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What happened to The Villager Online?

The Villager Online is currently offline due to technical issues. After careful consideration, rather than restoring the existing site, we are taking this opportunity to rebuild it with improved features and functionality.

The new version will better reflect community feedback and enhance your overall reading experience.



The Villager newspaper is still available to you in its traditional format on the **first and third Thursdays** of the month.

Please note, the two versions of The Villager are separate from FastNews (the weekly email newsletter) and the Member Portal (your online portal for resources, events, and services).

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NOW:

'Navigating Our Web' sessions available Thursdays

Hosted by the Communications staff, this weekly office hour session provides support with the Member Portal and FastNews.

Registration allows us to pull up your account information ahead of time so we can help more quickly. Please remember to bring your device.

We can assist with:

Logging into your Member Portal account
Problems receiving FastNews
General support using the Member Portal or FastNews

When: Thursdays, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Where: Building B, Communications office

Register: vlgcc.com/now

★ THANK YOU ★
VETERANS

Veterans Day Tribute
Honoring all those who have served
Presented by The Villages Veterans Club
Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m.
In Cribari Auditorium
Featuring:
The Village Voices Chorus
SJSU ROTC Color Guard
Craig Edgerton, Vietnam Veteran and Author

Holiday Faire is November 15

More than 50 tables of handmade items from local artists will be on display for sale. Come early to Cribari Center on **Saturday, November 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** All the artists will be ready to share their wonderful crafts from the auditorium all the way to the Art Room where you can pick up a free bag of popcorn! Make your list now of gifts you'll need and start your shopping. We have 11 new artists this year selling holiday decorations, honey, jams and so much more!

Our annual Bake Sale will be in the Terrace Room. Follow your nose for coffee and tasty treats—all baked from our generous residents! Come early, grab some sweets, and browse through the amazing, handcrafted treasures and meet the Artists that make them. Visit our website for more information at thevillagesholidayfaire.com



Enjoy sounds of grand pianos at Piano Open Studio recital

By Pamela Pierson

Did you know The Villages owns two concert grand pianos? On **Sunday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m.** Piano Open Studio (POS) invites you to a free fall recital in Cribari Auditorium. Experience the rich and clear sounds of the pianos as seven club members perform solos and duets.

Recitals typically include popular standards, show tunes and even a Celtic folk song. They may even include a dynamic selection from the realm of classics. This time it will be Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody #2 performed by Barbara Aguila. In addition, Larry Broderick, president of POS, will play the movie theme "Through the Eyes of Love" (aka the theme from "Ice Castles"). Other members participating in the recital include Karen Carlson, Charlotte Dickson, Ciel Duke, Vera Johnston and Hey Won Winn.

Meet the performers afterward for refreshments in the Conference Room. Whatever your musical skills or interest, Piano Open Studio, part of the Villages Music Society, invites you to join in their activities. They put on two free recitals a year, a spring recital in May, and a fall recital in November. The club meets at 2 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in Cribari Auditorium, or every Tuesday just prior to a recital.

"POS is open to anyone, including 'just listeners' (and we get a few)," said Larry Broderick. There are no dues. Both of the wonderful concert grand pianos parked in the Auditorium lobby are set up for our use, allowing for duets. Members take turns playing whatever they want. There's no obligation to play for the recitals, but most of our members choose to do so.

POS will be off for the rest of the year after the recital. Club meetings will resume in January. For more information on the club and The Villages Music Society, visit VillagesMusicSociety.org.



Karen Carlson and Barbara Aguila rehearse for the recital.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scammers have stooped to a new low. Someone called me saying they were from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and they had a warrant for me not appearing for jury duty. When the caller, who had a southern accent, put me on hold in order to get me forms to verify my signature, I realized it was a scam and hung up. How horrible that these people prey on senior citizens. I actually called the Sheriff's office and reported him. No caller ID popped up, so he's gone in the wind. Be wary!

—Mary Wagle

I hiked to the top of our mountain on Saturday and noticed that there are very large areas of land where the cows have eaten and tamped down the usual tall grasses. The success of the grazing cows in our hill lands is simply amazing as it appears to be a great fire suppression success for The Villages. Congratulations to the Board for approving the grazing cows as they help with our fire danger. Maybe next year we can get 100 cows instead of 50 and reduce our fire danger even further!

—Dave Roberts

Stay in touch with FastNews!

If you haven't already signed up to receive FastNews, The Villages' email news blast, email memberportal@the-villages.com with your name and house number or follow the instructions at vlgcc.com/fastnews-manage

- You'll receive the following FastNews editions:
- Monday** Golf and Pro Shop updates, golf group news
 - Tuesday** Public Safety notices and updates
 - Wednesday** Clubs, Events and Religion news
 - Thursday** Recreation updates, available trips and classes
 - Friday** Notices from the Governing Boards and associated committees
 - Saturday** Public Works notices and updates
 - Sunday** Clubhouse notices, events and restaurant specials

The Villager editorial deadline is now Wednesday

The deadline for editorial materials is now Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., a week before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: editorial@the-villages.com or submit your articles online at <https://vlgcc.com/submit-article>.

Deadline also applied to materials submitted to FastNews.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT** and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 25 & 27

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Glazer
March 17, 1936—October 17, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Asako Nakamura
July 16, 1927—October 15, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Barbara Jean Curtis Knight
January 4, 1938—October 10, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

Raymond George Markoff, Sr.
September 27, 1935—October 13, 2025
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section.)

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 408-223-4657 or email: advertising@the-villages.com.

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For editorial information email editorial@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.
Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.
Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 1 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. For more information, email advertising@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.
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The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, FastNews and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Barbara Clurman at 669-234-4180, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOD President’s Message—October 28, 2025

Welcome everyone to the Association Board of Directors October 2025 meeting. Just a quick note: our next meeting will be at 6 in the evening on Tuesday, December 9. We voted to have one meeting per quarter in the evening in order to make meetings more accessible for those who cannot make it during the day. However, attendance at the last evening meeting was actually much lower than the normal daytime meeting so we may re-examine that decision after the first of the year.

I would like to thank everyone who turned out on a surprisingly stormy night for the All-DAC meeting. I am sorry the Zoom link did not work for that meeting. I was told the storm knocked out the Wi-Fi and despite the best efforts of staff they could not get it going. I think the Club Bylaws changes are extremely important financially for our community so I will be personally attending each and every DAC meeting this month to make a short presentation on that subject and then to take questions. In addition, the first of two town halls on these changes will take place Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. Feel free to contact me or any member of the committee if you have any questions on that subject.

Please remember to complete and return the age certification survey before December 15. This is a legal requirement we need to comply with each year and mine was already in my tube, so I assume everyone else has also received theirs.

Heading into the rainy season, I would like to remind everyone to keep an eye on their ceilings and complete a work order for any water leaks immediately. Every year when the rain starts, we get a few leaks. The faster we get to a leak, the less damage to repair.

I would like to be sure to remind everyone of the Fireside Chat tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Chief Winnacker among others will be there to talk about the fire risks at The Villages and to give us advice and assistance on the best courses of action we can take to keep ourselves safe.

Otherwise, things seem to be moving along smoothly here as far as the ABOD is concerned. More interesting activity seems to be happening at the committee level so in the future, if you want to be in the middle of the excitement, volunteer for a committee.

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

Help Shape Our Community: Volunteer for a Club Board Committee

The Villages Golf & Country Club thrives because of the dedication and participation of its residents. Most every improvement, event, and policy that keeps our community vibrant depends on volunteers who lend their expertise time, energy, and ideas. As we look ahead to another active year, the Club Board invites Villagers to step forward and serve on one of several standing committees that guide our community’s direction. The annual Club Committee appointments will be made at the January Club Board Meeting.

Stay active and involved by submitting your application to serve on one of the following Club advisory committees.

The **Communications Advisory Committee** strengthens the flow of information among residents, management, and the Board—reviewing newsletters, digital platforms, and other communication channels to keep Villagers informed and engaged.

The **Villages Golf Committee (VGC)**—The mission of The Villages Golf Committee is to represent The Villages Community by endeavoring to maintain the aesthetic values, functionality and playability of both courses and practice areas to enhance the resident’s golfing experience and to meet the expectations for the majority of golfing residents.

The **Rules Committee** reviews and recommends updates to community rules, balancing fairness and consistency with the evolving needs of residents.

The **Architectural Committee (AC)** advises the Board on matters related to the exercise of architectural control over the Club properties.

The **Leadership Development Committee** identifies and mentors potential future leaders within The Villages, helping residents prepare to serve effectively on boards, committees, and clubs.

The **Emergency Preparedness Committee** plays a vital role in recruiting, training and coordinating resident volunteers to perform planning duties of the Emergency Response Plan at the direction of staff.

The **Fitness Center Advisory Committee** provides recommendations to the Board regarding matters pertaining to the Fitness Center.

The **Swimming Pools Advisory Committee** provides recommendations to the Board on matters regarding the community’s swimming pools including the entire fenced pool areas.

Serving on a committee is one of the most rewarding ways to give back, meet neighbors, and make a lasting difference.

Apply using the form found on the Member Portal: vlgcc.com/club-committees or for more information email Boardservices@the-villages.com

Club President’s Message—October 28, 2025

Our Bylaws Committee, made up of representatives from each of the three Boards plus members-at-large, has prepared a thoughtful revision of the Club bylaws to help guide the Club for years to come. The working draft and a short presentation that outlines the key changes are available on our website:

<https://member.thevillagesgcc.com/static/the-villages-golf-country-club>

I want to thank each of them for their hard work and careful drafting of this important document.

The revision focuses on five practical areas:

Terminology — clarifies that the Club collects **Dues** for operations and capital needs (rather than calling them Assessments).

Definition of Capital Expenses — clearly distinguishes **Capital Improvements** from **Capital Replacements**.

Electronic Voting — permits (but does not require) electronic voting to save time, money, and paper.

New Source of Revenue — gives the Club Board the option to create additional revenue streams so we can keep monthly Dues as low as possible.

Capital Fund Limitations — simplifies the capital fund program and sets clear criteria for when major new facilities or refurbishments require a Membership vote.

Please join us to learn more and share your thoughts: We’ll hold a **Town Hall** on **Thursday evening, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.** in **Cribari Auditorium** to present the changes and gather resident feedback. Committee members will also attend DAC meetings to provide additional opportunities for questions and comments.

We know changes like this can prompt questions, and sometimes rumors. Even though it’s Halloween, please don’t let fear keep you from approving the bylaws. We encourage you to review the draft, come to the Town Hall or a DAC meeting, and tell us what you think. Your input helps make sure the bylaws reflect what’s best for the Club and the community.

A quick update on our survey. We asked the McMahon group to compare our data with other 55+ residential country club communities. Unfortunately, there are only two other similar communities in their database. We have also asked for the raw data, so we can parse responses by activity and engagement. I will provide additional updates as they become available.

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

Club Bylaws Update: Remove Capital Improvement Fund Limits

The Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee proposes to eliminate capital fund limits in the revised Club Bylaws. Why? The current limits, adopted in 2006, don’t fit today’s financial realities. Even though the limits increase with the cost of living (CPI) the low limits on collection, investing and spending have hampered efforts to plan for and execute future and current capital refurbishments and improvements.

In 2006, we could buy a dozen eggs for \$1.31—today the California average cost is \$5.30. Like eggs, the costs of labor and construction materials have doubled, or more. For example, in 2005, replacing a 1,700 to 2,000-square-foot asphalt shingle roof typically cost between \$6,000 and \$12,000 (about \$3.50 to \$6.00 per square foot). In 2025, that same roof may cost between \$15,000 and \$45,000.

This reality has affected how we keep and maintain our community looking attractive and functional. If we keep the capital funds limitations from 2006 levels, we’ll be forced to finance needed and desired major projects with loans or special assessments that will be paid by every owner.

The Bylaws Committee proposes a much more realistic approach to capital improvement funding by collecting a steady stream of modest Capital Improvement Dues. These monies will be invested and benefit from interest and dividends, so that we can be prepared to fund major projects.

In a new section of the revised bylaws a Membership vote will be required for major improvement projects. The threshold for requiring a vote will be ten percent of the total operating budget so that the limit reflects the then financial conditions and status of the Club.

The Club Bylaws Committee will be holding a Town Hall style meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium to present the proposed changes to the bylaws and answer your questions.

Please send questions and comments beforehand to: Boardservices@the-villages.com

For more information check out the Members Portal and/or attend the Town Hall meeting or one of the scheduled DAC meetings.

MANAGEMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Clarification on Mulching Practices and Firewise Compliance

Dear Villagers,

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and thoughtful feedback regarding recent vegetation management efforts, including the mulching-in-place of juniper and acacia following their removal. We understand that questions have been raised about whether this practice aligns with Fire-wise principles, and whether it increases or reduces fire risk. Our goal is to provide both clarity and reassurance based on current fire science, expert guidance, and environmental stewardship.

