Canepa

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

The class is on **Wednesday** mornings from **10 a.m. to noon** beginning October 8 and ending October 29 in the Cribari Center Art Room. The student fee is \$70. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. This class is for members only.

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

Fight back against Parkinson's

Instructor Mwezo Kudumu has been helping people with Parkinson's for over 20 years and is hosting Functional Fitness training sessions for people with Parkinson's and other mobility challenges on October 1, November 5 and December 3, 2025 in the Patio Room. Bring your questions. Learn how to manage symptoms and lost functions. Space is limited to 10 participants per session. Every day you wait, Parkinson's grows stronger. Every day you train, *you* grow stronger. For more information email mwezokudumu@yahoo.com





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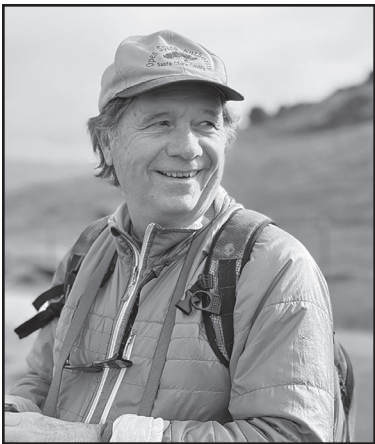
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Experience Virtual Hike of Maayan Ooyakma Coyote Ridge with Craige Edgerton

The Hiking Club speaker for the October general membership meeting will be Villager Craige Edgerton. This meeting will take place **Monday, October 27 at 7 p.m.** at Foothill Center. Craige will present a virtual hike of Maayan Ooyakma Coyote Ridge, the ridge line between San Jose and Morgan Hill.



Craige came to San Jose in 1976 from Austin, Texas. After a varied working career, he retired in 2017. He began as an amateur naturalist and docent in 1987 with the Santa Cruz Mountains Natural History Association. He is an avid amateur naturalist, leading numerous nature and wild-flower hikes, as well as birding outings, throughout the South Bay. He is the longest-serving member of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, since 1999, whether as Staff or

volunteer, having served on their board for six years, including three years as President. He moved to The Villages in March of this year.

He is also one of the founding members of the recently formed Birding Club in The Villages.

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 levels 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. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is *free*. Sign up in class.

Arts and Crafts meeting to feature Nicole Alexander

By Michael Sunzeri

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

In addition, she also offers art instruction, guiding individuals and groups through artistic expression.



Nicole has personally found healing through alternative modalities, such as art, to share these passionate Soul Medicine practices with others.

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

Nicole offers guided art instruction for groups, and individuals leading unique workshops painting canvases, wine bottles, and canvas bags, or creating vision boards. She provides a supportive

environment for self-expression and exploration. Access her site at 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.

Decorate permanent pumpkins with Stephanie Torres

Stephanie Torres is offering a unique Hallowe’en workshop, Decorating Pumpkins, for Villagers on **Thursday, October 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, in the Cribari Center Art Room.

Create a spooky or elegant pumpkin décor which you can use year after year. Have fun with your friends, sharing ideas and perhaps making these fake pumpkins for your Hallowe’en party or for your grandchildren. Stephanie will be showing you how to use a variety of products so you can create a fun faux pumpkin you can save and use each year.

The cost is \$20 and all supplies are included. A maximum of 10 participants is necessary. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com



A new flavor joins Global Village Healthy Eating class

The Global Village Healthy Eating Class is excited to announce an October event that promises both inspiration and flavor. Many of you already know and love Chef Marie-Paule, our French chef trained at the prestigious Académie de Nantes. This fall, she’ll be joined by a new face: Chef Steve Martini.

Chef Steve is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York, one of the nation’s top culinary schools. After graduation, he returned to Los Angeles and opened his first restaurant, Brighton on Melrose. A few years later, he created Martini’s Italian Restaurant, a lively spot where crowds gathered to enjoy his handmade pastas and rustic Italian cooking. Those who dined there still remember the warmth of his table and the simple elegance of his sauces.

Like many chefs, Steve eventually felt the pull of another passion—cars have always been his other passion. At a custom body shop he discovered not only the joy of creating great looking cars but also met Kim, who would later become his wife and partner. Together, with friends, they returned to the restaurant world to open The Nine on Vine in Hollywood, an inviting neighborhood place where pasta once again took center stage.

Now, having “retired” from the whirlwind pace of restaurant life, Chef Steve brings his energy and creativity to our community. Pasta remains his signature—whether a silky tagliatelle tossed in fresh herbs, or a hearty rigatoni with bold tomato sauce, he believes pasta is more than food; it’s a canvas for memory, family, and conversation.

On **Monday, October 28, from 7 to 9 p.m.** at Montgomery Center, Chef Steve will share his story, his techniques, and of course, his pasta. We invite you to join us for this delicious evening of learning, tasting, and friendship.



