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The News this Week

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- **More Golf Course birdhouses**
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Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trips, Classes & Events

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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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Get tickets now for Village Voices' 'Winter Bliss' event

Join the Voices for "Winter Bliss" on **Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 each. Make it easy on yourself. Skip the rush. Buy your ticket now. Pick them up at Will Call on the day of the show. There are four ways to buy advance tickets:

Online: <https://forms.gle/aNTHiZBqWTD6Z6Fe9>

Email: themryjohnson@gmail.com. Include performance date, number of tickets, full name, address, Member Number. You can find your Member Number/ID in the upper right-hand corner of your billing statement. You can also find it under "My Profile" on the Villages Member Portal. If you plan to purchase tickets for other Villagers, please ensure you have their Member Number.

Phone: Call Roberta at 408-685-3386.

In Person: Wednesday, December 3 from 6-6:30 p.m. in Cribari Lobby

You can also buy tickets right before the show (if available) on Saturday, December 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Sunday, December 7 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

With your tickets secure, now you can anticipate "Winter Bliss." Be ready to marvel as Bernice Toy, Director of the Village Dancers brings lyrical movement to the poignant "True Colors." Cherish the chimes of the Villages Handbell Ensemble ringing the enduring truth of "Simple Gifts." Hear the Ellacer Family, talented singing daughters and husband of Voices Choral Director Catherine Alcorin Ellacer, light up the stage with "Hope and Joy" from the Disney film Sophia the First. Savor the spirit-lifting sound of pianist Tammy Welsh playing a medley of three holiday favorites, "Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire", Walkin' In a Winter Wonderland", and "We Need a Little Christmas." In choosing her pieces, Tammy said, "I thought about the bliss and joy of the holiday season. Activities that bring me joy kept coming to mind. So, I chose songs that bring forth those activities and memories. I hope all experience bliss and joy as they listen-and maybe, even hum along."

Create holiday memories for your family and friends! Invite them to join you at "Winter Bliss." Your ticket purchase allows you a 10% discount at the Clubhouse on the day of the performance you attend. More winning news: take a chance and buy tickets for the drawing. Perhaps you'll go home with special gifts chosen just for you. 'Tis the season for believing! Need a ride? For door-to-door service, call VMA at 408-238-4230.



Come to Villages Community Chapel Hymn Sing



Everyone is invited to attend the Chapel's Thanksgiving Hymn Sing which will take place on **Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room. If you enjoy singing hymns and especially those that honor our Christian holidays, this event is for you! You will be encouraged to request your own favorite hymns and then to enjoy singing others' favorite hymns. Hymnals will be provided. At the conclusion of the singing, please stay for pie, coffee, and fellowship. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

See hilarious Matinee Theatre playlets — note date change

Matinee Theatre is coming back this **Tuesday, November 25 at 2:30 p.m. (note date change)** to Cribari Auditorium featuring some of your fellow Villagers, Jayme Dixon, Connie Hendrickson, Kristel Moffett, Bob Dolci just to name a few.

"Doctor, Doctor," by Bob Naquin, and directed by Kellen Perry, "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 we were kids where 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! Come join the fun, you'll have a blast.



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.

1 Pulse letters received this week.

1 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.

0 Pulse letters published this week.

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

ABOVE & BEYOND

Thank you to everyone who showed up for the garage sale at the home of Jean Roberts in Olivas on Saturday, November 1. All proceeds from the event were donated to a local nonprofit animal rescue group called Silicon Valley Pet Project (svpetproject.org). A large sum of money was received and Jean very kindly doubled the amount raised. As a volunteer for the rescue, I wanted to thank the large number of Villagers who showed up with the biggest thank you going to Jean who worked very hard to make this happen. The money will be used for the care and medical treatments of animals rescued from local shelters and allow them to heal in the safety and comfort of a loving foster home.

— Sarah Clark

THANK YOU

We would formally like to say “Thank You” to a group of Village Angels! Due to surgical procedure, I was unable to take care of Julian or me for several weeks. Our neighbor, Carol Haupt, organized “Meals on Wheels for Judy & Julian” and we ate very well for the month of October! These special Angels also offered to bring items from the grocery store, take me to doctor appointments and walk Cisco! We are so blessed to live in The Villages with such caring, loving people. Thank you everyone!

— Judy & Julian Rodriguez

IN MEMORIAM

Genelle Foster
November 5, 1923—October 28, 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 Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

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.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by emailing advertising@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

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POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

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

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

HOURS

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

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

Questions for the CBOD or ABOD?

Both the CBOD and ABOD appreciate having your questions addressed.

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

For questions to the Villages Association Board of Directors, place your question in the drop box in Building A's parking lot.



Villages business offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Villages business offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, December 1. **Note to article contributors:** the article deadline for the December 4 edition of *The Villager* will be **November 24** to accommodate the holiday schedule.

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

The Bylaws Revisions—Vote Yes and Pay Less Rising Maintenance Costs and Protecting Our Community's Future

Since The Villages' Bylaws were last revised in 2006, the cost of maintaining our buildings and amenities has risen dramatically. These increases affect roofs, painting, landscaping, and infrastructure repairs—and they are especially pronounced here in the Bay Area. It is time to revise the Club Bylaws to remove Capital Improvement limitations and add a Capital Fund Fee paid by new owners.

For example, in 2005, replacing a 1,700 to 2,000 square-foot asphalt shingle roof typically cost between \$6,000 and \$12,000 (\$3.50 to \$6.00 per square foot). In 2025, that same roof may cost between \$15,000 and \$45,000, depending on materials and local labor rates. Building codes have also become more stringent, requiring Title 24 energy compliance and full roof sheathing for older tile roofs. These changes improve safety and energy efficiency but add cost to every major repair.

Labor costs have also increased sharply. In 2006, California's minimum wage was \$6.75 per hour. Today it is \$16.50 statewide and \$17.95 in San Jose—a rise of over 160%. Skilled trade wages have risen even more. These increases directly affect the cost of maintaining our shared amenities and common areas.

The current bylaws limit the amount of capital funds the Club can collect, hold and spend with annual increases based on the consumer price index, which has increased by only 60% since 2006. The key construction cost for our projects have increased from 200% to 300%.

Understandably, our residents living on fixed incomes are concerned about rising costs. The Board fully recognizes these concerns. Our goal is not to spend more, but to plan responsibly so essential maintenance is done when needed, preventing more costly repairs later. Deferred maintenance can lead to sudden, much larger expenses that burden everyone.

The Board and management team continue to review long-term maintenance schedules, seek competitive bids, and prioritize projects to minimize financial impact. At the same time, updating our bylaws and budgets to reflect current realities helps protect both property values and the quality of life we all enjoy at The Villages.

Thoughtful planning today ensures that The Villages remains safe, beautiful, and financially stable—for all residents, including those on fixed incomes.

The Club Bylaws Committee will be holding a second Town Hall style meeting on **Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium to present the proposed changes to the Bylaws and answer your questions.

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

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Fairways DAC to meet December 2

The Fairways DAC will meet **Tuesday, December 2 at 5 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

Cribari DAC to meet January 8

The Cribari DAC will meet **Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.

All-DAC Budget Education Session

There will be an All-DAC Budget Education Session on **Wednesday, December 3, at 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Bylaws Town Hall meeting
Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.
in Cribari Auditorium

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Re: Vote and Ballot Count—Exclusionary Encroachment Request into Common Area—8758 McCarty Ranch Drive is **Monday, November 24 at 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- 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: 895 7224 5035; Passcode: 437767; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Bylaws Open Working Session is **Tuesday, November 25, at 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Special Meeting for Members Re: Bylaws is **Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.
- 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

Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting is **Thursday, December 11 at 9 a.m.** in Montgomery Center.

MANAGEMENT

Comcast/Xfinity virtual appointments

Deisy Gomez, The Villages Comcast/Xfinity Account Manager, is available for virtual appointments every Friday by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please use <https://vlgcc.com/comcastsupport> to make an appointment.