Firewise and Zone 0 Clarification

As a community working closely with San Jose Fire Department Captain Ibarra, CAL Fire-affiliated Chief Winnacker, and experts like Carol Rice, we want to emphasize:

- Zone 0 (0–5 feet from structures) is considered the most critical for fire prevention. In this area, mulch—particularly combustible types, should be avoided.
- However, outside of Zone 0, including along perimeter slopes, mulching-in-place can be a safe, effective, and Firewise-aligned practice when applied responsibly:

- Chips are kept at a depth under 2 to 3 inches.
- Material is kept away from fences, structures, or other ignition-prone features.
- Only non-combustible or low-flammability mulch is used (not Gorilla Hair, rubber, or pine straw).

This approach is consistent with the UCANR/Nevada Cooperative Extension research, the 2024 Berkeley/Marin mulch combustion study, and recent recommendations from Chief Winnacker and Captain Ibarra.

Why Mulch-in-Place Can Be Beneficial

- In the case of Hermosa’s recent projects, the decision to chip and mulch juniper and acacia on-site, outside the 0 to 5-foot zone, was made with careful deliberation and professional input. Here is why this practice is considered safe and beneficial:
- **Reduces Fuel Load:** Removing large, woody, flammable plants like acacia and juniper is a significant fire risk reduction step. Once chipped, the material is more compact and easier to manage.
 - **Erosion Control:** Sloped areas where plantings are removed need stability. Mulch helps reduce runoff, especially ahead of winter rains. Temporary erosion control (e.g., netting or straw wattles) is being used as an interim safeguard.
 - **Cost-Effective:** Hauling and disposal can be expensive. Reusing chipped material on-site allows project budgets to go further—supporting more removals, faster.
 - **Soil Health:** Chipped plant material breaks down over time, returning nutrients to the soil and supporting future replanting efforts.
 - **Not Duff:** It’s important to distinguish between mulch and duff. Duff refers to loose, dry, decomposed organic material (such as leaf litter and old thatch), which can smolder and is more flammable. What is being used here is freshly chipped material—not duff—and is being properly applied and monitored.

Our Villages team is actively monitoring these pilot areas to assess mulch performance, erosion, aesthetics, and fire resilience. Should adjustments be needed, we will act quickly. If weather patterns shift unexpectedly, such as early storms, we are prepared to install further erosion control as needed. We are also committed to revisiting each site post-installation to determine long-term viability and whether replanting should occur when budgets and fire risk allow. We appreciate everyone’s care and vigilance. Community-wide fire mitigation is a shared effort. While concerns may arise, know that we are engaging licensed landscape professionals, fire officials, and environmental science to guide each step. We encourage dialogue and welcome any additional questions.

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You’re invited to a Tree Maintenance Town Hall on November 19

The Villages Public Works Department invites you to attend a Tree Maintenance Town Hall presentation on Wednesday, November 19 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fairway Room. The Villages tree care vendors, SavATree and Vasquez Arbor Care will present information on tree maintenance at The Villages.

This informative Town Hall—also available on Zoom—will focus on the tree maintenance plan, our tree inventory, and tree assessment that SavATree and Vasquez have been working on over the past year.

Please RSVP and join us to find out more about the tree maintenance activities for The Villages.

You may RSVP via this Survey Monkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vgccTreeTownhall>

or scan the QR code printed in this article.

To join the Zoom meeting, please go to this link: <https://vgcc.com/townhall111925>

Meeting ID: 865 8801 0382, Passcode: 934486

Villages Asset Sale to be held November 20

The Villages Public Works Department will be holding an asset sale to dispose of replaced or unused assets. The sale is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, November 20** at the lower area of the Corporation Yard from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** (weather permitting).

Some of the items for sale include restaurant dining items, and miscellaneous furniture. All items are sold in as-is condition and on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment for these items must be in cash or check and all sales are final.

Purchased item(s) must be removed by the buyer no later than 2:30 p.m. on the day of the sale or pre-arranged for later pickup. Deliveries are responsibility of buyer.

Residents of The Villages are offered first priority at this sale. Please contact Edward at 408-223-4686 with any questions.

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

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.

Highland DAC to meet November 13

The Highland DAC will meet **Thursday, November 13 at 6 p.m.** in the Foothill Center.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation is November 12

There will be a New Resident Orientation on Wednesday, November 12, at 3 p.m. in The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other valuable information.

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

Note: New Resident Orientations are held quarterly, and the next one is scheduled for February 11. For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-754-1333 before November 7 to confirm attendance.

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Property Tax Bill Time

You should have already received your 2025-2026 Secured Property Tax Bill from the County Assessor for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 tax year, which is based upon the assessed value of your home as of January 1, 2025. This assessed value is used to calculate your property tax due by December 10, 2025 and April 10, 2026. Be sure to open the bill and review your numbers. Late payments are subject to a 10% penalty and \$20 fee for each installment.

Your "Total Assessed Value" for property tax is located under "Summary of Taxes" and is used to calculate your annual property tax, less your homeowner's exemption if applicable.

For an explanation of key areas on your bill, you can visit www.sccdta.org/tbe.

If you have questions:

If you are having difficulty making the payments in full, keep in mind that the Department of Tax and Collections (DTAC) can accept partial payments, but you have to contact them and make arrangements. They can be reached at (408) 808-7900 or scctax@fin.sccgov.org

Special assessment exemptions for seniors and/or persons with disabilities may be available for those who meet eligibility requirements. For more information visit dtac.santaclaracounty.gov/services/property-taxes/parcel-tax-examptions

The State Controller's Office (SCO) administers the Property Tax Postponement (PTP) program, which allows eligible homeowners to postpone payment of current-year property taxes on their primary residence. PTP applications are accepted from October 1 to February 10 each year. Go to the SCO website at ptp.sco.ca.gov for more information. If you have any questions, call 800-952-5661 or email postponement@sco.ca.gov

You can also stop by the SRS office with your bill and a volunteer will assist you.

Alert: We also want to remind you that we have a Sourcewise online Medicare 101 presentation that anyone can access located at tinyurl.com/Medicare-presentation

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Three Boards

- The Three-Board Strategic Planning Retreat is **Tuesday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room.

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Bylaws Town Hall meeting

Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.

in Cribari Auditorium

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of December are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **November 21, 2025**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. The meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, December 4 at 9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

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://vlgcc.com/comcastsupport> to make an appointment.

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

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— Nigel Hamilton



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Friday CR
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Line Dance Club Advanced A
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal CR
5:45 p.m. Pro Shop Glow Ball Event CH
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, November 8

7 a.m. Men’s Club Coffee Station CH
8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
10 a.m. Watercolor Open Studio AR
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10 a.m. Ukulele Club Sing Along SEQ
12:30 p.m. Piano Open Studio Rehearsal A

Sunday, November 9

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR
8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday A
9:30 a.m. Chinese Club Cooking Demo MC
10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
2:30 p.m. Piano Open Studio Recital A
3 p.m. General Membership meeting FC
7 p.m. Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite SEQ

Monday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Club EPC Sector Chief meeting FC
10 a.m. Jewish Community Board PR
10 a.m. Search the Scriptures Bible Study VC
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
10:30 a.m. VMA: Grief Support Group SEQ
1 p.m. Stitchery PR
1:30 p.m. EPC: Comms team meeting F
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Senior Academy: Lecture VC
5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
6 p.m. Heights DAC meeting MC
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
7 p.m. Matinee Theatre Auditions VC

Tuesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
10 a.m. Veterans Day Tribute A
10:30 a.m. Beginner—Aqua Aerobics FHP
11:45 a.m. Advanced—Aqua Aerobics FHP
1 p.m. Bocce Board meeting PR
1 p.m. Study Group: News Real SEQ
2 p.m. Arts and Crafts: Art Journaling AR
2 p.m. Crafters Club Meeting VC
3 p.m. Study Group Club: Hist. of Israel MC
3:30 p.m. Village Voices Board PR
3:30 p.m. RV Club meeting SEQ
5 p.m. VMS Board Meeting PR
6 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A
7 p.m. Amateur Radio Club Meeting FC
7 p.m. VAT Matinee Theatre Auditions VC

Wednesday, November 12

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 a.m. Study Group Club: Canasta SEQ
10:30 a.m. Senior Leader Team Meeting VC
11 a.m. VMA Presentation CR
11:15 a.m. QiGong A
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Cribari Social Committee SEQ
3:30 p.m. EVF Board meeting PR
3:30 p.m. Glen Arden DAC meeting 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 FC
7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
9 a.m. Swimming Pool Adv. Committee VR
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
10 a.m. Comms Advisory Committee F
10:30 a.m. Beginner—Aqua Aerobics FHP
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
11:45 a.m. Advanced - Aqua Aerobics FHP
12:30 p.m. 18 Hole Women’s Luncheon CH
12:30 p.m. Iron Men Mixer CH Oak & Sunset
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. Club Villages Golf Cmte. MC
3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
4:30 p.m. Pickleball Club Board PR
5 p.m. CBOD Town Hall A
7 p.m. Chinese Club Board MC
7 p.m. The Villages Folksters VC

Friday, November 14

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 Lightbulb Collection Driving Range Lot

9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal CR
2 p.m. Study Groups: Line Dance VC
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

Saturday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
10 a.m. Arts & Crafts Holiday Faire Cribari Center

Sunday, November 16

7:30 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR
8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday A
9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
10 a.m. Chapel Worship Service A
1 p.m. Table Tennis Club Social MC
1 p.m. Table Tennis Club Social TTC

Monday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Assoc. Rules Committee Meeting F
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
10:30 a.m. VMA: Grief Support Group SEQ
11:30 a.m. VMA Volunteer Lunch FC
1 p.m. Stitchery PR
1 p.m. Flower Ladies Arranging Guild VC
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. EPC: Plan working session MC
2 p.m. VAT Matinee Theatre Rehearsal A
5 p.m. Highland DAC meeting FC

5 p.m. Zumba Gold CR
5:30 p.m. Village Dancers Group 1 A
7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

Tuesday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Art Class: Drawing AR
10 a.m. VMA: Hearing Aid—Clean/Repair MC
10:30 a.m. Community Chapel Lay Board F
10:30 a.m. Beginner—Aqua Aerobics FHP
10:30 a.m. VMA: Stroke Awareness SEQ
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
11:45 a.m. Advanced - Aqua Aerobics FHP
1 p.m. Chapel Women’s Fellowship CR
2 p.m. Arts and Crafts: Art Journaling AR
3 p.m. Study Group General Meeting FC
5:30 p.m. Desi Club Social Hour SEQ
6 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal A
7 p.m. Camera Club Program VC
7 p.m. Tennis Club Board PR

Wednesday, November 19

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. Landscape Townhall Meeting CH
10 a.m. Yoga A
10 a.m. Study Group Club: Canasta SEQ
11:15 a.m. QiGong A
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Senior Academy: Lecture 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 FC
7 p.m. Village Dancers Group 3 VC

Thursday, November 20

8:30 a.m. Tai Chi FC
9 a.m. Game Day RED
9:15 a.m. Hiking Club Board Meeting VR
10 a.m. Art Class: Oils/Acrylics AR
10 a.m. Line Dance Club A
10:30 a.m. Beginner—Aqua Aerobics FHP
10:30 a.m. Ukulele Club meeting SEQ
10:30 a.m. VMA: Caregiver Support Group PR
11:30 a.m. LSAL Fitness A
11:45 a.m. Advanced—Aqua Aerobics FHP
12:30 p.m. 18 Hole Women’s Turkey Shoot CH
1 p.m. Chapel Small Group Bible SEQ
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
2 p.m. Opera Lovers Movie MC
3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
3 p.m. Senior Academy Board PR
4 p.m. Villages Arts & Crafts Board AR
5 p.m. Democratic Club meeting FC
5 p.m. VAT Matinee Theatre Rehearsal A

Friday, November 21

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Friday CR
9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
9 a.m. Game Day RED
10 a.m. Line Dance Club Advanced A
10 a.m. Quilters PR
10:15 a.m. Art Open Studio AR
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
2 p.m. Art Open Studio AR
3 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal CR
5 p.m. VAT Matinee Theatre Rehearsal A
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
7 p.m. Jewish Shabbat FC

Calendar Highlights

The Veterans Day Tribute

A Villages tradition held annually on Veteran’s Day, **Tuesday, November 11** at **10 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.

Holiday Faire

Saturday, November 15 throughout Cribari Center. Begins at **10 a.m.** sponsored by the Arts & Crafts Association—don’t miss it!

Piano Recital

Piano Open Studio invites you to a free recital in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, November 9** at **2:30 p.m.**

Learn about the Himalayas

Senior Academy hosts a presentation about “Trekking in the Himalayas” **Monday, November 10** at **2 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.



EVENT LOCATIONS

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

CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Find more details by visiting villagesartsandcrafts.org

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

Events

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

November 25: Free Art Film “Richard Diebenkorn: the Berkeley Years.” Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Host Marion Rose. Free Popcorn and door prize.

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

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.

November 12 – 26: “Watercolor plus Multi Media” with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$70.

November 12 - 26 “Free Open Studio on Writing Your Memoirs” with Claudia Welch and Barbara Gottesman. Wednesdays, 2 – 5 p.m. in the Cribari Center Art Room.

November 14 – November 21: “Free Open Studio Focus on Drawing Your Pet” with Greg Cheung and Rod Tieman. Fridays, 2 – 5 p.m. in the Cribari Center Art 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.