Senior Academy: Barbara Creed is back and is ‘Supreme-ly’ Informative

We’re delighted to welcome back the ever-popular Senior Academy presenter Barbara B. Creed for an illuminating program on the latest developments at the U.S. Supreme Court. On **Thursday, October 16 at 2 p.m. in Foothill Center**, she’ll unpack

key trends—including the Trump Administration’s frequent use of the emergency (“shadow”) docket, where decisions are made quickly and out of public view. As in past presentations, Barbara will review the landmark decisions from the most recent term, and she’ll offer a preview of the significant cases on the Court’s agenda when its new term begins October 6, 2025.

Barbara Creed has been studying and lecturing on the Supreme Court for more than a decade and has watched the Court evolve over time.

Don’t miss this engaging opportunity to deepen your understanding of the nation’s highest court and the rulings that shape our lives! Register at senioracademy.vgcc.club



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 are open now, 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.

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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
Interested in sponsorship? Contact Dave Loomis at davidjloomis@gmail.com

Get out and hit the trails with the e-bike riders group

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

Regional Park in Fremont, and (once a year) along the prettiest part of the 17 Mile Drive at Pebble Beach.

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



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Sign up for Evergreen Blood Drive

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The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and donate. You are encouraged to sign up in advance to minimize waiting times for all. Walk-ins are on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/14373 to sign up or to learn about eligibility.

If you have questions, please call Tom Mitchell at 408-476-6104.

VMA Presents: Extend your years of safe driving and independence

Register today for AARP Driver Safety Class, Parts One and Two, to be held **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22** in the Sequoia Room from **9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This is a two-day class. The classes will:

1. Refresh your driving skills and knowledge.
2. Update you on advances in roadway technology, State Laws, and changes (think roundabouts and changing screens on your dashboard).
3. Teach you how to navigate challenging driving conditions, such as potholes, rain, mountains, and extreme heat.
4. Gain insight into how your age-related changes in hearing, eyesight, memory, and reaction time affect your driving.
5. Offer alternative ideas to you driving yourself and how to use apps like Lyft and Uber.

Irv Kaplan, AARP volunteer and Sonata resident, will teach this popular class. By completing the class, you may be eligible to reduce your auto insurance premium. Moreover, you may remove your fear of losing your driver's license and decreasing your independence. Cost for Driver Safety Class is \$25, payable at the door by check or cash. AARP Members receive a \$5 discount. United Healthcare Supplement members are comped; insurance card is required.

Irv's "Driver Safety Renewal Class" fills up almost as soon as VMA announces it so please register right away. The class is limited to 25 people.

Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or by calling Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029. Pay \$25 by check, made out to AARP, at the door. Cash is also accepted but checks are preferred. No credit cards.

Cat Club's last meeting of 2025 is October 27

The Cat Club held its September meeting on the 22nd with MedVet presenting to over 50 members. Printouts of their cat evacuation checklist will be made available at the October meeting.

Karen Stayrook's suggestion of collecting for The Dancing Cats Foundation was met with a great response. \$500 was raised and was sent to founder Ann Chasson to help with costs needed to repair their center.



thing" table for cats continues to be a huge success. All food items that were left after the September meeting were given to MedVet to add to their donations for their cat food drive in November.

Monday, October 27 from **2 to 4 p.m.** will be our last meeting for the year. To register for this meeting, visit sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club/home. In November we will be headed to Evergreen College on November 22 to attend a play. More details in the coming weeks.

This is just a heads up that you will need to pre-register for next month's meeting so supplies can be available. Members are going to be making Thanksgiving cookies and learning and copying a card game to entertain others during the holidays.

The "leave something, take something" table for cats continues to be a huge success.

At the Music In The Villages concert



Villagers took advantage of the fall weather to come out to Gazebo Park and enjoy some live entertainment at the Music In The Villages community concert, sponsored by the office of San Jose Councilmember Domingo Candelas last Friday, September 26. The featured band was Sonic Addiction. Photo by Frank Langben

'Orient Express'...

(Continued from page 17)

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.



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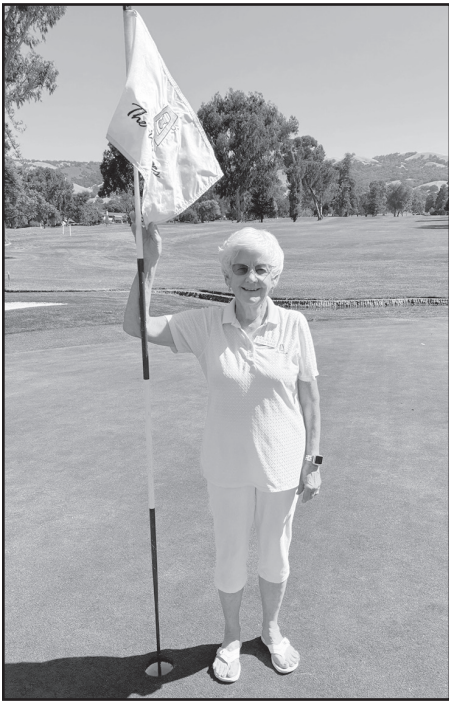
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SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS



Teddy Morse, 2025 Club Champion

By Teddy Morse

After three weeks of competition, the results are in. On Tuesday, September 23, I was able to pull out the win with a gross score of 112, with Joyce Baptiste in second with a score of 116.