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.



Happy Thanksgiving, neighbors.

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I'm thankful to be part of such a wonderful community. I wish all my neighbors a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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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

More birdhouses coming to the golf course

Villager Adrien Fournier has resumed his volunteer role of building birdhouses for the golf course. Years ago, he constructed the first set when the course earned certification through the Audubon Golf Course Sanctuary Program. Now, as part of the recertification process, Adrien has built eight new houses to support the program’s Wildlife & Habitat Management efforts.

Local bird enthusiast Mary Fullerton advised that the houses will likely attract western bluebirds and sparrows. The main difference between the two designs is the entry hole: bluebirds need a round opening, while sparrows prefer a narrow, oblong one. To discourage other species from taking over, the houses were built without exterior perches.

Each birdhouse began as a 6-foot by 7-inch redwood board, fastened with glue and deck screws. Adrien refined the process as he went—spending about an hour on the first build and less than 30 minutes on the final one. The finished houses include ventilation slots, drainage holes, and a side panel for easy cleaning, which is recommended twice a year.

The new additions are simple, durable, and designed to welcome feathered residents for years to come. Construction plans were adapted from the Audubon Spokane Chapter.



More bird houses

Recently Villager Gary Sharps presented Special Projects and Sustainability Services with two custom birdhouses he designed and built. These will be installed on Club property for Villagers to enjoy.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 21

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Adv.	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 p.m.	Matinee Theatre Rehearsal	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC

Saturday, November 22

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
4 p.m.	Rose Kennedy Experience	FC
4:45 p.m.	Study Group: Movie Discussion	CR
6 p.m.	Korean Club Game & Dance	VC

Sunday, November 23

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
5 p.m.	Chapel Hymn Singing	CR

Monday, November 24

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9:30 a.m.	Firewise Committee meeting	MC
10 a.m.	Villages Golf Committee	VR
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
12:15 p.m.	Matinee Theatre Rehearsal	A
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club meeting & speaker	FC

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
1 p.m.	Matinee Theatre	F
2 p.m.	Club Bylaws working session	FH
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Arts & Crafts: Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Matinee Theatre Performance	A
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, November 26

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
1 p.m.	Matinee Theatre Rehearsal	A

2 p.m.	Art Open Studio
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3

Thursday, November 27

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
9 a.m.	Game Day
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 28

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise
9 a.m.	Battery/Light Bulb Collection
	Drive Range Lot
9 a.m.	Game Day
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced
10 a.m.	Quilters
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio
3 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes

Saturday, November 29

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
10 a.m.	Quilters
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along
7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m.	Chapel Worship Service

Monday, December 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise
9 a.m.	Game Day
10 a.m.	EPC Directors' Meeting
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Adv. Committee
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group
1 p.m.	Stitchery
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio
3 p.m.	18-H Women's Golf board
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1
6 p.m.	Korean Club Singing Group
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Exec. Cmte.
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
9 a.m.	Game Day
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing
10:30 a.m.	Community Chapel Lay Board
10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics
11 a.m.	9-H Women's Board
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness
11:45 a.m.	Advanced-Aqua Aerobics
12 p.m.	Comcast Appointments

AR	1:30 p.m.	Club Architectural Committee	MC
A	1:30 p.m.	Study Group: Flower Arranging	CR
MC	2 p.m.	Arts and Crafts: Art Journaling	AR
RED	2 p.m.	WaveCast Connectivity Session	A
FC	2 p.m.	Veterans Club meeting	FC
VC	2:30 p.m.	Club Technology Committee	PR
	5 p.m.	Fairways DAC meeting	PR
	5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	CR
	5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ
	6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, December 3

	8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
	9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
	9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
	10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
	10 a.m.	Yoga	A
	11 a.m.	VMA: Cancer Care Point	SEQ
	11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
	11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins meeting	MC
	2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
	2 p.m.	All-DAC Education Session	FC
	6 p.m.	Voices Concert Rehearsal	A
	6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
	7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
	7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, December 4

	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
	9 a.m.	Assoc. Architectural Committee	MC
	9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
	10 a.m.	Art Class: Gift Wrap	AR
	10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
	10 a.m.	VMA: Parkinson's Group	F
	10:30 a.m.	Beginner-Aqua Aerobics	FHP
	11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness A	
	11:45 a.m.	Advanced - Aqua Aerobics	FHP
	12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Holiday Lunch	CH
	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.	Homeowners ACC	MC
	3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
	3 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR
	5:15 p.m.	Acrylics Class/Nicole Alexander	AR
	5:30 p.m.	Older Wine Lovers meeting	FC
	6 p.m.	Dances Board Meeting	VR

Friday, December 5

	8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass Friday	CR
	9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
	9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
	10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced	A
	10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
	10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
	12 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	CR
	12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
	2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
	2 p.m.	Study Groups: Line Dance	VC
	6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
	6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



Calendar Highlights

Community Chapel Hymn Sing

Sunday, November 23
at **6:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room.

Matinee Theatre playlets

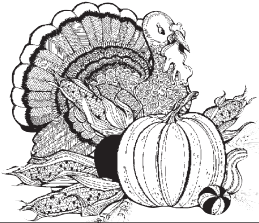
Tuesday, November 25
at **2:30 p.m. (note date change)** in Cribari Auditorium.

Crafters Club Holiday Market

Saturday, December 6
from **10 a.m.** to **2 p.m.** at Cribari Center.

Village Voices ‘Winter Bliss’ Concert

Saturday, December 6
at **7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 7** at **2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Tickets available now.



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.

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
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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 11/24 to 11/30

Monday, November 24

Broccoli Cheddar

Tuesday, November 25

Chicken Barley

Wednesday, November 26

Potato Leek

Thursday, November 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 28

Clam Chowder

Saturday, November 29

Chef's Choice

Sunday, November 30

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 11/25 to Sunday 11/30

Smoked Andouille Skillet: With Two Fried Eggs, Country Potatoes with Bell Peppers and Onions and a Biscuit. **\$18**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 11/24 to Sunday 11/30—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bayou Blackened Catfish: With Creole Bay Shrimp and Mustard Grain Cream Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf and Vegetables. **\$24**

Ham Pot Pie: Corn, Peas, Potatoes, Cream, Smoked Ham baked in a Pie Shell with Flaky Puff Pastry and Side of Vegetables. **\$22**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 11/25 to Sunday 11/30—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

With Choice of Small House Salad or Small Caesar Salad

Beef Pot Roast: With Celery, Carrots, Pearl Onions, Peas; Red Wine Reduction over Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables. **\$31**

Chicken Kebob Plate: Masala Curry marinated with Tomato Cucumber Salad, Basmati Rice, Naan Bread and Garlic Yogurt Sauce **\$29**

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.

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



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

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



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

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



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 - Dinner Rolls & Butter
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 - Roasted Cremini Mushrooms
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Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Buffet
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November 27