November 20: “Making Artistic Gift Wrap” with Barbara Gottesman. Tuesday afternoon, 2 – 4 p.m. All materials furnished. Free.

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

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.

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

November 11 - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room at Cribari

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach - Aptos

December 10 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse

2026

January 12-16 - Indian Waters, Indio

January 16-20 - Ocean Mesa, Santa Barbara

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

March 16-20 - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson

April 13-17 - Sugar Barge, Bethel Island

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

June 15-21 - Moss Landing KOA

June 27 - Open House at RV storage lot

July 27-31 - Petaluma KOA

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

September 14-18 - Olema Ranch, Point Reyes

September 27 - Annual BBQ

October 12-16 - Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe

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

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layered clothing for the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday – Villages Hill Hike, 8:30 a.m.** from Foothill Center. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday – Walk around the Golf Course** with Terri Vivoli and Cheryl Allmen. Meet at the Clubhouse parking lot (next to the driving range) at **8:20 a.m.**, leave at 8:30.

Rambler-Lite - Wednesday, November 5 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We’ll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at 9 a.m.

Rambler-Hike, Wednesday, November 12 - Rich and Wendy (408) 499-1789 will lead a Rambler hike along the Los Alamitos Creek Trail. Starting from Almaden Lake Park, the trail follows mostly level ground. Hike mileage is 3-4 miles. Auto mileage is ~20 miles round-trip. Lunch nearby at Boudin Bakery/Cafe at Almaden Plaza is an option. We will meet at **8:45 a.m.** at Cribari for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, November 12 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Larkspur Hill. We’ll walk through the Villages’ gate to San Felipe Road where we’ll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, November 19 - Katy Peretti (408- 531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We’ll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct water way and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at **9 a.m.**

Rambler-Lite, Wednesday, November 26 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**

VMA EVENT CALENDAR

REGISTER ONLINE: VMAVILLAGES.VGCC.CLUB

OR CALL: 408-238-4029

Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Upcoming Programs

Medicare Education Workshop - Alice Jones, villager and Health Insurance Specialist can guide you through the changes during Medicare’s Annual Enrollment Period. Come with your questions, **Wednesday, November 12 from 11 a.m. – noon** in Cribari Conference Room.

Stroke Awareness Discussion – Noemi Conway, Executive Director of the Stroke Awareness Foundation will discuss warning signs, risk factors and stroke treatments. Join Noemi on **Tuesday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room.

Hearing Life and Clear Captions will both be offering their free services for Villagers on **Tuesday, November 18 from 10 a.m. – noon** at Montgomery Center. Hearing Life will offer free hearing aid clean and repair while Clear Captions will provide free caption phones and services for qualified, hard-of-hearing residents. To register for your screening time, please call ahead - 408-238-4230.

Cancer Basics: Supporting a Loved One During Treatment – Morrigan Bruce, COO for Cancer CAREpoint will present various aspects of one’s cancer experience and offer an overview of different treatment types. Morrigan will also discuss how one’s family and friends can best support the patient. Program takes place **Wednesday, December 3** in Sequoia at **11 a.m.**

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Pastor Bill Hayden from the Villages’ Community Chapel will offer the next Grief Share class on **Monday, November 10 from 10:30 a.m.-noon** in the Sequoia Room. There is a video seminar, group discussion, and personal workbook. The cost of the class is \$20. Register today by calling 408-238-3079.

Parkinson’s Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in discussing Parkinson’s. Next meeting takes place **Thursday, November 6 at 10 a.m.** in the Forum room. No need to register, all are welcome.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts this monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen, and learn. **Thursday, November 20 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.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving

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

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Soup of the Day



For the week of 11/10 to 11/16

Monday, November 10

French Onion

Tuesday, November 11

Chicken Matzo

Wednesday, November 12

Winter Minestrone

Thursday, November 13

Beef Caldo

Friday, November 14

Clam Chowder

Saturday, November 15

Chef's Choice

Sunday, November 16

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

Restaurant Main Dining Room: Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, Phone: 408-223-4687 Press #2,
Online: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!
Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

The Villages Golf & Country Club

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

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

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

Scan the QR code to see Clubhouse Menus

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



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

See the FastNews Clubhouse edition every Sunday for Clubhouse menus and updates

Weekly Specials

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 11/11 to Sunday 11/16

Quiche Lorraine: With Bacon, Chives, Gruyère, Egg Custard baked in a Pie Shell and House Country Potatoes on the side. **\$19**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 11/10 to Sunday 11/16—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seafood Paella: Shrimp, Mussels, Clams, Calamari, Crab Legs, Smoked Sausage, Bell Peppers and Peas with Saffron Rice **\$26**

Grilled New York Steak Sandwich: 7-oz. Cut, with Horseradish Cream, Baby Arugula, Tomatoes, Caramelized Onions on Sourdough Bread with Choice of Sides **\$23**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 11/11 to Sunday 11/16—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

With Choice of Small House Salad or Small Caesar Salad

Crawfish Boil: One Pound of Fresh Crawfish, Cajun Blend Seasoning with Andouille Sausage, Potatoes and Corn on the Cob **\$33**

Smothered Pork Chops: With Country Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits and Corn on the Cob **\$31**

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

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

Please remember to bring your Member 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.

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



Page 9 The Villager November 6, 2025 Dinner For Two Curbside Only—pre-order 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Same day pickup at 5 p.m.



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

WHOLE CHICKEN ASADA \$45

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



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



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RECREATION

Recreation info.
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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.

See ‘Rose: A Mother’s Story’ — free tribute performance

Date/Time	Location
Saturday, Nov. 22, 4 to 5 p.m.	Foothill Center
Cost	Reg. Deadline
Free	Nov. 19 at 4 p.m.



Celebrate this touching farewell performance—a tribute to Rose Kennedy, and to the enduring legacy of a family that helped shape our nation’s story. Join us for a truly special theatrical experience as Kathy returns to The Villages stage for her final reprise performance of “Rose: A Mother’s Story”—a moving and unforgettable portrayal of Rose Kennedy, the matriarch of one of America’s most storied families.

This heartfelt, one-hour presentation offers a nostalgic and thought-provoking journey through the triumphs and tragedies of the Kennedy family, capturing the spirit, strength, and grace of a woman who witnessed history unfold from within her own home.

For those who lived through the Kennedy era, this performance will stir deep memories of both the triumphs and heartbreaks that shaped a nation. For those less familiar, it serves as a fascinating introduction to a turbulent time in American history, and a powerful reflection on resilience, motherhood, and legacy.

This performance holds added significance, taking place in November, the month that marks the 62nd anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination. What better way to honor his memory than by joining us for this moving portrayal of his remarkable mother? A woman whose faith and strength carried her through joy and unimaginable loss.

This event will mark not only Kathy’s final portrayal of Rose Kennedy at The Villages, but also the close of her two-year journey bringing America’s matriarch to life across local stages. While she is sentimental about ending this beloved role, Kathy looks forward to new opportunities ahead, where she will continue to celebrate the lives of other inspiring women in history.

Kathy extends her most profound gratitude to everyone who has supported her Rose performances over the years. Whether you’ve attended before or are experiencing it for the first time, she welcomes you to share in this final, unforgettable evening honoring family, faith, and American history.

Register on the Member Portal at thevillagesgcc.com/rose-11-22-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

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.	



thevillagesgcc.com/bp-8-7-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.

Tour San Francisco Holiday Lights with Craig Smith

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



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.

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



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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.

CLUBS & EVENTS

VMA Presents: Cancer Basics— Supporting a loved one during treatment

If a loved one is going through the difficult process of cancer treatment, you should attend this valuable presentation by Morrigan Bruce of Cancer CAREpoint on **Wednesday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Sequoia Room. We all dread a cancer diagnosis. Most of us have either experienced the treatment process or know someone who has. This presentation may help you to better understand what resources and services are available to help you support your loved one.

This presentation will review these resources and will discuss how caring for a cancer patient may be different than for someone with a different diagnosis; treatment types and how they may impact daily life; how family and friends can support a cancer patient or survivor; and dealing with the logistics and feelings that can come up during the process.

Morrigan Bruce is the Chief Operating Officer for Cancer CAREpoint, a non-profit organization providing non-medical cancer support services to individuals and families in the Bay Area. Throughout her non-profit career, Morrigan has supported clients seeking assistance with many different health concerns. Please register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or by phone at 408-238-4029.



Morrigan Bruce

Cribari seeks volunteer decorators

Thank you to our volunteer decorators who helped install our delightful Cribari Village Halloween display. Some were old hands at this by now and some were new volunteers. We all had fun and enjoyed the satisfaction of creating a display to add fun to the holiday.

Calling all Cribari talents! Share your love of our holiday traditions, join us as we continue our decorating activities:

On **Saturday, November 8, at 10 a.m.**, we will replace the Halloween decorations with Veterans Day followed by Thanksgiving.

On Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m. we will replace Thanksgiving with our big Christmas display to welcome this most beautiful season.

Bring a friend, give us your energy and expertise! It's fun and rewarding! Contact Janelle Marines at 408-440-8858 for more information.



Stop and smell the flowers— and take them home!



By Judy Rogers

Have you stopped to smell the flowers lately? Well, now you can do that and more!

The Villages Study Groups Club is excited to announce a brand-new study group where you can not only enjoy the beauty of flowers but also create your own beautiful arrangements to take home. The group meets on the **first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.**

In the first class, Tina Parsley and Bassima Story introduced the tools used in flower arranging, creative container options, and tips for making your arrangements last longer at home. You'll be learning all that—and more—while creating a bouquet you'll be proud of!

Join Tina and Bassima for a fun, hands-on afternoon filled with color, creativity, and conversation. To participate, email Bassima at bassima03@yahoo.com.

Senior Academy: Let us take you to new heights

By Arlene Versaw

It's home to the Himalayas and eight of the world's 14 highest peaks, including Mount Everest, and thus, it has the highest elevations in the world. It's the landlocked Asian country of Ne-



pal and trekking here literally puts your head in the clouds and stretches the comfort levels of even the most intrepid adventurers. But what is it really like to strap on your hiking boots, grab your gear and head to

parts unknown in a world of Bengal tigers, monsoons and dizzying heights? What are the real challenges? The moments of awe?

Tom Yin knows. A retired neuroscientist, photographer and avid trekker, Yin will share his experiences and phenomenal photos with us during his Senior Academy presentation, "Trekking in the Himalayas" on **Monday, November 10 at 2 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center.

Join us as this world traveler takes us to new heights by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/sa-nepal>. For more information about Senior Academy, visit senioracademy.vgcc.club.

Message from Macintosh Users Group

The Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) will not be holding a meeting in November or December. Enjoy the holidays and we will see you again in January.

Study Groups Club explores history in SJ's Japantown

In October, 20 members of the Villages Study Groups Club enjoyed a fascinating and deeply moving visit to the Japanese American Museum of San Jose. Although a few who had signed up were unable to attend at the last minute, our group was warmly welcomed—so warmly, in fact, that the museum opened its doors to us an hour before regular hours and then locked the doors for an entire hour just for our private group.

We were divided into two smaller groups, each led by a knowledgeable docent. The museum is thoughtfully organized to reflect what San Jose's Japantown looked like before the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Exhibits included antique farm equipment, a Model T car, a tomato delivery truck, and many artifacts from daily life and commerce.

Docents shared stories of the many agricultural innovations introduced by Japanese farmers, and we visited a replica of a room in the internment camp barracks. The small space was unheated, with no running water, and very little privacy. An audio played the sounds that those interred constantly heard. There, a second docent, Shirley—herself once interned and now living in The Villages—spoke powerfully about her experience and the hardships endured. A large map showed all the internment sites across the United States, offering a sobering reminder of this chapter in history.

Another section featured the trunks and belongings of displaced families, along with displays celebrating the enduring contributions of the Japanese community in San Jose's Japantown.

The visit left our members with a much deeper appreciation for the resilience and cultural legacy of our Japanese American neighbors. Afterward we enjoyed a delicious Japanese meal at a local restaurant in Japantown.



VMA Presents: Stroke Awareness discussion

Did you know that one in five women and one in six men will suffer a stroke in their lifetime? The risk increases as we age, and often it's not the victim but a family member or bystander who first recognizes the warning signs. Stroke is the #1 cause of disability in the U.S., yet it is treatable. Unfortunately, less than half of stroke victims arrive at the ER in time for lifesaving treatment. That's why it's so important to know the signs, act quickly, and spread awareness.



Noemi Conway

Join us for an important Stroke Awareness Discussion with Noemi Conway, Executive Director of the Stroke Awareness Foundation, on **Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room. Noemi will share what a stroke is, the warning signs and symptoms, risk factors, and how to take action in a stroke emergency. She'll also discuss the latest in stroke treatment and demonstrate how the Stroke Awareness Foundation App expedites patients to treatment—helping save precious time when every minute matters.

Noemi Conway has led the Stroke Awareness Foundation since 2015, building innovative education and outreach programs across Santa Clara County. She holds both a BA and MBA from San Jose State University and brings a unique perspective rooted in her passion for community engagement.

Don't miss this chance to learn how to recognize stroke symptoms, take action, and save lives. To register, please visit vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or call 408-238-4029.