We also recognize the low net winner and this year it's Amy Song with a net 53 and Terri Matsumura was second with a 56.

We had a full field of players each of the three weeks of the competition. Now we head into fall with holiday games and more Shoni fun.

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Doug Moore

Upcoming Event—Fall Classic and Annual Meeting—See information box below.

New Member to The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club

Let's all welcome **Kerry Lambert**. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see on or about the course and try to schedule a round with them.

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.

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Fall Classic & Annual Meeting



When: Saturday, October 11, 2025

What: Fall Classic Tournament and Annual Meeting. Lunch and Open Bar provided by the MGC in the Fairway Room. (All Men's Golf Club Members may attend, whether playing in the Tournament or not. Members *only*. No Guests/Spouses)

Format: Four-Man Teams, 9-Holes Best Ball, 9-Holes Scramble.

Signup: Through Thursday, Oct. 9. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 100% of Oct. 9 Handicap

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

Tees: 3 Tees

Tee Times: 8 a.m. Shotgun.

Cost: \$50 – This includes green fees and sweeps Coffee and Donuts from 6:45 to 8 a.m.

18-HOLE WOMEN



Emily Li, Captain's Trophy winner.

By Judy Owen

September 25, 2025—Today the ladies competed for the October Captain's Trophy. The competition moved up from traditional first Thursday due to scheduled aeration of the course next week. The winner of Captain's Trophy is Emily Li with low net 64. Low putts was won by Priscilla Piper with 28 putts. That looks like a number of one-putts. Congratulate them both when you see them next. Today there were only 4 Birdie shooters: Janelle Salvatierra Hole 2; Helen Varenkamp Hole 14; Annie Bassford Hole 4; Michelle Chung Hole 18. Nice playing. Chip-ins were made by Janelle Salvatierra Hole 2; Mary Jo O'Neill Hole 17; Dianne Doughty Hole 9; Book He Kim Hole 18; and Eileen Parks Hole 10.

Reminder to the club that next Thursday is a non-sweeps day due to aeration. This is the day where the golfers are encouraged to play forward tees for the day. The Board would like to capture results and provide feedback to members on the impact of allowing players to select Combo 2/1 tees and One Tees. Next two events in October are Guest day on October 23 and Halloween tournament on October 30. Sign up through Cobalt when it opens for those dates.

The nominating committee of Kathy Apgar, Vicki Krattli, and Patti Bell have developed a slate of nominees for all the open board positions. The list is available in the posting room. The vote will be held at the General Meeting on November 6. Thank you to the members who have agreed to step up to be part of the 18 Hole Women's Board for the next year.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

There was a big tennis weekend on September 27 and 28. The tennis club's mixed tournament started 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning with 10 teams in the "B" category and 5 teams in the "A" category. Finals were Sunday morning.

Then Sunday, September 28 at 4:30 p.m., the Villages USTA 55+ mixed team played a home match, halfway through the season.

Put on your calendar to watch the semi-annual match against Rossmoor on **Saturday, October 18 starting 9 a.m.** Rossmoor won the plaque back this spring when we played the match at Rossmoor. And on October 18, The Villages would like to earn it back.

I will be missing most of this wonderful tennis, but I will be cheering from Italy and France. I will see you all back in the neighborhood October 15.

Thank you, Bandini Team!

Once again the Bandini Team, dedicated Villagers golfers, has spent the summer volunteering on the golf course: repairing divots, spreading seed mix and picking up trash. These volunteers put in over 650 hours on Tuesday mornings, April through September. At minimum wage, that's a \$11,700+ donation. Thanks, Bandini Team, for your hard work and commitment to our community!



2025 Bandini Team. Back row (left to right): Kerry, Glen, Gary, Jan, Mike, Bill, Brooks, Mike, Jim, Helen. Front Row (left to right): Diana, Gloria, Marky, Susan, Lo, Millie Anne, Betty, Camille, Kathy. Not pictured: Song, Yang, Dianne, Dan, Kitty and Jan.

IRONMEN

By Jerry Juracich

See the **2025 Ironmen Annual Tournament** results on the Scoreboard page.

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 25, 2025, 13 Ironmen played. It was warm and clear, another fine day for some golf.

Chuck Benjamin won **third place** with a net 27. There was a two-way tie for **second place** between Gene O'Donnell and Hiei Takazawa with net 26s. And, there was a three-way tie for **first place** between Dave Hathaway, Kerry Lambert and Mario Silva with 2 under par net 25s!

There were four **birdies** today: two by Dave Hathaway on holes 4 and 5 and two by Sang Nam on holes 4 and 8.

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

Dave Hathaway distinguished himself as **“Golfer of the Day”** with low gross, first place and 2 birdies. Way to go, Dave!