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- Dessert**
Pumpkin Pie

Reservations:
Call **408-754-1337** or theclubhouse@the-villages.com
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Time of Pick Up
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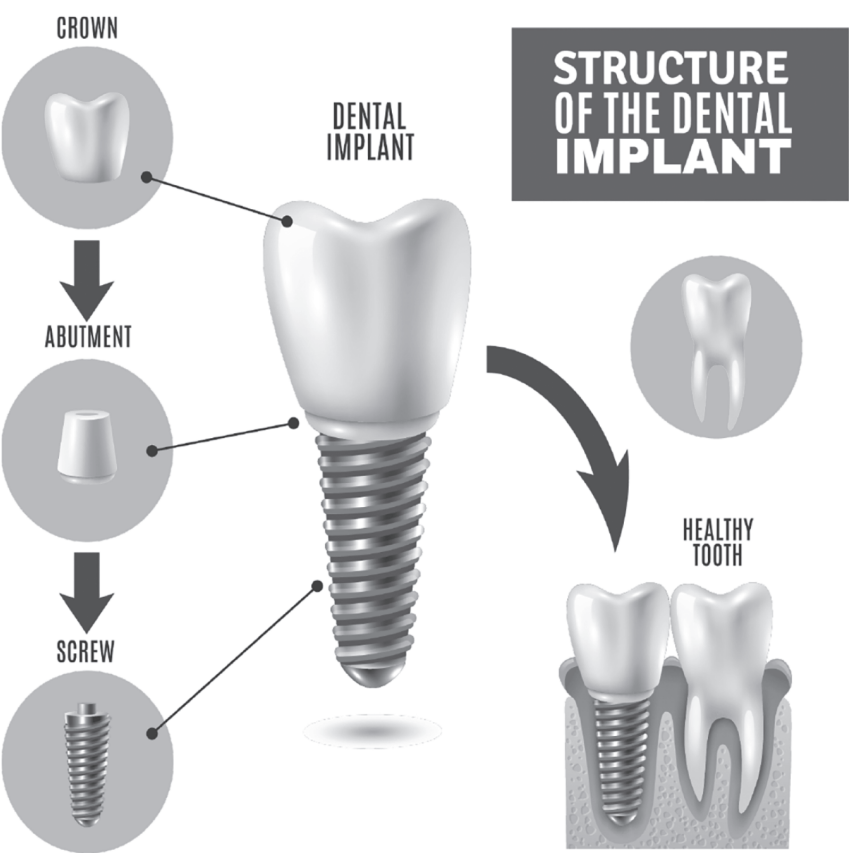
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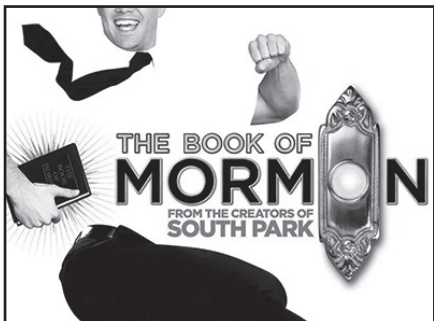
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RECREATION

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

See ‘Book of Mormon’ at SF’s Orpheum Theater

Date/Time	Cost	
Wed, Jan. 28. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	\$173	
Location	Attendant	Reg. Deadline
San Francisco	M. LeGrand	Jan. 12 at 4 p.m.



Get ready for an unforgettable day filled with laughter, great food, and world-class entertainment! Join us for a delightful trip to San Francisco, beginning with a hearty lunch at Max’s Restaurant, known for its classic comfort dishes and warm, welcoming atmosphere. After lunch, we’ll make our way to the elegant Orpheum Theatre to experience the award-winning musical The Book of Mormon, a hilarious and uplifting Broadway sensation that’s sure to keep you smiling long after the final curtain call. Don’t miss this perfect blend of dining, culture, and fun. Reserve your seat today for a day of memories and laughter in the city!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/mormon11-25 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	Attendant	Reg. Deadline
San Francisco	M. LeGrand	Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.

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

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



Enjoy a day by the Bay with visit to Exploratorium and Pier 23 Cafe

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	San Francisco	\$157
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Dec. 31 at 4 p.m.	

Treat yourself to a scenic getaway featuring a delicious waterfront lunch at Pier 23 Café, where you’ll savor fresh seafood, classic California cuisine, and stunning bay views. Afterward, we’ll head to the world-famous Exploratorium, a one-of-a-kind museum where curiosity comes alive with hands-on exhibits that spark wonder and



laughter. Enjoy great food, beautiful sights, and engaging fun all in one unforgettable day! Reserve your spot today and make memories by the Bay!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/exploratorium11-25 or with Recreation Services in Building D.



Explore a taste of Art with day trip to SFMOMA and Jane on Third

Date/Time	Location	Cost
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	San Francisco	\$134
Attendant	Reg. Deadline	
M. LeGrand	Jan. 27 at 4 p.m.	



fresh California fare, friendly conversation, and warm San Francisco charm. Come experience a perfect blend of art, community, and cuisine. Reserve your spot today for a day that’s sure to delight both your eyes and your taste buds!

Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/SFMOMA11-25 with Recreation Services in Building D.

Join us for a day filled with inspiration, flavor, and fun! Our group will begin with a visit to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), where you’ll explore stunning exhibits, vibrant creativity, and thought-provoking works by artists from around the world. After soaking in the art, we’ll head to Jane on Third for a delicious and relaxing lunch, featuring



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

Clubs and Events
also available on the
Wednesday edition of
FastNews

Find Crafty Woodworkers at the Holiday Market on December 6



Don't miss Larry Lohman's exquisitely crafted boards and trays!

Less than one month until you can enjoy the wonderment of the Villages Crafters Club Holiday Market! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Cribari Center. We have a stellar lineup of fine artisans including some returning and brand new woodworkers who will dazzle you with their fine work. Look for Richard Bainbridge who fashions exquisitely carved walking sticks from native wood. Alan Waltho will be back with his irresistible wooden boxes and assorted wood pieces. Kirk Garrison is just joining us with clever, hand designed wooden plaques and cribbage boards. And Kathy and Larry Lohman will be on hand with their beautiful array of cutting boards, charcuterie trays and much more. Of course we will have holiday crafts, jewelry, children's wear, quilts, totes, diamond art, scarves, watercolor paintings, books, ceramics, wreaths, and hand-woven baskets out for your shopping pleasure! Come early for the best finds! Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have the cookies and coffee waiting!



Visit Kirk Garrison's table for his clever personalized plaques!

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.

SJSU Choraliers to perform at VMFSC luncheon


On **Tuesday, December 2**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will welcome the San Jose State University Choraliers to our luncheon event. We will have 12 choir members representing outstanding soprano, alto, tenor, and bass voices along with Director Jeffrey Benson. The Choraliers have been considered one of America's preeminent chamber choirs for the past 40 years. The Social Club is inviting members' wives and significant others to have lunch and attend the performance at this special December meeting. Members should make the December lunch reservations (including spouse/significant other) at least a week in advance on the website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.

Non-member Villagers are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:15 p.m.** The Choraliers have most recently performed with the Irish Chamber Orchestra, The Rolling Stones, Josh Groban, Dionne Warwick, Andrea Bocelli, and the Skywalker Orchestra. They give



four major concerts each year in Silicon Valley in addition to their annual tours throughout the state of California. In addition, there are biennial international tours, with recent trips to Spain, Portugal, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Ireland, France, and England. The choir has produced 10 critically acclaimed recordings including their most recent, "A Choraliers Christmas." Their international concert tour experience includes multiple awards and trophy wins. The director, Jeffrey Benson made his international conducting debut with the Irish Chamber Orchestra and the SJ Choraliers in Limerick, Ireland in 2016. He has also conducted at Carnegie Hall.

This will be an excellent choral experience and we encourage you to attend. At this December luncheon, the Men's Social Club will be collecting good-condition used clothing for the Villages Medical Auxiliary to deliver to San Jose people in need. This clothes drive has been successful in the past and we encourage you to bring bags of good condition used clothing to this meeting.



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RSVP for Hiking Club Annual Holiday Party

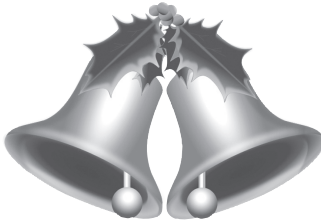
The Villages Hiking Club will host its annual holiday dinner party in Cribari Auditorium on **Saturday, December 13 from 5:30 – 9 p.m.** (Note: doors will open at 5:30 p.m.) All members of the club and their guests are invited to attend.

All guests are asked to bring substantial hors d'oeuvres (appetizers). No chips, dips, salsa, please. The club will be providing holiday desserts, coffee, water, plates, napkins and utensils. Bring your own beverages and glasses.

Live entertainment and recorded music by DJ Ed Knott will be provided for listening enjoyment and dancing.