VMA Presents: Hearing aid cleaning and hearing screening

Do friends and family ask you to turn down the TV when you can barely hear it? Do you often ask people to repeat what they said? Maybe you have some hearing loss. Did you know that The Villages has a hearing specialist for you? Every other month, Lori Coyle, Hearing Care Provider, (hearinglife.com) will check your hearing aids and your hearing. With a background in nursing and as a health aid, Lori found her calling in 2012 in the hearing health field.



Lori Coyle, Hearing Aid Dispenser

Some of us know how hearing loss may also affect our social lives. The Mayo Clinic recommends baseline hearing tests for all adults because being proactive about one's health can increase their quality of life.

Come have get your hearing tested. Come get your hearing aids cleaned. Lori will be at the Montgomery Center on **Tuesday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Please call 408-238-4230 to reserve your spot!

Free Art Film: 'Richard Diebenkorn: The Berkeley Years'

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association will present another interesting film on the life and work of Richard Diebenkorn. This event, on **Tuesday, November 25 at 2 p.m.** in Cribari Conference Room, will be hosted by Marion Rose.

Richard Diebenkorn, an abstract expressionist with representational leanings was one of the most influential artists of the post war era. A Bay Area artist who had his first solo museum exhibition when he was only 26 years old, he is known for his landscapes of California topography where he mixes a linear perspective with an aerial view.

A Stanford student and graduate of the California Art Institute, he was inspired by Hopper and Matisse, Styll and Rothko. His paintings represent the internalization of feelings, perceptions and emotions, not just a realistic visual representation.

Come see why he is such a beloved Bay Area artist in two different documentaries that show the broad range of his works and talents.

This event is free to all Villagers and their guests. Popcorn will be served. An art related door prize will be presented at the end of the film. Both films run two hours.



Villagers kick off season with Montgomery Fall Frolic

By Susan Howe

Willow leaves were in abundance at Montgomery Fall Frolic. The party was held at Montgomery Lake on October 9. Approximately 70 guests enjoyed a cozy autumn evening with friends.

Warm and gooey pepperoni and cheese pizza along with a festive harvest garden salad were the main course. A seasonal fare of classic pumpkin pie and whip cream were offered for dessert.

Attendees enjoyed the change of seasons while chatting with old neighbors and meeting new ones.

More photos of the event are displayed on the Montgomery Center bulletin board. Stay tuned for the upcoming holiday event!



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VMA Presents: Medicare Education Workshop

By now you should have received your Medicare & You 2026 handbook, and many of us will toss it aside or put it in a pile to “look at later.” It’s an overwhelming publication, but a very important one because it describes Medicare changes for 2026.



Alice Jones

Every October 15 through December 7 there is an Annual Enrollment Period. For most people, it is the only time of the year they can switch insurance plans. Regardless of what kind of insurance plan you have, it is important to review your coverage and make sure you have the best plan to meet your current needs.

Come join Alice Jones, a licensed health insurance specialist, on **Wednesday, November 12** from **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. She will:

- Review 2026 changes to Medicare Parts A, B and D
- Provide a roadmap for reviewing your current Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage and/or Prescription Drug Plan
- Discuss Annual Notices of Change and Evidence of Coverage notifications for Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) Are my doctors and prescriptions still covered by my current plan?
- Provide helpful and unbiased information and resources.

Please register for this presentation online at vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or by calling 408-238-4029.

Alice Jones is a Villager and Health Insurance Specialist (CA Ins License #403405). She has more than 15 years of experience helping individuals assess their insurance needs and providing solutions to meet those needs.

This event is free and for educational purposes only.

Save the Date for Crafters Club Holiday Market

We have saved the best for last! Our last show of the 2025 season will be on **Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center! You won’t want to miss this holiday event!

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CRAFTERS CLUB

We have so many returning crafters and a few *new* ones bringing you quality arts and crafts that are handmade with care and result in beautiful, unique treasures. Look for your favorite quilters, jewelers, ceramicists, paper crafters, home decor crafters, wood workers and fabric artists. And then check out our new wood crafters, leather workers and painters! The Crafters Club always provides a quality venue where you will find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your

holiday list. And don’t forget to stop by for some festive treats as well! We’ll see you bright and early—Saturday, December 6 at Cribari Center!

Audition for hilarious Matinee Theatre playlets

By Liz Adams

Matinee Theatre is coming back this November. Time to try your hand at acting! No lines to memorize; just put your spin on some of these outrageous characters in “Doctor, Doctor,” by Bob Naquin, and directed by Kellen Perry:

- Dr. Fatpacker who’s harried by his secretary and full of himself.
- Jenny Flecks, an airhead receptionist, who reads People Magazine, does her nails, and chews gum.
- Mrs. McGillicuddy, an old lady who’s forgetful and hard of hearing.
- Bob Bush and his wife Rose, He’s a drunk who thinks he’s pretty darn funny, and she’s his long-suffering wife.
- Mrs. Bea Sting who’s a bit of a hypochondriac, short, heavy, and on the prowl.

“Doctor, Doctor” is filled with snappy dialogue and characters that you’ve possibly run into right here at The Villages. They’ll make you laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time.

A second playlet, “Now Hear This,” by Dory Kaiser and directed by Kellen Perry, will also be performed. It’s a take-off on the game of Telephone that we played when were kids. You might remember it too. We sat in a circle and whispered a message from one to another, laughing at the end because the message had changed so much, and at times, made no sense at all. Well, this is very similar, but it’s an adult version. (Ooh la la!) Five characters on a cruise ship are in a Cocktail Lounge: a flamboyant, cigar-smoking senator asks the senator’s aide to pass on a message, he passes it to one waitress who passes the message to the second waitress who passes it to a lady, and what finally reaches the ship’s captain is hilarious! Short and oh so funny!

“Doctor, Doctor” and “Now Hear This” will be performed at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28. Auditions are **Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11** at Vineyard Center from **7 to 9 p.m.** Come join the fun! You’ll have a blast!

Senior Academy: Meeting the Challenges of Solo Aging

By Arlene Versaw

Most Villagers have reached a stage in life where we are child-free, and we also may be single with family members who are not part of our daily lives. If this sounds like you, you are not alone. And there is a term for this station in life—that of “Solo Ager.”



Dr. Sara Zeff Gerber

Solo Agers face a life with its positive aspects, such as independence, and for some, not so positive aspects, such as loneliness. Senior Academy is pleased to present a speaker who specializes in guiding Solo Agers to the options and decisions necessary to create a fulfilling life now and a secure future in the years ahead.

Dr. Sara Zeff Gerber is the nation’s foremost expert on Solo Aging and the author of a book that was chosen in 2018 as the “best book on aging” by the Wall Street Journal. Her presentation is interactive, incorporating discussion on such topics as identifying what matters most in your life and navigating your post-retirement life. Dr. Gerber is also a regular contributor to forbes.com in the areas of aging and retirement.

Explore this engaging topic with us in Foothill Center at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19**. Although the topic is serious, Dr. Gerber’s style is light-hearted, conversational and provocative. Join us! Register for this Senior Academy event by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/sa-solo-aging>.

How VMA supports Kaiser flu shots

Feeling left out? At our recent Flu Clinic, Kaiser patients were excluded due to insurance coverage. Kaiser must administer their patients flu shots. VMA *can*, however, offer you a ride to Kaiser for your fully covered flu shot! Make your appointment with Kaiser, then call the VMA at 408-238-4230 and request a driver to take you. We are here to support you every step of the way.

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Displays

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Seafood Station

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce
Crab Claws
Oysters on Half Shells with Mignonette Sauce and
Lemons
Smoked Salmon with Dill Sauce and Red
Onions, Tomato and Cucumber

Salads

Beef and Mushroom Salad
Pear and Walnut Salad
Yukon Gold Potato Salad
Club House Salad
Caesar Salad
Dressings and Vinaigrettes

Carving Station

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

Entrées

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

Dessert

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

Beverages

Orange Juice | Cranberry Juice | Apple Juice | Lemonade| Soft
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Entrées

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Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes and Side Gravy
Candied Yams
Steamed Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Pumpkin Pie

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Cows in the Hill Lands feedback session



Have you hiked in The Villages Hill Lands these last six months and experienced seeing cows grazing in our Hill Lands? The Hiking Club is having a feedback session led by Theresa Ostrander, The Villages General Manager. Theresa will share an overview of the cow grazing program followed by a feedback session with the audience. We’re looking to discuss all perspectives; impact on fire risk, hiking, wildlife, trails, signs, costs and benefits. This will be informative and fun as we share our experiences and observations.

The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, November 24 at 7 p.m.** in Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for snacks, refreshments and socializing. The meeting is free and open to all Villagers.

Gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton visits The Villages

By Mary Wagle

On Sunday, October 26, the Republican Club at The Villages hosted Steve Hilton, California gubernatorial candidate, political commentator, author, and politician at the Clubhouse.

Steve Hilton is best known for his work at Fox News where he hosted the show, “The Next Revolution.” Two hundred highly-energized Villagers and their guests attended this event.



Join the LSAL Fitness Club and stay active

“Deep breathing: the quickest path to inner peace.” The Live Stronger and Longer Fitness Club aims to help older adults and those with health challenges stay active. Join us in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome. First class free. Sign up in class.



Great Pumpkin makes appearance in Olivas



Tom Lance was up to his old tricks—designing and building another spectacular creation.

Dog Club celebrates a paw-fect Halloween



By Judy Rogers

We had a party on Saturday, October 25 and everyone was invited! The most important guests were the Villages dogs. They came dressed to the T's, wearing the most adorable Halloween costumes. Dogs and people went on parade and strutted their stuff! There were plenty of food and drinks and even goodie bags to share with the pooches. Everyone had a wonderful time showing off their amazing fur babies. The grown-ups weren't bad either. They got into the spirit of things and showed fantastic creativity with their "disguises." What a special way for The Villages Dog Club to celebrate a fun holiday.

Do the 'Conga'—a Miami party on the dance floor!

Get ready to spice things up, Village Dancers—November's theme is bringing the heat with Miami Sound Machine's "Conga!"

It's time to feel that irresistible rhythm, move your feet, and let your hips find the beat! Gloria Estefan's sizzling hit will transport us straight to Miami—where the nights are hot, the colors are bright and the dancing never stops. We're turning up the tropical vibes, so wear something colorful, festive and full of flair (optional). Think palm trees, sunshine and a bit of sparkle!



So come on, shake your body, baby do the conga—we know you can't control yourself any longer! Starting November, join the conga line in the Cribari Auditorium and let's make **Monday nights** (at 5:30 p.m.) full of laughter, music and pure joy. 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. She can be reached at vms.dancers@gmail.com. For more information, please see the Villages Music Society website at <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3>. The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee. While the weekly session is free; donations are welcome.

Valle Vista residents celebrate Oktoberfest at Foothill Center



Forty Valle Vista residents celebrated Oktoberfest at Foothill Center on October 8, with some dressed for the occasion. They enjoyed delicious authentic German gourmet sausages, dessert, and beer and played an Oktoberfest Trivial Pursuit game. Pictured left to right: Kevin Evans, Nicole Trieu, Diana Le, Jeff Steinberg.

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.




Join Cat Club for 'Evergreen Stories' viewing

The Villages Cat Club invites all Villagers to join for a special trip to attend the Evergreen Valley College Theatre on **Saturday, November 22 at 2 p.m.** for the matinee performance of "Evergreen Stories: 50 Years of Life, Laughter and Learning." Commemorating the 50-year anniversary of EVC, "Evergreen Stories" aims to bring audiences along on a heartfelt, theatrical journey through the individual stories and experiences that make up the beautiful campus and community.


To carpool with the Cat Club, meet in the Cribari parking lot (by the Art Room) at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door and the venue is only 2 miles away!

Call or text the Cat Club's Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798 with any questions.





Don't be a grinch!
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Opera Lovers to present Puccini’s ‘Madame Butterfly’

Please join The Villages Music Society’s Opera Lovers on **Thursday, November 20 at 2 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, when we will view “Madame Butterfly.”

This beautiful production is presented by the famed movie director Martin Scorsese and directed by Frédéric Mitterrand. When it was produced in 2002, the director cast both Asian and Western actors, giving the film a haunting realism seldom seen on opera stages at that time.

“Madame Butterfly” is the heart-wrenching story of a beautiful young Geisha who sacrifices family, her religion and, ultimately, her life for her American husband. Soprano Ying Huang stars as Butterfly, the young bride, and the American tenor Richard Troxell as Lieutenant Pinkerton, who buys Butterfly’s love while stationed in Japan. He has no intention of ever taking her to America.

Puccini’s music is always gorgeous, and it is sung with all the drama—and sensitivity—in this film that we can hope for. And the film is more beautiful than opera stages can create. The run time of “Madame Butterfly” is 2 1/4 hours.

Please join us on November 20. Registration isn’t required and the event is open to all Villagers. We expect the room temperature to be more comfortable as the outside weather cools, but it’s always advisable to bring a sweater or jacket.

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

Please note that Opera San José will be performing “Madama Butterfly” November 16-30, 2025 at the California Theatre in San Jose. Their productions are excellent, and it is always a treat to see a live performance.