9-HOLE WOMEN

By Valerie Dimmick

With a flurry of fanfare, the Fall Foursome Exchange of 2025 got underway on September 23. Ninety-four players scrambled through nine holes for fun and many moments of excitement (think birdie putts). Women golfers came from throughout the area to join in a lively, fast-moving tournament. Among the nine 9-hole clubs playing were Saratoga, Silver Creek, San Jose, and Coyote Creek. Twenty-six ladies from Almaden added another splash of happy with their bright blue and white colors. A delish buffet capped off play and gave club members more time to get to know each other. A total of 48 prize winnings were handed out for first, second, and third places in each of the two flights on the front and back courses. The full listing of scores and rankings can be found on the 9 Hole Club website. Top prizes went to the foursomes pictured below...and don't they all look like they had a great time!



Delma Juarez

Board Member Spotlight: This week's spotlight shines on our Treasurer, Delma Juarez. This is Delma's third term as treasurer, and our club is lucky to have such an organized, detailed member to account for all of our financial goings-on. Delma's working career included Director of Technology for the Franklin-McKinley School District which gave her an appreciation of technology and the accuracy and efficiency it can bring to an organization.

Her plan was always to take up golf after retirement. She, Guy (husband), and Corky (fur baby) moved into The Villages in 2018. Soon after, Delma joined the Shonis and learned all about golf from all of the wonderful Shoni women. She was Treasurer and Handicap Chair for that club. She began playing on the long course with Guy and eventually joined the 9-Hole, then 18-Hole women's clubs, always with an eye on improving her game.

Delma characterizes herself as a “worker-bee,” and, as such, worked with EPC here at The Villages and is involved with ballot counting, hoping to eventually become one of the Commissioners of Elections. She counts spending time with family and friends as her greatest joy and blessing.



Front 9, Flight 1 winners, Betty Gonzalo (Almaden), Susan Anderson, Julie Hackett (Almaden), and Jay Lee.



Front 9, Flight 2 winners, Shana Townsend (San Jose), Madeline Naftzger, Josie Freeman (Almaden), and Jane Smith.



Back 9, Flight 1 winners, Jeanne Duce, Dana Buller (Coyote Creek), Geraldine Leggio (Silver Creek), and Suzy Kim.



Back 9, Flight 2 winners, Holly Salkeld (Almaden), Carleen Corsello, Linda Klein (Almaden), and Auralie Citrigno.

Villages hosts Helen Lengfeld Tournament



By Diana Hallock

Conquering the course on Tuesday, September 16 for the 11th Annual Helen Lengfeld Tournament were 147 girls from 27 high schools. This tournament is named after Helen Lengfeld the founder of the Pacific Women's Golf Association (PWGA) and is generally held in the South Bay/Monterey region.

Twelve girls shot under par (67-71) and four shot par (72). We are so proud of Julie Hu, the individual winner from Saratoga High School (gross 67) giving us a new course record for the 2/3 combo tees. The top school, counting the scores of all five players, was Stevenson High School from the Monterey Peninsula with a team score of 361 or an average of 72.2.

A huge thank you to the NCGA for its support, Scott Steele, our amazing Village pro, and Scot Hathaway, the event coordinator, pictured here on Hole 6 with girls from three different schools. Thanks also to our GM, Theresa Ostrander, and to the dozens of Villagers who came out to cheer for these student athletes. And the best news? The 12th annual tournament Helen Lengfeld will be played at The Villages next year, September 16, 2026. All Villagers are encouraged to join the gallery to watch amazing golf.

PICKLEBALL

Evolution of Equipment

By Kim Silverman

This week, we continue with more pickleball history.

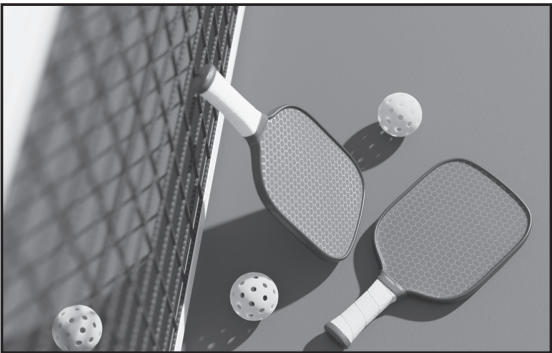
Wooden Paddles (1965–1980s): Early players used home-made plywood paddles. Heavy, stiff, and unforgiving, they made soft shots difficult but encouraged power play.

Fiberglass & Nomex Paddles (1984–1990s): In 1984, Arlen Paranto, a Boeing engineer, created the first composite paddle using fiberglass and Nomex. This innovation replaced heavy wooden paddles, increased ball speed and control, and helped propel pickleball toward modern professional play.

Graphite & Polymer Core Paddles (2000s–present): Modern paddles use graphite or carbon fiber faces with polymer cores, combining lightness, responsiveness, and power. These paddles are now standard in professional play.

Balls: Early balls were ordinary Wiffle balls. Today, balls are engineered for indoor and outdoor play, with varying hole patterns and materials to optimize bounce, speed, and spin.

This equipment evolution has not only improved performance but also made the sport accessible to a wider age range and skill level.