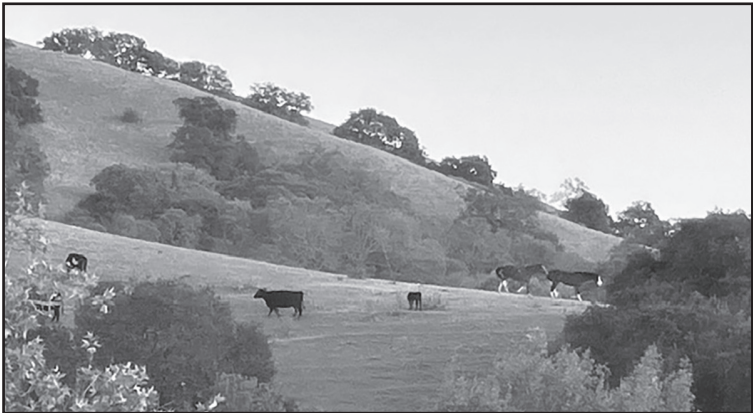
To sign up, contact Bibi Bruce at 404-226-5594 or via email at mmebruce@hotmail.com. Members are urged to reserve their seats early as space is limited. **The deadline to sign up is Saturday, December 6.**

Please let us know if you are willing to help with the set up and/or serving.



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.



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.



Verano volunteers needed

Village Verano is looking for volunteer elves to wrap the Verano trees with lights on **Saturday, December 6 at 9 a.m.** Please meet at the monument across from the Bocce Courts. Unwrapping will be done Saturday, January 17, 2026. For more information, please contact Kerry at 408-499-1773.

The Cat Club is going to EVC Theatre



All Villagers are invited to join the Villages Cat Club at the Evergreen College Theatre on **Saturday, November 22 at 2 p.m.** for the matinee performance of "Evergreen Stories: 50 Years of Life, Laughter and Learning." Meet in the Cribari parking lot (by the Art Room) at 1 p.m. and we will carpool. Tickets are \$10 at the door and the venue is only 2 miles away! To join the Cat Club, visit sites.google.com/view/villages-cat-club or email villagescatclub5@gmail.com. Call or text Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798 with any questions.

Montgomery Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 17 from 5:30-9 p.m.
Clubhouse Fairway Room

\$53 per Montgomery Resident
\$55 per Non-Montgomery Resident

Choice of:

- Turkey & Stuffing, Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Cranberry
- T-Bone Steak with Red Wine Demi, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine
- Grilled Salmon with Lemon Grass Beurre Blanc, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine



All Dinners include Caesar Salad, German Chocolate Black Forest Cake, Coffee, Tea

Music by Ed Knott

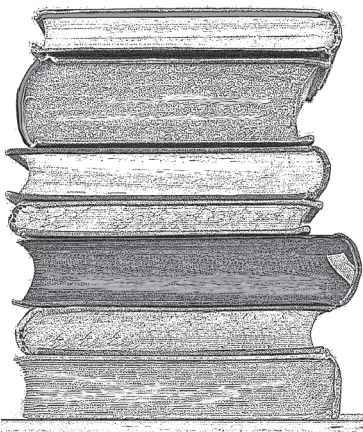
RSVP with entrée choice by December 12 to:
Celia Schiffner, montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com.
Include names of attendees, member number, and phone number. Indicate who is a Montgomery resident and who is a non-resident.
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RSVP for Potluck & Caroling with Global Village

The Global Village Community Club invites all residents to celebrate Christmas early with a potluck on **Wednesday, December 10 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in Cribari Conference Room.



There is no fee to attend. Members’ guests are also welcome. The dinner portion will take place from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Bring finger food to share with four to six, such as savories, sandwiches, desserts, etc. Bring any beverage for yourself. We will have plates, cups, napkins, etc. Some Village Voices members will join us to make this evening fun. Caroling from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Thank you, Village Voices.

Registration is required to attend the potluck. Last date to register is December 7. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vznmb69> or email ws.gvclub@gmail.com (please mention your name and what you will bring).

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!

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Real Estate

Pending sales are up and active listings are down!! Huzzah! We are now under 40 active listings, at 38 active listings at this writing. Inventory is down and it is not just because sellers are taking homes off the market for the holidays. There are fewer coming onto the market and more coming off than just 2 weeks ago. The winners this week seem to be Highland. Several of the Highland condos went into contract. 2 Verano’s single family homes went into contract as well. This week, large private yards won over beautiful tall ceilings in detached single family housing market.

I have a buyer for a single family detached, that needs fix up. Ok, now I just wrote about the bulk of buyers who want a remodeled home, well, I also said there is a buyer for every home. It just gets down to condition, location and price. A bit more rare is the buyer who wants to do the remodel themselves. Those who want to create their own environment. Well, I have those rare buyers. A younger couple that is coming into The Villages and wants a canvas to make their own. There are those who like to do the work and have their own design. I am like that myself.

Lower rates are coming, say most of the finance experts. We have been sitting in rates between 6.125 to 6.375%. I have seen firsthand that has helped with the outside market and when the outside market starts moving in the right direction, so do the homes in The Villages. The higher priced homes here often sell with cash and no loan, but movement in the market helps all around. My listing outside the Villages sold with multiple offers over asking price with a 15-day close. That is pretty great. Homes do sell in November through the end of the year if they are prepped properly, and priced right. I think we have exited the doldrums. Positive thoughts everyone.

Big, beautiful wood furniture is coming back in style? I am not going so far as to say that our classic tall wood china cabinets are back, but the fact that real wood is making a comeback is very nice to see. Of course, the designers make it so that your original wood furniture is not quite the new style or stain color so that we have to purchase the new stuff, but it is a start. We can always integrate our classic wood heirloom piece or two with the new designer pieces.



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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.



Morrigan Bruce

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.

Sign up for Winter Paint Party with Nicole

Nicole Alexander was the Guest Artist for Arts & Crafts at its October meeting. She demonstrated in meticulous detail how to paint sunflowers. On Thursday, December 4, she will show us how to paint an Aurora Winter Scene. This workshop is for people with no experience so they can complete an acrylic painting in the two hours.

This Winter Paint Party is **Thursday, December 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. We hope that Villagers who work might find this class timely. All materials including canvas, paint, brushes, easels and refreshments are furnished. The fee for the Paint Party is \$45, and all Villagers are welcome!

You may want to wear an apron or an old shirt. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com



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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.

Meet the party animals of The Villages!

By Judy Rogers

Have you heard about the party animals in The Villages? These ones have four legs!

First came the fabulous Halloween Gala with the Villages Dog Club—and then a festive “Date with Santa.” On Saturday, November 1, all the party animals (and their human escorts) gathered at Montgomery Lake for another spectacular event organized by Linda McChesney, the new president of the Villages Dog Club.



There were plenty of goodies and drinks for everyone, but the highlight of the afternoon was meeting Santa (Gerry Neece) and posing for photos with our very own Village Santa. The photos were taken by Steve Ayala, professional photographer and dog trainer par excellence.

The dogs had a wonderful time mingling with their furry friends, while their escorts enjoyed meeting other dog lovers. One question kept coming up throughout the event: “When will we have a dog park for more informal get-togethers?”

Remember the EVF during the Holiday Season



As Thanksgiving and the holiday season approach, we take a moment to appreciate our blessings and express our gratitude. We’re fortunate to reside in a supportive and caring community that’s also stunning in its beauty. The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) extends its heartfelt thanks for your ongoing contributions and support over the years. Your generosity has allowed us to continue to increase our donated funds and help finance new and popular amenities as they are approved by the Club Board.

This year, our focus for the EVF Annual Giving Campaign is to bolster our fund, enabling us to enthusiastically support new projects. We’re committed to continually conveying the value of the EVF to the Villages community. We kindly ask for your help in spreading the word to your friends and neighbors about how the EVF has significantly improved the quality of life here in The Villages such as supporting the Pickleball Courts and the improved Bocce area. And shortly we will have an exciting announcement on a significant project made possible by our Planned Giving program. Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming project.