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.



Find peace and hope at Voices’ Winter Bliss

By Barbara F. Zahner

Looking for a breather from holiday stress and world worries? Ready for some joy? You are invited to Winter Bliss, the Village Voices heartwarming performances on **Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. You will be transported to the magical Polar Express and grin at the flirtatious “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” Lift your spirit with the tender, hope-filled “Ose Shalom,” “Simple Gifts,” “Peace, Peace” and the luminous “Candlelight Canon.” Connect with more of our Villages musical members as The Handbell Choir and the Village Dancers add chimes and twirls to Winter Bliss.

Yes! Invite your family and friends to this music and dance celebration. At intermission, you can savor holiday cookies and treats, try your luck at winning a raffle prize or two, and sing along with Villages pianist Larry Broderick. As a gift to yourself, before or after Winter Bliss, show your ticket at the Club Restaurant for a 10% discount. Tickets are \$20 each. Charge them to your house number or pay by check. Buy them from any Voices member or by calling Roberta Wolfe at 408-685-3386. You can also purchase them at Foothill Center every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Need a ride? Call VMA at 408. 238.4230 for neighbor-to-neighbor transportation. Find peace in the chaos. Breathe in Winter Bliss, December 6 and 7.



Calling all bakers—Holiday Faire needs you

We need your sweet treats for The Villages Arts & Crafts Holiday Faire Bake Sale. Get your apron on and start baking your favorite sweet treat. We need cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, candy... whatever is your specialty. Bring loads of delicacies and don’t worry about packaging them – we’ll do that. Drop off your donation on **Friday, November 14** in the Terrace Room at Cribari from **2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** We’ll have a team to meet you and thank you for your generosity. All these goodies will be sold at our annual Holiday Faire Bake Sale on **Saturday, November 15**. For more information, email Suzanne Ferris at sferris@stanford.edu.



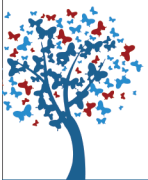



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A 8718 Mccarty Ranch Dr	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,299,999	205	\$636	A 5142 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$519,777	94		\$419
A 8423 Chenin Blanc Ln	1,803	3	2 0	\$999,000	23	\$554	A 5469 Cribari Green	1,223	2	2 0	\$509,000	220		\$416
A 7530 Morevern Circle	1,751	2	2 1	\$988,000	126	\$564	A 5302 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	256		\$405
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Pend/Contg	5 ↓ from 7	1,590	\$900,200	48 ↓		\$555↓
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Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
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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: Elsa McLaughlin	408-531-8874
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

‘People Get Ready’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Being prepared is always a valuable quality to possess as an individual or a nation. Companies are constantly looking for and planning the next idea to increase their profits and expand their business. For most people, the challenge has been keeping pace with the day-to-day responsibilities. Change seems to come at a faster rate as you get older, and the temptation to do nothing seems less stressful, but in the long run, more costly.

Some of us were taught as children to prepare a meal by washing our hands and laying out our clothes the night before school or church. Parents plan for their children’s college fund, personal expenses, and additionally, their final will. As a youth, I learned to make plans. If I saw an item at a department store that I wanted, I planned to acquire it by doing odd jobs in the neighborhood.

With all the constant life changes, there are a few things that you can hold on to firmly without them changing mid-stream. Sometimes, the career you planned to devote your life to is swallowed up by new technologies or artificial intelligence.

In these last days, living in California has compelled us to prepare as best we can for a significant crisis, such as earthquakes, fires, power outages, and now pandemics. Here in The Villages, we typically hold an annual earthquake preparedness drill for all residents in the event of an earthquake. It can be reassuring to adopt a Boy Scout motto mentality, “Be Prepared,” to guide your life. On the other hand, to live in a state of constant flux can be unnerving, to say the least.

Because of the uncertainty in society today, the statement, “Tomorrow isn’t promised,” has gained a great deal of validity. It’s clear that we prepare for our future in life, but we seldom plan for the afterlife. Being aware of the brevity of life, we should live in a state of readiness. **Philippians 1:21 NKJV** “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Please join us in celebrating Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium this Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place where needs are met, faith is affirmed, and new friends are made. You can view our worship services on YouTube at [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](#)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Celebrating the Unity and Mission of the Church’

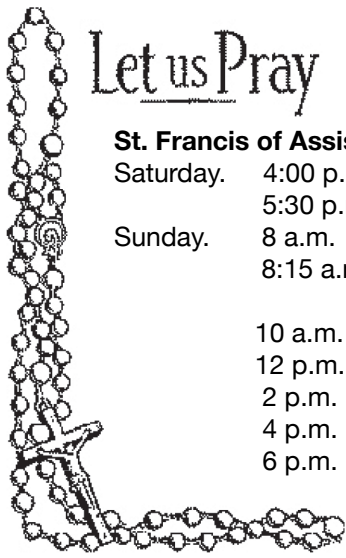
By Robert A. Dolci, M.Div., M.A.

As we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, we embrace the unity and mission of the Church under the leadership of Pope Leo XIV and we recognize that all of us play an important role in carrying out that mission.

In the **First Reading (Ezekiel 47: 1-2,8-9,12)**, we see the prophet’s focus during Israel’s exile on the rebuilding of Jerusalem and its sacred temple. He shows water flowing from the temple giving life to all creatures and enlivening vegetation and even the salty Dead Sea. This symbolizes God’s power to engender fruitfulness, nourishment and healing toward all.

In the **Gospel (John 2:13-22)**, the evangelist compares this physical, sacred temple (not marketplace) to Christ, whose death and resurrection achieve (not just symbolize) the same healing and saving power to all.

How does this symbolism and real power relate to us? In his letter to the Corinthians (**1 Cor. 3:9-11,16-17**), **St. Paul** links us to Christ’s saving mission by telling us that we are God’s temple, imbued with God’s very spirit to enable us to build on the Church’s foundation established by Jesus. Thus, we have the mission/responsibility to provide nourishment and healing to those within our community and beyond. Who in our family needs healing? Who in our neighborhood needs our support? Who in our community needs Christian inspiration? It’s up to us to celebrate and carry out the building of the Body of Christ today.



Let us Pray

St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:

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

Slice of Humor



A very devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a donkey walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn’t believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the donkey’s mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, “It’s a miracle!”

“Not really,” said the donkey. “Your name is written inside the cover.”



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SPORTS NEWS

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PICKLEBALL



Donna Erickson, Jan Trusso, Julianna Wahlgren, Suzanne Roberts, Judy Rogers, Sabrina Kupperberg, Barb Berman, MaryAnn Haggerty.

By Teddy Morse

Twenty-seven Shonis celebrated Halloween, October 28 with breakfast in the Clubhouse and a costume contest. The Villages clubhouse staff judged the contest with Jan Trusso's rooster costume taking first place. Our qualifier Suzanne Roberts brought her baby to the party with her costume winning second place. MaryAnn Haggerty took third as our resident hippie. Sabrina Kupperberg and Judy Rogers decorated the Clubhouse table and had balloons for all of us to tie to our golf carts so that the Par 3 Course was a sea of orange and black.

The fun celebration continued with beautiful golf weather. Our low gross this week was my 35. Judy Rogers was low gross with a 35 last week. Looks like 35 is a lucky number.

Our year runs from November 1 to October 31 thus next week Joyce Baptiste ends her two years as co-captain turning her duties over to Judy Rogers. Linda McChesney picks up my co-captain duties, and I move on to captain of our awesome group of golf ladies. We look forward to another fun year.

Birdies—We ended our year with two birdies today.

Teruko Matsumura, hole 5

Teddy Morse, hole 4

See the list of winners on the Scoreboard page.

IRONMEN

By David Hathaway, with commentary by Jim White

October 30, 2025—13 Ironmen showed up to play the Par 3 course in the fog Thursday morning.

First place was a two-way tie between Chuck Benjamin and Kerry Lambert with net 1-under 26s.

Second place was a two-way tie between Dave Hathaway and Gene O'Donnell with net par 27s.

Third place went to Arki Galicki with a net 1-over 28.

Kerry Lambert had the lowest gross at a 3-over 30.

Dave Hathaway shot closest to the pin on hole 2 at 5' 6".

There were six birdies today. Kerry Lambert had 2, back-to-back, on holes 2 and 3. Chuck Benjamin had a birdie on hole 3. Dan Love had a birdie on hole 8. Taf Tafarrodi had a birdie on hole 6. And Hiei Takazawa had a birdie on hole 5.

Kerry Lambert was the golfer of the day with the lowest gross, a tie for the lowest net, and two birdies.

As President David Hathaway mentioned, it was a day like none of us had expected. Fog, wet greens and fairways, with a slight chill in the air as we teed off for our pre-Halloween play date, the weather had started to clear and we were facing a typical fall afternoon in the Villages. We are often plagued with a couple or even a few poor holes, to me this is merely an affirmation of a conversation I had with another member, a couple of years ago. Walter Lucas proclaimed our golf games to be "consistently inconsistent." So true, however, we play golf because we love the game and we enjoy the camaraderie with others who share this love. We need to remember that the most important aspect of golf, for all of us, is to have *fun*.

By Kim Silverman

The Villages Pickleball Club marked a milestone this October 2025 — its 10-year anniversary — with two spirited "Battle for the Paddle" tournaments and a lively community celebration. Founding members, players, and volunteers came together for a weekend of competition, food, and camaraderie.



Nancy Keane, who founded the Villages Pickleball Club in 2015, attended the October 26, 2025 celebrations and received a special certificate recognizing her vision and dedication. Nancy, a lifelong athlete with a background in basketball and tennis, first picked up a pickleball paddle in 1983.



After moving to The Villages, she noticed several unused tennis courts and proposed opening them for pickleball. Through her efforts—organizing demonstrations and lessons, including one that drew 75 attendees—Nancy successfully launched the club. The first club board was established on April 1, 2015, with Nancy Keane as President, Garry Gray as Vice-President, Betty Olsen as Treasurer, Anahid Gregg as Secretary, Steve Williams as Court Manager, and Mark Gregg as Court Scheduler. What began as a small group of 20 members has since grown to over 500, reflecting the thriving community Nancy helped create.

The weekend celebration included:

- October 11–12: Men's and Women's Doubles Championships
- October 26: Mixed Doubles Championships and 10-Year Anniversary Fiesta Celebration

View the list of winners in the Scoreboard section of the November 6 Villager.

The festivities featured a taco fiesta with five varieties of tacos, followed by a selection of filled churros. The celebration was capped off with two 10-year anniversary cakes.

Messages from Tournament Director & Co-Coordinator

"What a great finale! I have to thank all the players for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and laughter," said Tournament Director Karen Ruth. "There were so many close games, and the wonderful thing about the Villages is that win or lose, players can congratulate and hug each other. I have to give Hoa Nguyen-Wong and Brian Tract the trophy for most entertaining partners on the courts on Sunday. They brought us all laughter and joy with their positive spirits!"



Anahid Gregg, co-coordinator, added, "What a fun day, and a great way to end our Villages Pickleball season! Good food, good friends, good pickleball. Does it get any better?"

Gratitude to Our Volunteers

Michelle McQuay, our Social Committee, and her volunteers made both tournaments and the anniversary celebration possible.

From the first weekend's Men's and Women's Championships, Karen Ruth, Anahid Gregg, and the Pickle Pit Crew (Michelle Provax, Dee Hartwig, Val Loebig, Sonia Soin, Valerie Simlar, Kathy Dombrowski, Laura Swenson) ensured smooth operations. Setup and cleanup support came from Tim McQuay, Frank Hsu, Bob Barentsen, Homer Maiel, Marty Funcell, Srini Srinivasan, Dari Taribini, Ken Keck, Farhad Hooshmand, Steve Simlar, Jeff Porges, Cat Tran, and Mark Gregg, with special thanks to Linda and Ron McChesney.

For the Mixed Doubles tournament, Michelle McQuay's setup committee of Farhad Hooshmand, Harry Soin, and Tim McQuay, along with Pickle Pit crew volunteers Val Loebig, Dee Hartwig, Cindy Yu, and Sonia Soin. A special shoutout to Val, Cindy and Sonia who stayed all day to help with the pickle pit by refilling drinks, cleaning up and making sure everyone felt welcome! Anahid's cleanup assistance from Todd Horavitch and Tina Parsley completed the team.

A special thanks to our photographers. Photo credits go to David Wong and Cat Tran.

A Decade of Growth

From taping lines on borrowed tennis courts to playing on dedicated pickleball courts with over 500 members, the Villages Pickleball Club has grown through vision, community, and teamwork. The 10-year celebration highlighted the joy, friendship, and competitive spirit that Nancy Keane's vision continues to inspire.

Here's to another decade of volleys, victories, and laughter on the courts!



MEN’S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Red, White and Blue Tournament. November 8. Format: Red, White & Blue! Four-man teams, 2BB, Play six holes from #2 Tees, 6 from #3 Tees and 6 from #4 Tees. Tees assigned on scorecard. Yes, there will be coffee and doughnuts.

Wounded Warriors Project—Donations (Cash or Check) will be taken prior to the 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at a table near the Coffee/Donuts. American flags will be provided to the MGC Members that donate.