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

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

This Marival resort is known for its intimate atmosphere and impeccable service in its lavish 1,500 square foot, one and two-bedroom residences with free Wi-Fi and 24-hour room service. You'll feel right at home in this top-rated Nuevo Vallarta resort, rated number one as ILT Traveler's (NorCal's number-one golf vacation travel company) favorite resort with its stunning ocean views (available through upgrades) and many amenities. Your booking also includes full use of Marival's nearby sister resort, Marival Enotions.

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

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

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

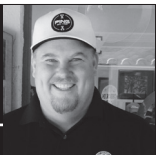
For more information, please see the ILT Golf Vacations FAQ sheet at: tinyurl.com/PVR-FAQs.



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

2025 Fall Aeration Schedule

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

Glow Ball Night Golf! Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual glow ball night golf event on the Villages Par-3 Course! **Friday, November 7** at Sundown—The Par-3 Course will be lighting up the night as we all enjoy a fun evening of nighttime glow ball golf, food, drink & friends... Two 9-Hole Shotguns 5:30 p.m. & 6:45 p.m. \$30 per person plus \$13 Par-3 Course green fee. Each player will receive a glow ball, glow necklace, and a glowing drink cup. Included will be 9-holes of glow ball golf plus one hamburger or hot dog + one beer, wine or soda + select bar snacks. **Signup starts Friday, October 3 at the Pro Shop. Don't miss this night golf event!**

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 at sssteel@the-villages.com

October Golf Schedule

Tuesday, October 7 – Villages Ladies Challenge 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 11 – Men's Club Fall Classic 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Monday, October 13 – Ron Burke Memorial 1 p.m. Shotgun

Tuesday, October 14 – Villages Ladies Challenge 11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 17 – Sadie Hawkins Twilight 3 p.m. Front-9 Shotgun

Tuesday, October 21 – Villages Ladies Challenge 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 28 – Santa Clara University Tournament – 12 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course CLOSED

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.

Let's All Get Together Now—Be a part of our "Culture of Care" and follow these simple Golf Course Etiquette Guidelines...We can all participate in keeping our golf course beautiful by observing these **nine simple acts of care**:

1. Follow the 90-degree rule (longer hitters) or the Entrance Gates (shorter hitters) when entering the fairway
2. Drive the cart from shot to shot keeping the cart in the fairway as you play the hole... please avoid driving in the rough as much as possible to maintain the integrity of the rough
3. Do not drive within 30-feet of the greens defined by the yellow painted ground lines in front of each green
4. **Exit** every hole through the **exit gates** – please do not drive on the mounding around the greens and proceed from hole to hole using the cart paths
5. Respect any roping, cart directional signs and Ground Under Repair
6. Fill all divots with sand mix
7. Repair pitch marks on the greens
8. Smooth out the sand in the bunkers with the bunker rake and return the rake at a right angle to bunker edge placing the head of the rake in the sand and the handle of the rake on the bunker edge. **Do your best to push the rake instead of pulling the rake ...we don't want the new sand to build up on the edges of the bunkers.**
9. Knock the sand off your shoes before walking on the green

Let's all make it a goal to leave our golf course in better shape than we found it, every time we play.

Tips from the Pro—Step by Step

Every golfer seeks more consistency. A consistent Pre-Shot set up routine will help create consistent play. Just look at the PGA and LPGA Tour stars and you can see that they have a consistent pre-shot routine before every shot. It helps to narrow your focus, eliminate distractions, strategize the shot, focus on a specific target and maintain a smooth and consistent rhythm and cadence for each shot. Strive to repeat the same sequence of how you set up for each shot.

Here are some simple steps to follow before each golf shot to attain more consistency – A Pre-Shot Routine:

1. Take a deep breath and RELAX
2. Stand BEHIND your ball and pick a specific target and landing spot
3. Pick an intermediate target that is 2-5 feet in front of your ball and is directly in line with your target
4. Set the clubface first behind the ball aiming at your target
5. Build your grip...be sure to recheck your clubface and target line
6. Set your feet and stance – be sure that you are comfortable
7. Waggle the club to maintain relaxed hands and arms and to enhance your FEEL
8. One last target check...then SWING

Two More quick tips:

1. When addressing the golf ball in preparation for the shot, your focus should be on your target more than on your swing
2. Always think one shot ahead to avoid high numbers
3. Think about the conditions of the shot and NOT your swing mechanics Let us know if these tips help... **To sign up for a lesson with me, email sssteel@the-villages.com**

SCOREBOARD

IRONMEN

2025 Ironmen Annual Tournament							
Flight One							
Name	HCP	9/11 Net	9/18	9/25	Total	Place	Pts
Hiel Takazawa	7	27	25	25	77	1	30
Dave Hathaway	4	28	29	25	82	2	20
Sang Nam	4	31	28	28	87	3	10
Joe Alarcon	8	28	28	32	88		
Paul Belknap	6	30	32	32	94		
Frank Beltran	7	33	32	31	96		
Flight Two							
Mario Silva	9	27	27	24	78	1	30
Chuck Benjamin	8	27	29	27	83	2	20
Lee Thompson	8	32	27	30	89	3	10
Bob Lapidus	12	31	34	32	97		
Jim White	10	33	35	33	101		
Larry Dorsey	8	34	--	--	--		