If you wish to donate to our efforts, whether it’s on Giving Tuesday or any other time, you can easily do so by visiting our website at evfsj.org or drop off a check in our box at Cribari Center. Additionally, don’t forget about the Planned Giving Program, which offers you an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in our wonderful community. Once again, we express our deep appreciation for your steadfast support of the EVF, and we look forward to a joyful and happy 2026.

Veterans Club features Mira Dyko’s updates on Ukraine

On Tuesday, December 2 at 2 p.m., The Villages Veterans Club will have its monthly meeting at Foothill Center. All Villagers are welcome. The meeting will start with the presentation of patriotic quilts made by Villages Quilters to a few Veterans in return for their past service.

Then, our program will be a return visit from Mira Dyko and possibly her daughter, Katherine Hrudka. Their previous presentation covered prior trips to Ukraine during the Russian Invasion. This time, they will cover their most recent trip which was from August 11 through September 10, 2025. Again, they were dangerously close to both rocket and drone attacks as it has not been safe anywhere in Ukraine. Fortunately, they have been able to return without becoming casualties. On their trips, they have brought much needed medical supplies and even drones to assist soldiers. Also, they have supported and raised funds for the 24th Mechanical Brigade in Ukraine and have been soliciting funds stateside to help in getting necessary material directly to troops.

For those not familiar with Mira, she is a Ukraine native, having been born in Lviv, in western Ukraine, near the Polish border. She received her education at the University of Vladivostok in Russia and a Ph.D. at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. In 1991, she immigrated to Canada and later to The Villages. Besides working in the IT Industry, she is now a Bali certified Yoga Instructor. In fact, she recently attended their three-week intense Yoga teacher training in Bali before her trip to Ukraine. Her daughter, Katherine also has a very interesting background, having done eight years as a U.S. Army Weapons Specialist. She may join us for this presentation.



Katherine Hrudka and Mira Dyko at the Lviv Opera House.

Following the Program, there be a 15-minute break for cookies and Sergeant Guerrero’s Marine coffee. Then the club will have a business meeting with an update on the status of building a Veterans Monument in The Villages and our annual Nominations and Election of Officers.




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The PUZ-LER



Last week we were faced with a little trivia. For a hundred years we all believed that the Boris Karloff monster was named Frankenstein when in fact that was the name of the mad scientist who created him. And those who knew that were Benjammin Friedlander, Donna Hale, Neda Dorjath, Peter Groot, Rob Howe, Joanne Robinson and Larry Rosene.

So, let’s test your math. A child playing on the beach had 6-1/6 sand piles in one place and 3-1/3 sand piles in another. If he put them altogether how many sand piles would he have?

Get your calculator out, do the math and send your answer to me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com. Be sure to put PUZZLE in the subject line and your first and last name in the text.

Thought for the day: In our 20s we worried what others thought of us. In our 40s we didn’t care what others thought of us. At age 60 we discovered that those we worried about were not even thinking about us at all.



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Noktoberfest: A Festive Night in Hermosa/Heights

On Saturday, November 1, Hermosa/Heights residents gathered to celebrate Noktoberfest, our community’s lively twist on the traditional German Oktoberfest.

The evening was filled with great food, music, and laugh-

ter. Our chef for the night, Michael Kretowicz, spent the afternoon preparing authentic German fare—delicious bratwurst and sauerkraut that everyone enjoyed.

The festive spirit continued with music by accordionist

Joe Domitrowick, whose lively tunes had guests singing and dancing. His mix of traditional dance songs and sing-along favorites kept the crowd entertained all evening.

A special moment came when Gertrud Cory was sur-

prised with a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday,” followed by a mini cake complete with candles.

Guests also enjoyed taking part in a silent auc-



great bargains while helping raise funds for future community events.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Betty Wegner, who led the planning team and helped make Noktoberfest a success. Appreciation also goes out to team members Kitty McKee, Pat Kelban, Karen Hansen, Michael Kretowicz, Annie Kretowicz, Sara English, and Vivian Brown. Additional thanks to Gwen Bindon for organizing the auction and Debra Spencer for managing the auction and to Vita Gebauers and Cheryl Deason for their invaluable help in the kitchen.

It was a night of community spirit, good food, and great company—a perfect way to celebrate Noktoberfest!

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Did you know that the library has Consumer Reports? These magazines may be read in the library, but not checked out. Ask our volunteers for assistance.

We're open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Library at 408-239-0876.

Our latest recommendation:

"Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall. Publisher's description: "Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager--the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.

As Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, this time with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become."

Villages Amateur Theatre thanks Villagers for a very successful season



"Murder on the Orient Express" cast: Linda Piersol, Jayme Dickson, Connie Hendrickson, Liz Adams, Rolene AuClaire, Jason Herfurth, Sarb Johal, Susan Pastorini, Ken Mallon and Nelson Frick. Not pictured: Sally Otton.



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It is apropos that Thanksgiving is almost upon us as the Villages Amateur Theatre Club looks back at the recent success of our "Murder on the Orient Express" run of performances. We are thankful for so many things. We are thankful for our talented and dedicated cast and crew; we are thankful for the new sound system recently installed at Cribari Center; we are thankful for all the behind-the-scenes VAT members who worked so hard to make our show happen (set designers and constructors, sound and light operators, ticket sellers, ushers).

We are also thankful for the success-

ful rollout of our Sponsorship program and our new sponsors: Platinum Sponsors Jack and Gwen Bindon and Platinum Sponsors David and Bette Loomis. Their support allows us to continue to provide a vibrant theatrical experience to all Villagers. We look forward to adding more sponsors to our VAT family.

But most of all we are thankful for the support of our Villager audience. We were thrilled to hear your applause and your positive comments. We look forward to continuing to provide you with many more enjoyable performances.

Speaking of which, we hope to see you all out for our upcoming Matinee Theatre performance of "Doctor, Doctor" and "Now Hear This" which will be performed free of charge at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, November 28.



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Can you believe it—Holiday Lunch Buddies coming soon!

Where did the time go? How can the holidays be right around the corner? But they are, they're here! And celebrate we will! If it's difficult to get out and about, if there's no one to talk to, if life just seems tougher than usual—then Lunch Buddies is surely for you.

VMA sponsors Lunch Buddies so we all have a special time and place to gather together and share a meal. Join Lunch Buddies on **Wednesday, December 10** in the Clubhouse at **11:30 a.m.** for a wonderful meal designed especially for this time of year. Last year's Holiday Lunch Buddies was such a rousing success that we thought we'd repeat it again. Think about that Classic Waldorf Winter Salad with roasted chicken, apples, grapes, and walnuts, with a delightful dijonaise dressing. For dessert, you'll be served a scoop of vanilla ice cream garnished with seasonal berries. A special holiday lunch for a group of special residents for \$12 each, charged to your house number.

Call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation for Holiday Lunch Buddies. Reserve a ride to the Clubhouse and home again if that helps you get there. VMA volunteers are looking forward to seeing you again one last time in 2025, to celebrate the holidays with you! And if you haven't come to Lunch Buddies before, maybe this is the time to join us!

Remember your reservation much be delivered to the VMA office by noon on **Monday, December 8**. See you at the Holiday Lunch Buddies!



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CLUB CALENDARS

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

November 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.

December 2 and 9: “Art Journaling” with Pat Remington, Tuesdays, 1 - 3:30 p.m. \$50. All supplies furnished. \$45.

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

December 5 -19: “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.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear 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 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.**

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, December 3 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Valle Vista and the lower Joe Marsh Trail. We'll walk around the Village View Loop and up to the end of the circle to the shorter lower Joe Marsh Trail. The trail has a gradual hill which some of us may walk a *bit* slower than others. We'll end up at the garden and then walk back to our cars. Drive up the hill to Valle Vista and turn right on the first street “Village View Loop” and park. Meet at **9 a.m.** Use of insect repellent and poles advised.