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

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men’s Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **December 2, 2025**. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

What a beautiful day for our semi-annual match with Rossmoor! On Saturday, October 18, starting at 9 a.m., six tennis courts were filled with senior tennis players. Rossmoor is the 55+ community in Walnut Creek with about 9,000 residents.

In the spring, The Villages traveled to Walnut Creek for the match. However, we lost the match and turned over the perpetual plaque to Rossmoor but vowed to earn it back. And we succeeded! Gail Tuft, tournament director, put together an outstanding lineup and The Villages won 18-6.

Our dynamite social director, Nancy Domingo, put together an outstanding breakfast spread and then at 11:30 p.m. a taco truck served lunch for everyone! The viewing stan was full of spectators, because we have a best facility for viewing. Here are some photos of the participants.

Our very own Tennis Club member, Art Lind, traveled with his son to Croatia to compete in the international 90+ tournament. His first singles match was against a 102-year-old man from Australia. Here is a photo of Art with his third place bronze medal,.

You will want to save the date of **Sunday, December 6** for our annual Holiday party. A delicious dinner is planned with DJ Jerry Saucedo and band for dancing. Medals for our club tournament will be presented along with an introduction to our 2026 club officers.

The Tennis Club has elected its 2026 Board Members. They are: **President** - Gail Tuft; **Vice-President** - Jayme Dickson; **Communications** - Don Clarke; **Treasurer** - Tina Parsley, **Secretary** - Marty Funcell; **Hospitality** - Sonia Soin; **Membership** - Karen Hillis, **Tournament Director** - Sukh Johal; **Court Manager** - Ron McChesney; Master Scheduler – TBA; **Members at Large** - Betty Olsen



Art Lind wins bronze medal in 90+ International Tennis Tournament held in Croatia.



Villagers Roy Pennington and Karen Hillis with Rossmoor players.



Villagers Helen Varenkamp and Gail tuft with Rossmoor players.



Villagers Steve Olson and Mike tuft with Rossmoor players.



Villagers Sheng Chen and Venkat Prabhala with Rossmoor players.

Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club Veteran’s Day Tournament

In Honor of our Wounded Warriors

Wounded Warriors Project Donations



(Cash or Check) will be taken prior to the 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at a table near the Coffee/Donuts. American flags will be provided to the MGC Members that donate.

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

What: Veteran’s Day Red, White & Blue Tournament and Wounded Warriors Project Charity MGC Members ONLY (NO Guests or Spouses)

Format: Red, White & Blue! Four-Man Teams, 2BB, Play 6 holes from #2 Tees, 6 from #3 Tees and 6 from #4 Tees. Tees assigned on scorecard.

Signup through Thurs. Nov. 6 with the Pro Shop

Handicaps: 100% of Nov. 6 Handicap

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

Tees: See FORMAT

Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun.

Cost: \$50 – This includes green fees and sweeps Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

18 HOLE WOMEN

By Vicki Krattli

Some fairways were punched and sanded this week as our 18 Hole Ladies Golf group gathered for the annual Halloween Golf Tournament, a celebration of sport, spirit, and spooky style chaired by Patti Bell and our very own Donna Quataro, returning to golf after several months to enjoy the golf but mostly enjoying the camaraderie of her friends on the golf course.

Dozens of players arrived in costume—from wicked witches to bumble bees—transforming the course into Halloween creativity. The format kept the competition lively, with a little stress when the scorecard demanded a score from the designated player, a hat, a cat, a ghost, or a pumpkin.

Prizes were awarded not only for the golf performance but also for the best costumes. The coveted “Best Costume” award went to Bev Poellot, Kathy Kyne, Suz Kim, and Joyce Mukuno as they buzzed around the course in their bumblebee costumes.

After the final putt dropped, the scorecards were submitted along with the GGID online submission and the Pro Shop created the flights and sent out the winners.

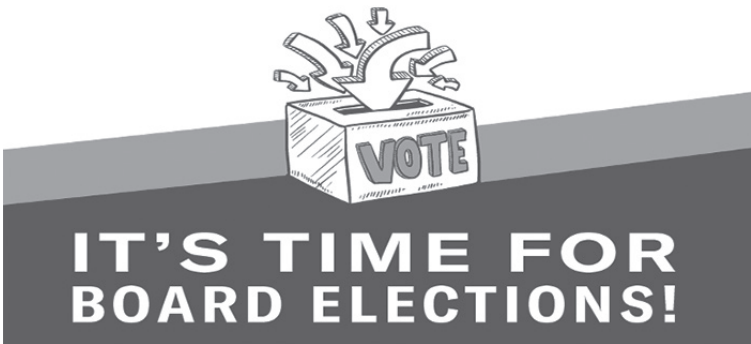
Flight one had three teams with a net score of 138 and after the card-off winners were Emily Li, Diana Hallock, In Kim, and Michele Chung.

Flight two winners were the low team of the day with an amazing score of 134. I guess this team did not stress over their mandatory hole. Congratulations to Delma Juarez, Kay Gray, Maxine Amundsen, and Dianne Doughty.



Flight One winners Diana Hallock, In Kim, Michele Chung and Emily Li.

BOCCE NEWS



The Villages Bocce Club invites **members only** to its **General Membership and Elections** meeting on **Sunday, November 9** at Foothill Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Agenda:**
- Introduction of Board Members & Candidates
 - President’s Annual Report
 - Special Recognitions
 - Voting
 - Reception: Soup Bar & Sliders / Beer Wine & Water
- Below are the Candidates Listed in Alphabetical Order

Member Nominated	Comments
Ken Colaizzi Incumbent	Running for Re-Election
Vivian Hobbs	Self-nomination
Libby Nelson	Incumbent Running for Re-election
Barbara Orlando	Incumbent Running for Re-election
Jeanne-Anne Whitacre	Incumbent Running for Re-election

9 HOLE WOMEN

By Sheryl Driskell

Our Women’s Golf League celebrated Halloween in true festive style with a special tournament filled with laughter, creativity, and great golf!

Everyone embraced the spooky spirit of the day, showing off some fantastic costumes out on the course. The prize for **Best Costume** went to the **Grey-O-las**, whose clever and ghostly outfits were a crowd favorite!

After finishing their rounds, the ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch together—sharing stories, plenty of laughs, and maybe even a few golf tips for next time. It was a day full of fun, friendship, and fabulous costumes—proof once again that our league knows how to combine good golf with great company.

Congratulations to our Winning Teams!
Front Nine Winners

1. Joyce Mukuno, Sachiko Coleman, Marie LeBlanc, Marky Olsen
2. Jay Lee, Susan Anderson, Sue Park, Jini Kang
3. Judi Falarski, Linda Curyea, Nancy Carson, Rita Karlsten
4. Jo Ann Bundgard, Leslie Bailey, In Kim, Judy Gergurich

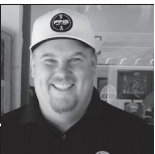
Back Nine Winners

1. Renee Woolard, Judy Frey, Kathy Apgar, Mary Jo O’Neill
2. Carol Zaccheo, Gisele Barber, Valerie Dimmick
3. Delma Juarez, Andrea Alvarez, Kay Gray, Laura Rodriguez
4. Patricia Sear, SusieQ Conklin, Janis Kiernan



Best Costume winners, the Grey-O-las.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Winter Golf Schedule
Mondays – Shotgun Starts at Noon – Range *closed* at 2 p.m.
Tuesdays – Swingers Shotgun starts at 9am – Open Play 11:30 a.m. – Par-3 Course Shonis start at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays – Open Play 7 a.m. - Men’s Club Only until 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays – 18-Hole Women 8:20 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play 11:30 a.m. - Par-3 Course Ironmen start at 1 p.m.
Fridays – Open Play 7 a.m. – Pinseekers 9-Hole Men four Tee Times 11:40 a.m.
Saturdays-Sundays – Open Play 7 a.m.
The last tee time each day will be 4 p.m. – The Pro Shop will close at 4:30 p.m. Daily (3 p.m. Mondays)
Winter Schedule Hours remain in place through February 2026
The Golf Course walking schedule will be adjusted on Mondays to prohibit walking between 12 p.m. and dusk.
November Golf Schedule
Friday, November 7 – Glow Ball Night Golf – 5:30 p.m. & 6:45 p.m. Shotguns on the Par-3 Course
Saturday, November 8 – Men’s Club Veterans Tournament 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day – 9am Shotgun – Pro Shop *closed* 12 p.m.
Friday, November 28 – Open Play 7 a.m.

Thanksgiving Golf Schedule—Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 27. We will be hosting a 9 a.m. Shotgun on the 18-Hole Course. The course will be closed after the shotgun. The Par-3 Course will be available for tee times from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. The Driving Range & Practice Greens will be open all day. The Pro Shop will be closed at 11:30 a.m. for the remainder of the day. Friday, November 28 will be open for play at 7 a.m.
November Villages Golf Committee Meeting—The November VGC meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 13 at 3 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are invited to attend.
GC Quad Complimentary Drop-in Sessions Now Available
Complimentary 20-minute drop-in sessions now available with Assistant Professional Eric Hansen.
Wednesdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. / Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. / Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor uses high-speed, high-resolution cameras to capture and measure golf ball data such as ball speed, launch angle, spin rates, carry distance and total distance. We also have the “Golf Club Add On” which enables the GC Quad to capture and measure golf club data such as club-head speed, contact efficiency/Smash Factor, face angle, club path, attack angle, loft/lie.
This will allow us to evaluate your equipment, your golf ball, perform a comparative analysis for club fittings and capture data for golf instruction and total game improvement.
Fall Aeration-Topdressing-Overseeding Continues
The greens aeration and topdressing have been successfully completed. Fairway aeration will be conducted through the remainder of November. **All of these processes are weather-permitting.**
Winter Rules—Preferred Lies
During fairway aeration, topdressing and overseeding we will play Preferred Lies defined as 6-inch relief, pick-clean-and place, no nearer the hole everywhere including the rough.
2026 Master Golf Calendar—We are now finalizing 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 ssteele@the-villages.com.



Tips from the Pro—Aim for success
When you set up, be sure you are properly aligned...Not just for your feet but also knees, hips, shoulders and club face. Most right-handed golfers aim right but this doesn’t always mean the ball will go right as their swing will compensate for poor alignment. Check your alignment every practice session diligently! The best way to do so is to lay down a club (or alignment stick) pointed to the target and another club parallel to the first club at your feet (see image). Make sure your feet, hips and shoulders are all square to the shafts. This is called a “stacked” position when your feet, hips and shoulders are all parallel left of the target line. Copy this image and you will straighten out your ball flight...let us know how it works. **Let us know if these tips help. Email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:sssteele@the-villages.com) for a lesson!**

BOCCE NEWS



Bocce Fall Round Robin First Place Team, Game of Throws. Left to right: Andy Altman, Tina Parsley, Espie Martinez, Todd Horvatic, Daniel Martinez and Tom Hunt. (Not Pictured: Rick Tobler and Renee Woolard.)

Bocce Fall Round Robin Second Place Team, BloodBath & Beyond. Left to right: Wayne Weiler, Bobbie Hop, Dave Lanker, Jeanne Anne Whitaker, Jackie Berman, Roger Dahlberg, Maria Burn and Doreen Senior.



What a great finish to our Fall Round Robin! After weeks of fantastic play, close matches, and a record turnout this tournament—320 players and 40 teams!— we wrapped it all up with a final worthy of the effort.

On Court 2, Game of Throws came out on top, defeating Blood-bath and Beyond in a hard-fought championship match. Both teams played with great spirit and sportsmanship all season long, and the final was everything we could’ve hoped for — competitive, fun, and full of good energy.

Thank you to Kerry Besmehn for doing a fantastic job referring the match, and handling a traffic jam during the game!

A big thank you to all the captains, players, and volunteers who made this season possible. You’ve helped make Villages Bocce one of the best-run, most enjoyable leagues anywhere.

Many thanks to Barbara Orlando and the social team for putting on yet another fantastic event, Oktoberfest!

Save the Date—Get ready to celebrate!

The Bocce Club’s Annual Holiday Party is happening on **Saturday, December 20** at Cribari Auditorium, starting at 5 p.m. It’s the big finale of the 2025 bocce season, so don’t miss out on an evening of good food, great company, and plenty of holiday cheer!

All invited to Villages Golf Committee Meeting

The November VGC meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 13 at 3 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are invited to attend.