BRIDGE

Monday, September 15: 1. Hanhi Min - Roy Tsai 2. Art Lind - Donna Erickson 3. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott	Monday, September 22: 1. Art Lind - Jonna Robinson 2. Alan Walthoo - Maureen Waltho 3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
Wednesday, September 17: 1. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho 2. Jane Michaels - Guest 3. Mary LeGrand - Jonna Robinson	Wednesday, September 24: 1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson 2. Bonnie Taylor - Maureen Waltho 3. Art Lind - Donna Erickson
Friday, September 19: 1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson 2. Hank Koransky - Hanhi Min 3. T.R. Fu - Art Lind	Friday, September 26: 1. Hank Koransky - Guest 2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson 3. Cathy Struck - Ray Struck

SHONIS

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Putting for Pesos
Jan Ehrhardt
Manoli Kelly
Jonna Robinson

Birdies
Jan Ehrhardt, hole 4
Donna Erickson, hole 5
Teddy Morse, hole 2
Amy Song, hole 1

Flight 1 (Handicaps 11-15)
1. Joyce Baptiste 24
2. Donna Erickson 26
3. Tie Manoli Kelly, Teddy Morse 28

Flight 2 (Handicaps 16-19)
1. Jan Ehrhardt 22
2. Tie Dee Garfinkle, Amari Thomas 23
3. Jonna Robinson 25

Flight 3 (Handicaps 20-24)
1. Amy Song 16
2. Linda McChesney 20
3. Terri Matsumura 21

18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, September 25

Flight One
Low Gross: Vicki Krattli 86
Low Net: Janelle Salvatierra 71

Flight Two
Low Gross: Kathleen Holt 92
Low Net: Michelle Chung 70

Flight Three
Low Gross: In Kim 101
Low Net: Jini Kang 73

2 Tees Flight One
Low Gross: Priscilla Piper 89 -
October Low Putts Winner
Low Net: Marky Olsen 74

2 Tees Flight Two
Low Gross: Emily Li 96 October -
Captain's Trophy Winner
Low Net: Auralie Citrigno 75
2nd Low Net: Patti Bell 76

2 Tees Flight Three
Low Gross: Dianne Doughty 107
Low Net: Won Cha 74
2nd Low Net: Marie LeBlanc 74

BOCCE

Villages Bocce Club Weekly Win/Loss Standings Fall Round Robin Week #2		
Monday 10 a.m. Pallino Posse 2-2 Agitators 3-1 Crazy Eights 2-2 Bocce Gals 2-2 Straight Shooters 2-2 Rolling Dragons 1-3	Wednesday 10 a.m. Le Bocce Vita 4-0 Bad Boys 1-3 BaabooLoos 2-2 Bocce Pals 1-3	Thursday 10 a.m. Bocce on the Rocks 2-2 Bocce Wanna Bees 1-3 WhatsUp! 2-2 Bocce Kings 2-2 Sweet Rollers 3-1 McCarthy's Worthies 2-2
Monday 12:30p.m. Happy Friends 1-3 Goombahs 4-0 Bocce Rascals 2-2 Let's Roll 1-3	Wednesday 12:30 p.m. Deboccery 2-2 Charlie's Angels 2-2 Just Roll With It 3-1 Bocce Birdies 1-3	Thursday 12:30 p.m. Ladybugs & Bullfrogs 3-1 Merry Bocce Band 2-2 The Add Ons 3-1 Sure Shots 0-4
Wednesday 3 p.m. Eliminators 1-3 BloodBath & Beyond 4-0 The Seven and One 3-1 Bocce Beatles 1-3 Don't Stop Ballieving 2-2 Rita's Rollers 1-3		Thursday 3 p.m. Rack 'N Roll 2-2 Rolling Rock 2-2 2B Reckoned With 1-3 The Chewbocces 2-2 Game of Throws 4-0 Dragon Slayers 1-3

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, September 24	Friday, September 26
Shirley Bellavance 181	Eva Medeiro 220
Maribeth Berlie 251	Sylvia Rozewicz 231
Briana Ricketts 343	Kitty Heston 273
	Bonnie Barrett 304



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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!		

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Achieving the Ultimate Goal’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Let us not forget that the Pandemic changed many people’s everyday lives and their outlook on life. It forced us to change our behavior for our own safety and the safety of others. It was no longer a time to do as you please without being accountable to others. If we chose to neglect the procedures for our own personal feelings or other selfish reasons, we benefited no one, including ourselves...death was a possibility.

People were restless and made it known to the local and national government officials that they wanted to return to their everyday lives. For many, it was very grievous not to be present with loved ones who were hospitalized without visitors...leaving us forever. Families not only lost members and friends but also their livelihoods to maintain homes. What many considered living a normal life was no longer their reality, and the pandemic forced people to consider the brevity of life.