Rambler, Wednesday, December 10 – Rich (408-499-1789) and Wendy (408-712-7908) will lead a hike in Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch. With spectacular views of the South Bay, the trail weaves through golden hills sprinkled with towering valley oak and loops back to where we started! Keep an eye out for the elusive bald eagle, salamanders, black tailed deer, and wild pigs! Hike distance is 4 miles, elevation change ~600 ft. Meet at the Cribari bell at **8:45 a.m.** for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, December 10 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at **9 a.m.**

Rambler Hike, Wednesday, December 17 - Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a 4-mile hike to the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. The driving distance is about 14 miles. To get there take 101 South to Cochrane Rd in Morgan Hill. Take exit 367 from US-101 S and turn left onto Cochrane Rd. Drive about ¾ mile then turn left onto Peet Rd and follow it until it turns to the right and becomes Eagle View Dr. Park along the curb on Eagle View Dr. but near Chinook Ct. Walk to the Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake. This is a short walk from our cars near where Eagle View Dr. makes its next turn to the right (19245 Malaguerra Ave). We will walk northward along Coyote Creek Trail from there to the Model Plane Airport and back (about 4 mi. r/t). Hopefully, a few model planes will be flying. Afterwards, we can stop for lunch at Rosy’s at the Beach (17320 Monterey Rd, Morgan Hill). We will meet at Cribari Center at **8:45 a.m.** for a 9 departure.

Rambler Lite, Wednesday, December 17 - 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.**

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

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 24** 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, December 4 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, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the **Patio Room** and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving

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

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



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SHONIS



Donna Erickson, Peggy White and MaryAnn Haggerty

By Teddy Morse

The Women’s Par 3 Golf Club (Shonis) celebrated Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11 with 24 Shonis and two qualifiers gathering for golf and 13 staying to continue the celebration at lunch. The colors for the day were, of course, red, white and blue. Co-captain Linda McChesney provided flag lapel pins for everyone, and we had flags to hand out. Sabrina Kupperberg brought scarves from our decoration supplies, and an American flag hung from our sign-in table. We are proud to honor our veterans and their service to our country.

Several of our Shonis continued the spirit of the day by playing exceptional golf. All but four of our handicapped players netted par or under. The low gross player for the day was Joyce Baptiste with 35. Four Shonis shot gross scores in the 30s. In addition to Joyce, Marty Blinde had a 37, Tricia Hardt a 38 and Sabrina a 39. Way to go, ladies!

Suzanne Roberts played her fourth qualifying game today. One more game and she’ll have a provisional handicap.

Joyce Dorsey played with us for the first time today. Some may know Joyce’s husband Larry, an avid golfer, or you may have seen her around the barn as she is a horse owner. Leslie Ingham brought Joyce to us.

If you’ve got a friend or neighbor who is looking for something that gets them outdoors and socializing, tell them about our golf club. We have fun and are a welcoming club for all those who want to play this frustrating at times, game that we all love.

18 HOLE WOMEN

By Nancy Keane

Oops! We were rained out today *but* we have some old business from last week. Jay Lee finished with the lowest putts for the day but was unavailable for pictures. Here she is.

This month the 18 Hole Women introduced the new officers for 2026. They are:

- Captain** Mazie Rice
- Co-Captain** Mary Wagle
- Treasurer** Gloria Landry
- Secretary** Debbie Moore
- Co-Tournaments** Vicki Krattli
- Co-Playday** Jane Hong
- Co-Handicap** Janis LeCompte
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- Tournament Chair** Susan Anderson
- Play Day Chair** Michele Chung
- Handicap Director** Jan Mahoney
- Membership** Diane Doughty



Jay Lee

PICKLEBALL

By Karen Ruth, Kim Silverman and David Wong

The 2025 tournament season for The Villages Pickleball Club wrapped up with a bang — with three weekends of spirited competition, each featuring a different tournament that kept the courts buzzing with excitement and plenty of friendly banter.



The final act on November 2 saw a contingent of 16 Villagers—including five first-timers—heading to Silver Creek Country Club for our annual showdown, The Paddle Battle with the Villagers vs. Silver Creek.

The format was pre-determined and teams balanced, with one unique caveat—Creekers had to be 40 years or older. Our heartiest thanks to Karen Ruth and Anahid Gregg, who worked alongside Valeria Lopez-Perez, our gracious host at SCVCC, to coordinate the day.

The Creekers rolled out the red carpet with their spread of food, snacks, and warm hospitality—almost rivaling that of Michelle McQuay and her legendary pickle pit crew of helpers back home.

The matches were electric with long rallies, laughter, and loud sideline support. David Wong observed, “But I should’ve known the tide might turn when I spotted a pair of Creekers my daughters’ age, in matching Lululemon outfits, stretching courtside. That turned out to be their #2 women’s doubles team!”

The tournament spread across six courts with a brief intermission before the final stretch. Despite heroic effort, sharp volleys, and even a few well-timed “recovery massages,” the Villagers couldn’t hold the line. The Creekers reclaimed the trophy, ending the day with a 20–12 victory.

Still, there were shining moments worth celebrating: Tim McQuay and Farhad Hooshmand went undefeated (4–0), while Mark Gregg and Sheryl Ruth battled to a strong 3–1 finish.

You can view the individual results of the tournament here at villagespickleball.vgcc.club/tournament-results.

You can view the pictures of the tournament by going to our website at villagespickleball.vgcc.club and then selecting the tab, “photos & news.”

A heartfelt round of applause to all 16 Villagers who played their hearts out—chasing every ball, dodging “balls on courts” from neighboring matches, and embodying the true spirit of friendly competition.

Though the trophy was reclaimed by Silver Creek this year, Villagers can hold their heads high—we fought with grit and good humor, and we’ll be back. Don’t get too comfortable, Creekers—we’ll be coming for it next year!

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

November 14 was a repeat of many Fall and Winter play dates last year. We had all learned then what Atmospheric River could do to a round of golf. This was another afternoon where, except for a couple of noticeably light sprinkles, the sun was shining and the temperature was comfortable, however, the red flag signifying cart path only, and the fear of heavier rains caused near 100% cancellation for afternoon tee times. I understand that the morning was not much better.

Despite the gloom of rain or of soggy greens, the Pinseekers remember that our primary function is to enjoy golf and have fun with friends. We hope to see you on the fairways.

We plan to be back on the starting tee Friday, November 22, then taking a day off on the infamous shopping day the Friday after Thanksgiving. Then back to golf December 5 with only three Fridays of no play days except a rain-soaked day. Our idle days will be Boxing Day, December 26; Men’s Club, Member to Member Tournament, May 2; Women’s 18 Hole Association Invitational, June 19. Major wishes for good golf weather.

We play every Friday with Tee Times beginning at 11:35 a.m. through 12:02 p.m., excluding scheduled tournaments, holidays, and inclement weather. Those exclusions were more frequent than in prior years. Additionally, with an aging membership a few of our players cannot get to the course as regularly as they had in prior seasons. We want to invite all members of the Villages community, be you a new golfer, an experienced golfer, looking to tune up their game with about half of the time on the course playing nine as you have playing 18 holes, or a new resident looking to play golf in a relaxed atmosphere and making new friends, contact a member of our Board of Directors or drop me an email to whit3744@pacbell.net. I will make certain that you get a rapid response.

MEN’S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming Events

Next Tournament: December 13 Holiday Tournament - Stableford- 4-Man Teams, 2BB, Shotgun - 8:30. Flighted, Coffee / Donuts.

See the Veterans Day Tournament results on the Scoreboard page.

The Wounded Warriors Project

To the members of The Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club, thank you sincerely for your sense of giving and heartfelt kindness in donating to such a noble cause without hesitation. By supporting the Wounded Warriors Project, you are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our nation’s heroes. You are all considered heroes in our book.

Message from Wounded Warriors Project:

“Gentlemen, thank you so much for your generosity and compassion. We have successfully processed your gift of \$1826. Thank you!

Your generous donation to the Wounded Warriors Project helps fund our mission to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. It allows WWP to offer lifesaving programs and services that are critical to our struggling veterans their families and caregivers, absolutely free of charge. None of this work is possible without you!”