SCOREBOARD

PICKLEBALL

2025 Battle for the Paddle Combined Results			
Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Advanced Women	Kim Silverman & Helen Varenkamp	Karen Ruth & Michelle McQuay	Tammy Ehle & Diane Finley
Advanced Men	Farhad Hooshmand & Tim McQuay	Gil Cepeda & Steve Simlar	Harry Soin & Paul Spisar
Advanced Int. Men	Ken Keck & Srimi Srinivasan	Dari Tarabini & Marty Funcell	Frank Hsu & Michael Actman
Intermediate Mixed	Lee Ann Bruce & Ron McChesney	Hoa Nguyen-Wong & Brian Tract	Tie: Chris White & Raul Oly Reformado / Sarah Yang & Abe Chen
Advanced Int. Mixed	Debbie Keys & Tim Keys	Catherine Pham & John Zhang	Nancy Melo Domingo & Igor Cravetchi
Advanced Mixed	Tim McQuay & Michelle McQuay	Farhad Hooshmand & Tammy Ehle	Mark Gregg & Helen Varenkamp

BRIDGE

Friday, October 17
1. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
2. Lorrie Scott - Donna Erickson
3. Hank Koransky - George Welch

Monday, October 20
1. Lorrie Scott - Donna Erickson
2. Jan Kiernan - Jonna Robinson
3. Henry Koransky - Jane Michaels

Wednesday, October 22
1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. Henry Koransky - Jane Michaels
3. Bonnie Taylor - Maureen Waltho

Friday, October 24
1. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
2. Joe Henry - Bonnie Taylor
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Monday, October 27
1. Art Lind - Donna Erickson
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
3. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels

Wednesday, October 29
1/2 Art Lind - Neda Dorjath; Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels
3. Tahera Khalil - Kausalya Iyengar

SHONIS

Tuesday, October 28
Net Scores

Flight One (Handicaps 12-15)
1. Teddy Morse 22
2. Marty Blinde 23
3. Pauline Robertson 25

Flight Two (Handicaps 16-19)
1. Jan Ehrhardt 20
2. Amari Thomas 25
3. Tie Peggy White, Jonna Robinson, Sabrina Kupperberg 28

Flight Three (Handicaps 20-24)
1. Teruko Matsumura 25
2. Mimi Steinhauer 27
3. Linda McChesney 28

18 HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, October 30

Flight One
1. Emily Li, Diana Hallock, In Kim, Michelle Chung
2. Janis LeCompte, Vicki Krattli, Janet Gonzales, Linda Lutschan
3. Judy Owen, Bev Rees, Janice Mahoney, Marky Olsen

Flight Two
1. Delma Juarez, Kay Gray, Maxine Amundson, Dianne Doughty
2. Auralie Citrigno, Judy Steinberg, Sheryl Driskell, Gloria Landry
3. Bev Poellot, Kathy Kyne, Suzy Kim, Joyce Mukuno

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, October 22
Sylvia Rozewicz 189
Denis Webb 243
Sandy Gardiner 260

Friday, October 24
Remy Pessah 115
Shirley Bellavance 209
Kitty Heston 212

Wednesday, October 29
Sandy Gardiner 260
Judi Ravetti 209
Kit Hultquist 227

Friday, October 31
Eva Medeiros 166
Kit Hultquist 229
Shirley Bellavance 245
Sandy Gardiner 311

Remember 988 Lifeline is there for you

You probably know that in an emergency you can call 911, but did you know that whether you’re facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, the caring counselors at the 988 Lifeline are there for you? They understand that life’s challenges can sometimes be difficult.

Using the 988 Lifeline is free. When you call, text, or chat the 988 Lifeline, your conversation is confidential. The 988 Lifeline provides you judgment-free care. Talking with someone can help save your life. You are not alone.

Calling the 988 Lifeline

Here is what you can expect when making a call to the 988 Lifeline.

Step 1: First, you’ll hear a message that gives you service selection options including Veterans (Press 1), Spanish-language (Press 2), or your local 988 Lifeline contact center.

Step 2: Some hold music plays while you are connected to a live counselor.

Step 3: A counselor will say hello and introduce themselves. Your skilled counselor will ask you if you are safe.

Step 4: After they ask about your safety, your counselor will listen to you, understand how your problem is affecting you, provide support, and share any resources that may be helpful.

988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number makes it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.)

VMA’s Do’s and Don’ts—What to know!

For medical equipment, rides and general questions, call the Volunteer desk at 408-432-4230.

Rides

Medical appointments:

- Rider must not receive sedation at appointment
- Drivers cannot provide riders with physical assistance i.e. help with walkers or wheelchairs
- Maximum **four** rides a month per rider
- Schedule rides no earlier than **four** days in advance and no later than **two** days in advance
- Office is closed on Fridays, best to schedule a Monday or Tuesday appointment the previous week
- Driver will give you a two-hour window which includes the pick-up/wait/return
- Distance is restricted to no more than a 20-mile radius.

Shopping:

- Driver will take resident to neighborhood stores i.e. Lucky and CVS
- Driver will wait for resident
- Resident must be able to shop on their own.
- Offered once a week

Medical Equipment:

- VMA offers a variety of walkers, wheelchairs, canes and commodes (no return on commodes) and other equipment, please call the office before you buy!
- Volunteers will deliver/pick up the equipment which is stored in a separate unit.

Do not bring items to the VMA office!

Incontinent Supplies

- VMA offers an assortment of items which are provided by other villagers who have received items in excess.
- Sizes and types vary – please do not rip open bags to check on type it is on the package
- VMA does not deliver these items—please come to office to check

Medication Disposal

- no longer needed prescription and non-prescription medications should be returned only during office hours. Place in appropriate locked box. **Never place any medications in the mailboxes located across from the VMA office or hang them on the VMA door!**

Items happily accepted at the VMA office

- Unopened incontinent supplies, glasses, contacts lenses, hearing aids, cell phones
- Clothing Donations. Call office for information—do not bring items to office.

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Proposed Changes to VGCC (Club) Board Policy CPo 103 Board Meetings

At its September 30, 2025, regular meeting, the VGCC Board of Directors approved for 21-day member notice proposed revisions to Board Policy CPo 103 Board Meetings. Following publication, it was determined that the redlined version of the proposed policy contained clerical errors. At the October 28, 2025, Board meeting, the Board directed that the corrected version be republished with legal review input to ensure members have an accurate and complete document for review prior to final consideration at the December 9, 2025, Board meeting.

Members are encouraged to review the proposed changes and share their comments or questions by one or more of the following methods: 1) Attend and participate in the discussion during the December 9, 2025 Board meeting; 2) submit written comments by email to boardservices@the-villages.com no later than seven (7) days before the meeting; and 3) deliver written comments in person to the General Manager's Office, Business Administration Building A, by the same deadline noted above.

The Board appreciates the participation of all members in the policy review process and values the input that contributes to the continued effective governance of the Club.

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CPo 103 Board Meetings: The purpose of the proposed revision is to update CPo 103 to:

- Define and distinguish formal Board Meetings from other authorized gatherings of the Board.
- Provide clarity for multi-Board joint sessions (e.g., three-Board strategic planning/orientation), confirming that these are not Board meetings under the Bylaws when properly noticed to all Directors and no deliberation or votes occur.
- Align the policy with the California Corporations Code (7151(c) (2), 7211(a), and the Club Bylaws while maintaining The Villages' tradition of member transparency.

The proposed redline to CPo 103:

- Adds a new Objective distinguishing formal Board meetings from other authorized gatherings.
- Lists specific "Not Board Meetings" exceptions, including multi-Board strategic sessions, authorized working sessions (educational/orientation/strategic planning), and individual contacts (with limits to prevent deliberation outside the Board).
- Requires the continued practice that all authorized gatherings be noticed to all Directors, even if not open to members, to prevent "rogue" or unsanctioned sessions.

TITLE: Board Meetings and Other Gatherings of the Board POLICY #: CPo 103

OBJECTIVE: Define a parliamentary procedure to provide for the orderly conduct of Club Board of Directors (Board) meetings; ~~and to distinguish Board meetings from other authorized gatherings of the Board (educational, orientation, working sessions and strategic planning sessions).~~

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Villages Club Bylaws §7.1 - §7.6, California Corporation Code: ~~§7151(c)(2) & 7211(a)~~

POLICY: Board meetings shall be guided by a recognized system of parliamentary procedure or such parliamentary procedures as the Club may adopt. In the case of any conflict between Club Governing Documents and any parliamentary procedure, the Governing Documents shall control. A Board meeting is defined as: ~~(1) any congregation of a majority (quorum) of Board members at the same time and place to hear, discuss, and/or make decisions~~ deliberate upon any item of business ~~that~~ which is within the authority of the Board, including those matters that may be discussed in Executive Session; ~~and (2) A Board Meeting is further defined as a meeting where votes can be called.~~

LIMITATIONS: None.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES: See Villages Club Bylaws §7.2 discussing regular Board meetings and §7.5-§7.6 for notice and open meeting requirements. This policy supplements those provisions by clarifying what is a Board Meeting and what are Other Gatherings of the Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PROCEDURE

~~All residents and non-resident owners may attend meetings of the Club Board of Directors of the Corporation, except when the Board adjourns to Executive Session.~~

The following are ~~NOT~~ **not** meetings of the Club's Board meetings:

- Gatherings that include multiple Boards (i.e. ABOD, CBOD, HBOD).
- Gatherings that are convened and conducted by a member of staff or outside consultant and do not contain any agenda items that the Board may vote upon at that gathering.
- Individual contacts or conversations of a Board member with any other person: provided these do not involve deliberations on Board business, create the appearance of Board authority, or bypass the responsibility to inform the full Board through the President or GM when relevant to Board business.
- Attendance of a majority of the Board at a purely social or ceremonial event, or Association or Homeowners' Corporation meetings and where provided that no action is taken on Club related issues.
- Attendance of a majority of the Board members at an open and noticed meeting of a Club Board appointed committee (or task force of that body), provided that the Board Directors members who are not members of that standing committee attend only as observers and do not without participate in that committee or task force meeting.

- Authorized Board working sessions (aka education, orientation, strategic planning sessions of the Club Board) provided that: (1) no official business is conducted, (2) no deliberations occur, and (3) no votes taken. Any such sessions must be authorized by the Board President, GM, or majority of the Board; notice of all working sessions must be provided to all Directors.

ATTENDANCE – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All residents and non-resident owners may attend meetings of the Club Board of Directors (regular and special meetings where a quorum is present and the Board deliberates or takes action), except when the Board adjourns to Executive Session. Attendance at Board meetings is subject to acceptable conduct. Anyone who intentionally interferes with or otherwise disrupts the Board's conduct of the meeting shall be requested to vacate the meeting room. Refusal to vacate when requested may result in disciplinary action, as defined in the Rules. When deemed necessary to maintain order, the Board may request intervention by Public Safety. Owners and residents have no right to attend Other Gatherings of the Board.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS~~Meeting Notice~~

Except in the case of an emergency meeting or Executive Session meeting, notice of the time and place of a Board meeting shall be posted in the Cribari Center and on the community television channel(s) at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting and, if time permits, notice shall also be published in *The Villager* and on *Fast Newstlane*.

TIMING OF MEETINGS

Regular monthly Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Exceptions to the meeting schedule are sometimes approved by the Board to avoid conflicts with holidays and scheduled events. One usual exception has been combining of the November and December monthly meetings to a single meeting on a Tuesday in December.

Special Board meetings may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the Directors at least four (4) days prior to the meeting date. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be posted in the Cribari Center and on the community television channel and *Fastlane* at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting.

An emergency meeting of the Board may be called by the President, or by any two members of the Board other than the President, if there are circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen which require immediate attention and possible action by the Board, and which of necessity make it impracticable to provide advance notice to the members.

Board Meeting Agenda (Other Than Special Board Meetings)

The Board meeting agenda identifies matters to be reported to, discussed by, and acted on by the Board at its meeting. The agenda is prepared by the President at an agenda-setting meeting at least one week prior to the Board meeting. So that Directors may provide input for this agenda, a draft agenda is to be provided to the Board members by the President within 48 hours of the President's agenda-setting meeting. Directors and the General Manager may submit items to be included on the agenda. A request supported by at least two other Directors may not be refused by the President.

Items may be added to the agenda at the Board meeting with the approval of a majority of the Board Directors present.

The agenda functions as a tool to move along discussion of the issues and actions. The meeting agenda shall contain the following:

Time and Place

Time, date, and location of the meeting.

Call to Order

The President or other presiding officer shall call the meeting to order. Once called to order, the meeting shall be conducted in accordance with a recognized system of parliamentary procedure or such other parliamentary procedures as the Club may adopt. In the case of any conflict between Club Governing Documents and any parliamentary procedures, the Governing Documents shall control.

Roll Call

Director's names are called to verify attendance and the presence of a quorum. If a quorum is not verified and none of the Directors present object, the meeting shall be treated as a study session. (See CPo 113 – Study Sessions.)

Consent Agenda

Items such as prior meeting minutes and committee reports shall be submitted for Board consent approval; for example, "Consent to approve minutes and committee reports as submitted." A consent agenda alleviates the need for a verbal report on routine administrative items. The Board may remove an item from the consent agenda for purposes of separate discussion or action.

President's Report

The President shall provide a summary report of Board activities since the last regular monthly meeting. The President may also use the report as an opportunity to inform the Directors and audience about matters of special interest to the community.