Today, we face other challenges that may require us to draw on different disciplines and make sacrifices, as nothing remains the same. As we overcome past misfortune and misery, let us apply the lessons learned and make the necessary changes to reach our goal while we have the use of our faculties. Too often, life happens, and we find ourselves facing significant changes when our bodies betray us. We must consider the day when we are no longer physically or mentally capable of accomplishing tasks that once took minutes to achieve.

It’s time to keep our focus on the things that have eternal value, if the ultimate goal is to spend eternity in Heaven with our loved ones who lived with the same hope. Heaven is a place where there is no suffering, sickness, sorrow, disease, death, or decay. It is a place of peace and joy everlasting. When you ask people where they would like to spend eternity... heaven or hell? Heaven is the preferred choice.

We have been promised Heaven as we follow Jesus Christ. **John 14:3 ESV** “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

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

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

‘Apron, Tablet, and Stoking Faith’

By Barbara F. Zahner

When General Manager Theresa Ostrander joined The Villages, she referenced the “shelf of Strategic Plan binders” in her office. With wry smiles, we nodded. Spanning over 700 years, today’s readings lay out a plan, a process, and a hope that also binds the 2023-2031 Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of San Jose.



Photo by Yuliia Kaveshnikova

In the first reading from the distressed prophet Habakkuk, written about 612 BCE, the Lord counsels Habakkuk, “Write the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time... and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come...” (Hab.2:2). Almost 700 years later in Luke, 17:5-10, Jesus urges his apostles to stoke their faith and continue to build the Kingdom of God. “Put on your apron...do all you have been commanded.” (Luke 17:8, 10). In the second reading

of Paul to Timothy (2 Tim.1:6-8, 13-14), the imprisoned evangelist exhorts the younger Bishop Timothy to remember the faith of his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice and “Guard this rich trust [in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus] with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.” (2Tim:1:14)

How do these readings tie into the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of San Jose? Like Habakkuk, the Diocesan team under the leadership of Bishop Oscar Cantu, with consultation offered to all in the Diocese, created the Pastoral Plan. They wrote it large, so it can be easily read. The primary goal of the Pastoral Plan is Spiritual Renewal for the People of God in the Diocese of San Jose. Bishop Cantu defines spiritual renewal as “as the opening of our hearts and minds to God on a regular basis so that the Holy Spirit can work in our lives. We can see the Holy Spirit at work when we perceive the fruits of the Holy Spirit. [These are] charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.”

To nurture this fruit, the Pastoral Plan focuses on six strategic priorities:

- **Worship:** To provide reverent and joyful worship experiences that deepen our connection to Christ and His people
- **Outreach:** To be Christ to everyone we meet
- **Formation:** To invigorate the formation of missionary disciples
- **Youth and Young Adults:** To understand and engage young people and to cultivate young leaders for our church and our world.
- **Family Ministry:** To make Christ the center of family life
- **Structural Renewal:** To build a sustainable future in support of the mission of the diocese.

In reflecting on these priorities, pray today’s refrain: If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart. (Ps.95). For more Pastoral Plan information: <https://www.dsj.org/about-us/pastoral-planning/> or Dennis

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 remaining schedule for Services this year.

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

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

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 October can be found on The Villager Online at [news.thevillagesgcc.com](https://www.news.thevillagesgcc.com). The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

• Pest Control

-Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels will occur on 10/6 in Village Verano, Village Cribari, and Village Fairways.

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

• Grub Prevention

-Please be advised that BellaVista Landscape Services is scheduled to begin application treatment in Olivas 9/29, Valle Vista 9/30, and Highland 10/01. During the provided hours please stay off the turf from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In order to complete these treatments please practice extra caution and stay off the lawn and keep your pets secure.

Signage will be placed on lawns and notices have been sent via FastNews as well.

Grubs are the larvae of beetles, commonly Japanese beetles or June bugs, that live in the soil and feed on grass roots. This feeding can damage turf by causing brown patches, thinning grass, and attracting animals like raccoons and birds that dig the lawn up to eat the grubs. Grub infestations often go unnoticed until significant damage has occurred—many areas of The Villages have been affected in the past. Earlier this summer, BellaVista Landscaping proactively treated the entire community to preserve the health and appearance of the community's turf. The goal was to ensure the turf root system remained strong, the lawn stays lush and green, and the overall landscape remains attractive and resilient throughout the season. This initial treatment was largely successful. However, BellaVista and management have identified the need for an additional treatment for grubs in Village Highland, Village Olivas, and Village Valle Vista.

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

• Mulching

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

Association Maintenance

If your village is not listed below, there is not a large-scale project occurring within your community. However, Public Works continues to address ongoing standard maintenance and landscape requests within each village.

• **Village Highland**—Village Highland exterior site inspections are ongoing from September 10 through October 17.

- A few items for your review and support:

- Please ensure that all pets are secured.
- All site inspections will be performed on building exteriors. Access will be from exterior.
- Inspection hours are planned between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please be prepared for the inconvenience.

- For weather or unforeseen reasons, the schedule may be subject to change. You will be notified of any changes to the schedule as soon as possible.