Message from Clayton Krinard and Jeff Steinberg:

“MGC Members, it was a beautiful day and a great tournament! Well done to everyone that helped out. And a special thanks to Scott Steele and the Pro Shop for everything they did to make it a huge success! And a sincere thank you goes to Judy Steinberg and Pam Short for donating their time this morning, at the Wounded Warriors donation table. The MGC came through with donations totaling \$1826. Thanks, ladies.

‘Til next time.”

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.

Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club Board Nominees 2025

It’s election time again! Here are the current nominees applying for executive positions on The Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club for the 2026 calendar year. We are so lucky to have gentlemen of this caliber, accepting positions for office, to help continue to make this club the benchmark that it is in The Villages.

Raul (Guy) Juarez: My path to The Villages began with my retirement in November 2015, when I decided to step away from Glacier Ice Company after 44 years in the manufacturing and distribution of ice throughout the Bay Area. The highlights of my career were being part of Glacier Ice expansion from a single-owner operation to a nationwide corporation. Coordinating logistics, hiring employees, and maintaining budgets taught me a lot about perseverance and working hard.



Fast forward to April 2018, my wife Delma and I packed up our home in the Estates neighborhood and moved to The Villages. We were excited to trade our busy work schedules for morning on the golf course and early dinners at the Bistro with friends. Making lasting friendships has truly made this chapter of our lives richer than we ever imagined.

I first picked up golf in my mid-thirties, joining the associate golf club Los Amigos Golf Club. As a member, I played courses all over the Bay Area. During my time with Los Amigos, I served as President for two years and held the role of Tournament Chair for several years, organizing monthly competitions.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to representing you as a member of the Men’s 18 Hole Golf Club Committee.

Dave Gutierrez: My wife, Mazie, and I moved to The Villages in February 2021. We were confident this was a community we would enjoy. We have been not disappointed. The people are welcoming, and the amenities are great.

We have felt welcome from the very start.

I retired on August 1, 2025, after a lifelong career in finance and accounting. Most recently, I was VP Finance for an international company headquartered in The Netherlands. I started playing golf around the age of 12 and fell in love with the game. I love our course at The Villages. As a board member, it is my goal and responsibility to provide a great golfing experience for golfers at all levels. I look forward to serving our golf community.



IRONMEN

By Jim White

November 13 was the date for the rescheduled Mixer of the Ironmen hosting the Shoni and Pinseekers, which had been postponed due to rain on October 2. As feared, another Atmospheric River blasted into California. With our second cancellation, the Presidents and Captain of the three groups decided that a reasonable approach would be to plan a replacement event in the mid to late Spring of 2026.

On November 20, the Ironmen are continuing in their Winter Season schedule with check-in from 12:30 p.m. until 12:45 with shotgun start at 1 p.m. Current forecast is for a 50% chance of rain, hopefully, if the rain does come in, it will arrive in the evening, allowing us to squeeze in our game on the short course.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

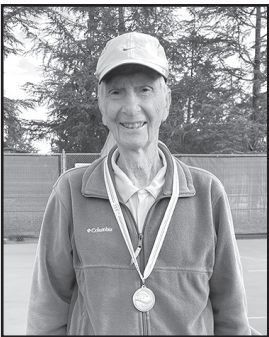
We are nearing the end of the 2025 tennis year with only 1 and ½ months to go. Our final event is the annual Holiday Christmas dinner and party on Saturday, December 6 at the Clubhouse, 5 to 9 p.m.

Join the Tennis Club for a festive evening of great food, good friends, and holiday cheer. It’s going to be a Starry Starry night.

We will celebrate our tennis club stars by awarding the medals won at our recent club tournament for Men and Women’s doubles as well as Mixed. Also, we will celebrate our international star, Art Lind, who returned from Croatia with a 3rd place medal for 90+ singles. And finally, our resident professional star, Brett Foreman, came home from Florida with a National Championship for his Mixed 40+ team.

Enjoy live music by Jerry Salcedo and Band and a delicious dinner under the Starry Night sky. The attire is semi-formal.

For dinner entrée choices, there is beef short ribs, roasted salmon, duck confit and vegetarian lasagna. Please sign up early for this Starry Night to help the hardworking dinner committee’s job easier. Check your emails from the tennis club for “how to register.” You can also call or email Tina Parsley at 614-937-9433, tinaparsley@ymail.com or Gail Tuft at 408-761-5846, gailtuft@aol.com.



Art Lind



Brett Forman’s National Championship team.

9 HOLE WOMEN

By Vicki Krattli

Congratulations to all the winners as they played beautiful golf. **See the list of winners on the Scoreboard page.**


It was a beautiful, warm, and sunny day for golf and several ladies enjoyed lunch afterward on the patio. We were extremely fortunate to get golf in as the atmospheric river projected arrived early Thursday morning and the prediction for the next few days looks a little wet and windy.

By the time this article is published, we hope the weather cooperated and we had our second “Ninth Hole Promenade Rules Clinic” on Tuesday, November 18, in the afternoon. Don Chaisson, Susie-Q Conklin, and Vicki Krattli were our instructors. We had a few hours of rules and how to manage situations that we commonly come across. We also had ur organized luncheon following the Turkey Shoot tournament this past Tuesday.

Get your pajamas ready for our annual Christmas tournament on December 16 and a foursome set to enjoy a step aside scramble and win the best pajama outfits. Once again, the club will be subsidizing the Christmas lunch.

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

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 9 a.m. – 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.

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.

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.

Ball Fitting Now Available! Try any brand or style of golf ball or bring your own and we can compare ball brands and styles and see which ball goes the furthest for you.

The ball you use makes a *huge* difference.

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.

Hole #11/#15 Lake Project—While the lake construction project on Holes #11 & #15 is in process, please play the entire area including the emptied lake as Ground Under Repair. You may take free relief defined as 1-club length from the point of entry, no nearer the hole with no penalty. Also

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SCOREBOARD

MEN’S GOLF CLUB

2025 Veterans Day Tournament Results	
Flight One	
1. Shaw, Cannen + Beltrano, Joe + Manibo, Pedrito + Taituha, Eddie	
2. Park, Joon + Song, Young + Murphy, Dan + Drabik, Bill	
3. Schwerin, Michael + Gonzales, David + Sullivan, Brian + Hansell, Jim	
4. Garcia, Mark + Escobar, Ted + Thomas, Mark + Funcell, Martin	
Flight Two	
1. Bowman, William + Stephens, Scott + Korb, David + Wilkins, Jeff	
2. Bacigalupi, David + Nedney, Tom + Corsello, Nick + Ruth, Leo	
3. Steinberg, Jeff + Rossi, Vince + Jarvis, Tim + Love, Daniel	
4. Kaczmarek, James + Morefield, Bill + Welch, George + Johnston, Bill	
Flight Three	
1. Tobler, Rick + Hart, Joe + Anderson, Jan + Spencer, Michael	
2. Vitcov, Ben + Wahlgren, Clay + Rosenblum, Sheldon + Carradero, Dom	
3. Schumaker, Shel + Blinde, Ray + Manson, Dave + Lingofelter, Don	
4. Howe, Robert + Cole, Ken + Kroeger, David	
Putting for Pesos	
Marty Blinde	
Tricia Hardt	
Olivia Spada	
Amari Thomas	
Flight Two (Handicaps 16-19)	
Sabrina Kupperberg 22	
Tie Schinae Ogihara/Amari Thomas 23	
Dee Garfinkle 24	
Flight Three (Handicaps 20-24)	
Rose Loy 20	
Mimi Steinhauer 21	
MaryAnn Haggerty 22	
Net Scores	
Flight One (Handicaps 12-15)	
Joyce Baptiste 22	
Marty Blinde 24	
Tie Donna Erickson/Tricia Hardt 26	