CFO/Treasurer's Report

The CFO/Treasurer shall provide a summary report of the Corporation's general financial performance and status for the period since the last report

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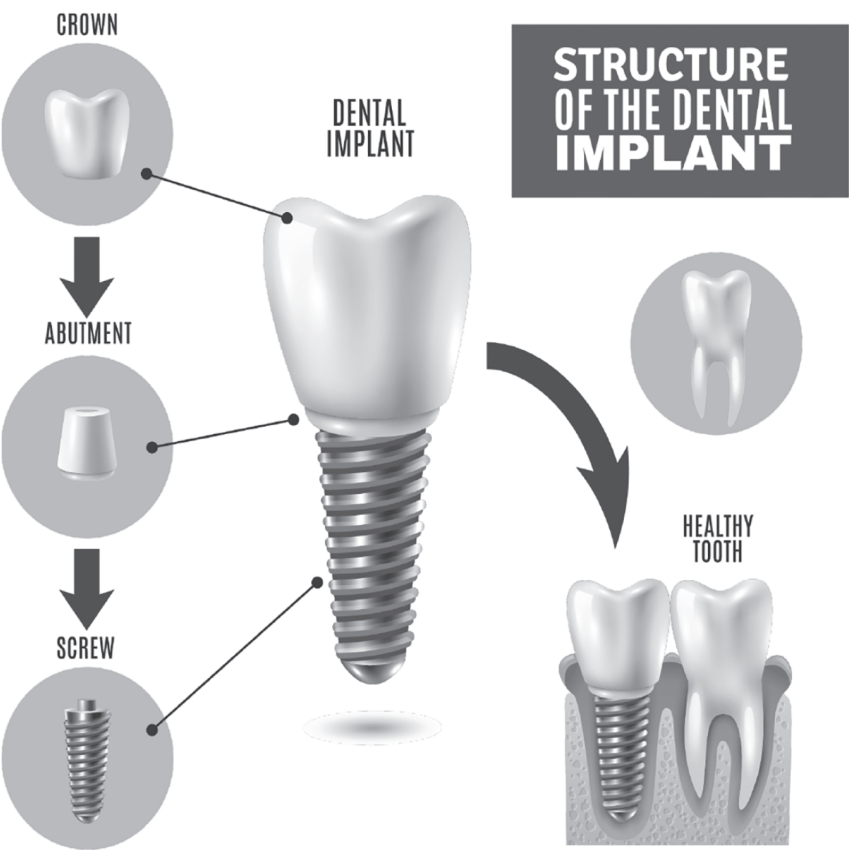
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and year-to-date. The report may be supplemented by management reports of specific financial and business activities.

General Manager's Report
The General Manager shall provide a summary report of management activities during the period and other matters of interest to the Board and membership.

Committee Reports
Committee Chairs or their designees shall provide summary reports of their activities as requested by the President.

Unfinished Business
Unfinished Business is the consideration of those items purposely deferred by the Board from one meeting to another. Reports to the Board shall include prior agenda submittals and any pertinent information received since the Board's last consideration. At the Chair's discretion, time shall be allotted for comment from the audience on each agenda item considered by the Board.
A response from a Director to an opinion or question from the audience will be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.

The names of makers of motions and seconders shall be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The motion shall be read by the Recording Secretary immediately prior to the Board vote. If the vote is not unanimous, a roll call vote shall be taken and recorded in the minutes.

New Business
New Business is the consideration of those items presented for the first time. Each listed item shall include a description to clarify the action or motion sought. At the Chair's discretion, time shall be allotted for comment from the audience on each agenda item considered by the Board.
A response from a Director to an opinion or question from the audience will be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.

The names of makers of motions and seconders shall be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The motion shall be read by the Recording Secretary immediately prior to the Board vote. If the vote is not unanimous, a roll call vote shall be taken and recorded in the minutes.

Announcements
Notice of scheduled Board meetings, Study Sessions and other events of note.

Open Forum Communication
An opportunity shall be provided for audience members to address the Board on any matter. The time allotted to each speaker shall be determined by the Chair.
A response from a Director to an opinion or question from the audience will be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.

Adjournment

The PUZ-LER



Well, well, well. It seems that given a little wiggle room, there are Villagers who will take advantage of me. Last week your goal was to change the equation 9+9+9+1+1 to equal 20 with one move. Moving a +9 is actually 2 moves (the 9 and the +) along with some other inventive attempts to put me in my place. The solution I was looking for was to turn the equation upside down.

The winners were Larry Rosene, Bill Tibbs and Larry Broderick.

This week we are simply going for some trivia. A chance for you to get back in the plus column. Many years ago, the British actor Boris Karloff starred in a movie about a monster that was created in the laboratory. What was the name of the monster?

You know the drill—send me, Mike Bailey, an email at michsp@aol.com with your answer. Please include PUZZLE in the subject line along with your first and last name in the text.

Thought for the day: A slice of apple pie in Jamaica is \$2. In the Bahamas it is \$2.50. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

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VMA pairs with Men's Fun Social Club to donate medical equipment

By Mazie Rice
Last month's the Men's Fun Social Club featured Hermosa resident, Mira Dytko, as the featured speaker. Originally from Ukraine, Mira spoke of the devastation her birth country has endured over the last few years. Long-time VMA member, Dick Frey, asked Mira if they could use some of the VMA's overflow medical supplies. Mira promptly provided him a wish list after viewing the VMA equipment catalog, and much to her delight, VMA volunteers, Gary Walden and Mary Kollar assisted in loading up a truck full of supplies that included walkers, wheelchairs, ice machines, knee scooters, canes, transfer benches and more. These items are now scheduled to ship to Ukraine to support those in need.

Mira shared stories about the impact that donations like these have on the Ukrainian people and how much it means to them to receive help from others. This act of generosity is just one example of how the Men's Fun Club and VMA are always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. It is inspiring to see the community come together to support a cause that is bigger than themselves.

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Real Estate

Pending sales are UP! It might only be a few more pending homes no longer for sale, but an up statistic is an up statistic! 13 pending sales, currently closing within the month. That is more than the total Village homes closed in the month of October. When we are back to 10 listings on with concurrent 10 listings coming off the market, I will be doing a full happy dance, not just a head bob.

Cribari is still sitting at 11 for sale. The good news is that one of the 2 pending sales was listed over 500K as well as a current sale of a single level end unit (no one above), located in one of the most private locations in Cribari, closing well over 600K. We are making a comeback!

Owners ask me "Should I fix up the place or sell "As Is" Every scenario is a bit different, but the general idea, and this truly applies to the Villages, is that you at least have a clean home that someone can picture themselves in. I always say there is a buyer for every home, but the variable is the price. There is a larger percentage of 55+ aged home buyers who are willing to pay more for a home that is remodeled so they do not have to spend the time and money to do it themselves. Many have more money than they have time left to enjoy life, so it makes a lot of sense.

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OBITUARY

Barbara Jean Curtis Knight
January 4, 1938 — October 10, 2025



A graduate of San Jose State University, Barbara was a former elementary school teacher in the San Jose School District.

As an original owner in The Villages (Verano) since 1984, Barbara enjoyed golf, hiking with the Hiking Club, bocce, and volunteering with the VMA and the church floral committee. She especially loved walking around the streets and paths of The Villages in all their beautiful seasons.

OBITUARY

Alice Glazer
March 17, 1936 — October 17, 2025

Alice Glazer passed away at her home on October 17, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was 89. Born in New York on March 17, 1936 to Milton and Sarah (Auerbach) Zudeck, she was a graduate of Malvern High School and later attended Syracuse University, Yale University, and the University of Maine, where she received her bachelor's degree. While at Yale, she studied art with the celebrated artist Josef Albers. She married Donald Glazer in 1956, living in New York, Maine, and Pennsylvania before settling in San Jose, California where she has lived for fifty years.



Alice was predeceased by Donald to whom she was married for 53 years. She is survived by two sons, Daniel and Kenneth, and their respective spouses, Daniel Paylor and Elisa Glazer, and her grandchildren, Adam and Sophia, and Adam's wife, Karoline.

Alice taught art in middle school for a number of years before retiring from teaching to work with Donald in real-estate financing for several decades. She was an avid tennis player, golfer, player of bridge and mahjong, traveler, reader, painter and sculptor who filled her home with art. Alice was loved by many and will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, her family invites you to make a donation in her honor to the American Cancer Society.

OBITUARY

Raymond George Markoff, Sr.
September 27, 1935 — October 13, 2025

Raymond George Markoff, Sr., 90, of San Jose, CA passed away on Monday, October 13, 2025, fighting until the end against multiple age-related health complications. He was proud to have reached the age of 90 and attributed his longevity to his many years as an avid runner. He spent his last hours surrounded by family and shared a final goodnight kiss with his wife of 65 years, Janet (Steiger) Markoff, before passing peacefully.



Ray was born on September 27, 1935 in New York, NY to immigrant parents from Finland, Tyyne (Koskinen) and George Markoff. He grew up in Sound Beach, NY, where he began his education in the newly built one-room North Country Road School in Miller Place. In 1953, he graduated from (then) Port Jefferson High School, where he was known for his prowess in baseball and football. He joined the U.S. Army in 1954 and remembered his service number to his dying day. After his discharge, he attended college at Miami University of Ohio. It was during his college years that he met Janet, whom he married in 1960.

Ray had a lifelong love of both sports and television. While he initially dreamed of being a sportscaster, he spent the majority of his career behind the camera as a producer and director. His children grew up hearing the familiar snap of his fingers as he practiced calling camera cuts while watching TV with the family. Ray began his career as a stagehand at WCPO in Cincinnati in 1960, rising to producer and director over his eight years at the station, where his most notable work was with legendary Cincinnati newsman Al Schottelkotte. Throughout the 1960s and early '70s, he was also a sportscaster for WMUB radio, covering Miami University of Ohio sports. He worked briefly for WXIX in Cincinnati, before moving to KMBC in Kansas City, MO, where he worked throughout the '70s, most memorably with the Kansas City Chiefs. During the 1980s, he worked with KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA, where he produced Pittsburgh Pirates baseball games, as well as specials for the Pittsburgh Steelers. This is merely a highlight reel; the list of his credits over the years would span pages.

Ray loved his family and was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren. He was a passionate, lifelong New York Yankees fan, and liked watching a game while enjoying a Budweiser or an ice cold Svedka vodka with a twist of lemon. He would often spend time taking on ambitious home improvement projects, in which he displayed a zeal for demolition work that could at times exceed his joy in the actual improvements. He also had a great love for gardening and used to claim that his yard was so well maintained, he could get a job as groundskeeper at Yankee Stadium. Just days after his death, a delivery of new bulbs he had ordered arrived for planting.

He was preceded in death by his father George Markoff (1951), his mother Tyyne Markoff (1973), and his brother Cary Markoff (1961). He is survived by his wife Janet Markoff, his children Amy (Paul) Markoff Johnson and Raymond (Lydia) Markoff, Jr., and his grandchildren Bennett Johnson, Alyna Johnson, Annika Markoff, and Lukas Markoff.

If such a charity existed, he would wish donations to be directed to The Society to Fire Aaron Boone and Ensure Judge a World Series Ring. In lieu of this, donations may be made in his memory to the Miami University of Ohio Athletic Fund or to the Suffolk County Police Athletic League.

OBITUARY

Asako Nakamura July 16, 1927 — October 15, 2025

It is with great sadness we share that, Asako Nakamura, has passed. She lived a full life of 98 years. She was an avid golfer and broke her age several times in her early 90s. She loved the Giants and going to the Casinos. She was a quiet person and shared little of her three years in the internment camps during WWII. She was a lab tech for LA County for many years prior to moving to San Jose to care for her mother. She worked for an independent lab in San Jose until she retired. Asako watched her home in Olivas being built and was thankful every day that she had found such a beautiful place to live. She will be missed by many of her friends and neighbors. A private family service will be held at a later date. The family requests “no Koden.” If you wish to honor her, donations may be made to the Humane Society at 500 El Paseo De Saratoga, San Jose, 95130. Rest in peace, Asako.



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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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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 November will be distributed weekly through FastNews. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

Per BellaVista, “this week starts our every other week mowing operations...we have now entered the fall/winter and we will be mowing every other week.”

• Pest Control

- Treatment for Voles, Moles, Gophers, and Squirrels will occur on 11/3 in Village Verano, Village Cribari, and Village Fairways. (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))

• Mulching

- On July 29, 2025, the Association Board of Directors resolved to not apply any mulch within the first five feet of the perimeter of the condominiums. Mulching will be suspended while Management partners with the vendor to discuss how the remaining mulching will be applied.

Association Maintenance

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

• Village Hermosa

- Acacia removal project at the end of Colombard Court scheduled on 10/27-10/31.
- Juniper removal project behind 8377 Riesling Way on 10/27-11/7.

• Village Valle Vista

- Project start date is pending.

• Village Cribari

- Concrete walkway replacement project is in progress 10/27-11/ 3.
- SavATree is scheduled to be at Cribari district on 11/6-11/7.

Club Maintenance

• Verizon Cell Tower

- Work began on the cell tower project the week of August 4, 2025. Work will be coordinated with tournaments. No work will occur while a tournament is occurring. You may have noticed that a large section of plant material has been removed. This needed to be done as the contractors needed a specific additional area of clearance on both sides of the path to trench and perform other work.

Boring is scheduled for 11/13-11/15. Traffic control will be done on Villages Fairway and vehicles will be rerouted.

Traffic plan will be posted on The Villager Website and FastNews.

No Work” days during tournaments

• Golf Course

- Golf Lake 11 Liner Project is in progress. The contractor has drained the lake.

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

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