- Vehicles will be present along roadways.

Club Maintenance

• Contractor will be focusing on Club property through October 3.

• 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.

-Upcoming Work – Tower Delivery and Installation

• Expected start date: Week of October 10.

- “No Work” days during tournaments

• **There's cows in “them thar hills!”**—The Villages will have cattle on site 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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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
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Salad Bar Station
Beet Salad
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Caesar Salad
Dressings & Vinaigrettes

Carving Station
Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream & Au Jus
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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
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November 27th, 2025

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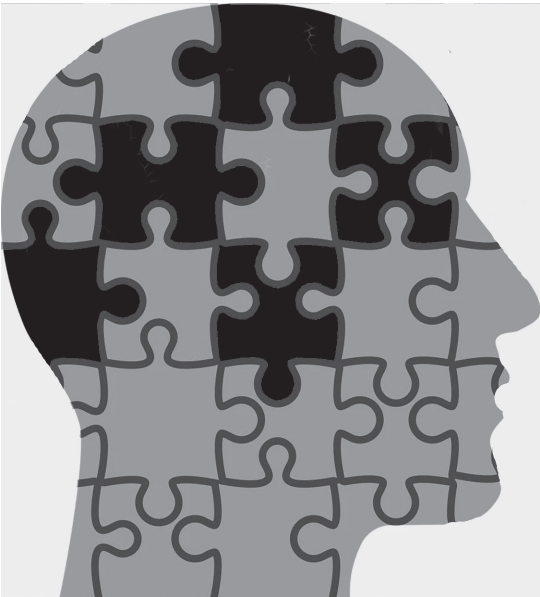
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Roasted Turkey
Giblet Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
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Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes Side Gravy
Candied Yams
Steamed Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert
Pumpkin Pie

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The PUZ-LER



Last week we looked at the words ELLEN, ES-SAY, EXCEL, SEEDY and CUTIE asking what they have in common. Well, some of you were close (no cigar), others missed it by a mile while Neda Dorjath, Peter Groot, Donna Hale, Joanne Robinson, Jim Ware and Bill Tibbs nailed it. Each word sounds like two letters LN, SA, XL, CD and QT.

Here’s another word puzzle that should be a breeze: particularly if you read a lot. Using the letters from the two words NEW DOOR can you rearrange them to make one word?

Put on your thinking cap and email your answer to me Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com making sure you put the word PUZZLE in the subject line. And include your first and last name. Good luck!

Thought for the day: My wife called to tell me she saw a fox on the way to work. I asked her how she knew it was on it’s way to work. She hung up on me.

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Real Estate

The winds of sales have not blown in any new direction at this point. We are truly in the doldrums. Sales are not going in one direction or another. Fall is here. Interest rates are slowly inching their way down into the low 6% range, but the buyers are not showing up...yet.

Cribari is also in the dead winds zone. Like The Villages in general, the winds of sales in Cribari have moved little in either direction in the past 2 weeks. Cribari is still sitting at 11 active listings and 4 pending sales. My fingers are crossed for massive winds blowing buyers into The Villages to get us rolling into the fall season of increased home sales.

I have ventured outside the gates to sell a few of my clients homes in San Jose. Every year I still sell a few homes for my clients’ outside The Villages. Sometimes it is to get them into The Villages or some are clients that I have worked with over my 30 years in Bay Area real estate, and they know they can still trust me to get top dollar for the home I put them in years ago. I have recently put one into contract and will be selling another in South San Jose. It is good to monitor what is happening outside our gates. A large percentage of the buyers buying in The Villages are residence that sold outside The Villages and want to stay local. Understanding what is going on outside is helpful to understanding The Villages market.

In defense of our high HOA dues... Yes, I get buyers that have a hard time swallowing the cost of our monthly dues. Here is my answer to them. Take a 2,300-square-foot Olivas property that sells for 1.5-1.6 million and see that this same size house would sell for 2.1 -2.5 million outside, because of the local schools driving the price. You can see that the money you saved in here, can pay for many years of HOA dues. Plus, you get the benefits of the amenities The Villages has, less house and yard maintenance and more free time to have adult fun and activities. It truly pencils out.

Reminder: The VMA house tour on October 4th. What fun to go into happy friendly fellow Villagers’ homes and see what beautiful designs they have created. Hope to see you there.



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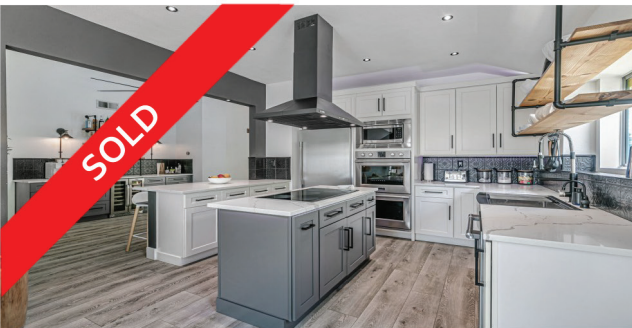
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