BOCCE

Turkey Trot Invitational Week #2 Win-Loss		
Monday 12 p.m.	Wednesday 3 p.m.	Thursday 12 p.m.
Turkey Chicks 2-2	Expect No Mercy 3-1	Todd’s 4 Horsemen 3-1
4 on the Floor 2-2	Pallino Gobblers 2-2	Golfers 4 2-2
Lucky Lobbers 2-2	Pumpkin Dispatchers 2-2	Wrists of Glory 2-2
Giblets 2-2	Hot Rolls 1-3	Good Gravy 1-3

BRIDGE

- Friday, October 31**
- 1. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
 - 2. Selma Chastaine - Jan Kiernan
 - 3. Neda Dorjath - Geoge Welch

- Wednesday, November 5**
- 1. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho
 - 2. Selma Chastaine - Jan Kiernan
 - 3. Neda Dorjath - Jonna Robinson

- Friday, November 7**
- 1. Hank Koransky - Jane Michaels
 - 2. Art Lind - T.R. Fu
 - 3. Neda Dorjath - Carol Reid

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Friday, November 7	
Judi Ravetti	157
Maribeth Berlie	204
Bonnie Barrett	244
Sylvia Rozewicz	330

Wednesday, November 12	
Vicki Rasmussen	161
Sandy Gardiner	245
Shirley Bellavance	272
Aloma Lazetera	306

Friday, November 14	
Sylvia Rozewicz	111
Sandy Gardiner	210
Kitty Heston	230
Bonnie Barrett	312

9 HOLE WOMEN

- Front Nine Winners**
- Flight One:** Geri Wilk, Jeanne Duce, Sheryl Driskell, Betty Chase
- Flight Two:** Rita Karlsten, Linda Curyea, Sylvia Rozewicz, Judi Falarski

- Back Nine Winners**
- Flight One:** Marky Olsen, Joyce Mukuno, Eileen Parks, Renee Woolard
- Flight Two:** Suzy Kim, Barbara Weisend, Josephine Chan, Liiwan Ma

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

FEATURES

The Roots of Evergreen series

The Roots of Evergreen installments will be published in *The Villager* the third week of every month. This month’s installment is about the early years of The Villages (informal comments from early Villages’ residents) and the history of some of the popular organizations that have served Villagers for many years.

Looking Back... Life during the Villages’ Infancy

By Vera Buescher

In searching through some old Alliance Club documents, I enjoyed reading notes about the early days in our Villages community. The Villagers Alliance was formed in the early 1980s. The mission of The Alliance was to attend board meetings and provide information monthly to all Villages’ residents via a newsletter. Several of us were Alliance members for several years—until it was felt (in 2013) that adequate information was available then for Villagers with our weekly newspaper and later our website.

Alliance members were asked to describe what it was like when they moved to The Villages. According to a very early resident—Jean Donovan. The first residents moved into Cribari in 1967. She moved here in 1969 when Cribari was not yet completely populated. She recalled that Guy Atkinson (whose construction company built Cribari, the first village) had a vision of a community for couples whose children were grown, and were now ready to have a new lifestyle for the “empty nest” years.

During a 2010 interview with Lou and Annette Rosenberg (a former Club Board President) she said that they arrived here in 1977 when the minimum age for residents was 45—she explained, “That’s how we got in.” Children over 16 and out of high school could live with their parents in The Villages. That rule changed in the 1980s, when the minimum age changed to 55.

By 1980, only Cribari, Montgomery and Hermosa Villages were completed. Verano was about to be built out. There was no Corporation Yard—only temporary trailers, and the Rosenbergs had a clear view of the nearby Mirassou winery from their house on Claret Court in Hermosa.

In the beginning there was one Board for all the residents, not like today with three separate boards. The Board of Directors included two property developers and five Villagers. Instead of a general manager, The Villages were managed by a management company until 1978 when a GM was hired. Dick Nelson was the original GM for several years.

There was no Clubhouse—only a snack bar. There were no Buildings A, B and C or Corporation Yard for staff. Administrative offices were all in Cribari Center. The library was in the balcony of the Cribari Auditorium.

A small grocery store occupied one of the rooms that now make up part of the library. The Bank of America was in two “trailers” on a permanent foundation on the site of the Fitness Center. The bank trailers later became the Cribari Club Room when the bank moved outside the gates. A Villages computer and printer were located in the library for residents to use.

There were two doctor’s offices across from Cribari Center, with a Dr. Condi and an ear, nose and throat specialist, plus a pharmacy. The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) was organized in 1976 at the request of the doctor. He requested three things: A blood pressure clinic, transportation for patients to medical appointments, and a medical supply loan program. These three programs are still provided today by our amazing VMA organization.

Back in the day, there were no bar codes for vehicle access to The Villages. Public Safety officers checked Villagers’ decals on each vehicle, and guests needed to be processed as they do today. Villagers and guests all used the same lane.

Fairway Drive was one lane and ended before Vineyard Center (which was not yet built). Villages Parkway stopped at Cribari. There were no white line “sidewalks” and no directional house-number signs. The Villages’ garden site was moved two or three times. It started in Highland; then it was moved to the Olivas area before it was moved to the present area above Valle Vista (now joined by a second garden complex near the horse stables).

The two-lane road to The Villages was lined with orchards and farmhouses. Eastridge shopping center was on the drawing board and promised. There was no Evergreen College, and no Yerba Buena Road leading to it. The closest shopping was at White Road and Tully or out on Almaden Avenue and Blossom Hill Road. San Felipe Road was very narrow. Sometimes cars would go over the side of the bridge near the entry road to The Villages.

The Villages Activities Committee and the Arts & Crafts Association were the first groups to form. The Villages Amateur Theatre organized in 1974—originally under the wing of Arts & Crafts. The Camera Club was originated by Arts & Crafts as well.

The July Fourth parade and celebration began in 1970. The parade was strictly made up of golf carts and people walking. There was a fireworks display on the median strip of Cribari Lane for several years.

There was no Vineyard Center or Foothill Center. The only pools were at Cribari and Montgomery. There were only two tennis courts and a lot of debate about building a restaurant and clubhouse. It was finally voted in and built in the late 1980s.

It was entertaining reading through the comments. I had to chuckle to find this statement at the end of one of the narratives... “There was no Internet and there was no email!”

Some histories of popular Villages’ clubs

In 2007 a 68-page 40th Anniversary edition of *The Villager* was published on August 2 containing various articles about the history of The Villages—some of that information was used to create previous Roots of Evergreen articles. In addition, Villages clubs and organizations were invited to submit their own histories. What follows are some highlights from brief excerpts taken from those articles.

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA)

How did the VMA begin? At the beginning of time (Villages time), one of the first residents was a physician named Dr. Robert Condi. He practiced here for years and found that he could use some help with his ever-growing group of patients. He enlisted the help of other residents to help with a monthly blood pressure clinic. In 1975, Villages management held a meeting in the auditorium where he presented his proposal for the auxiliary he envisioned. The Villages Medical Auxiliary was born.

In 1991 the VMA and another group of concerned residents attempted to interest a developer in building a “life care facility” in the neighborhood. During that time the VMA became aware of the concept of “life care without walls.” It was then realized that the VMA could provide more services in order to help residents remain in their own homes until assisted living facilities were needed. In 1992, funds were raised and arrangements made with the Visiting Nurse Association to have a part-time nurse at the Villages. It soon became apparent that most of the work was assessing residents’ needs, rather than providing care. Therefore, the VMA decided that a social worker might better provide these assessments.

The VMA contracted with the Northern California Presbyterian Homes to provide a full-time social worker to work with residents and their families to make recommendations. The VMA also offered weekly blood pressure clinics on Wednesdays and offered medical equipment loans to residents. The first Influenza Vaccination Clinic was held in 1976. Transportation to medical and dental appointments (within 20 miles) became an important part of VMA services and trips for grocery shopping and to hospitals and convalescent facilities were provided by volunteer drivers. From the very beginning the VMA was funded by donations and fundraising activities. All residents are members of the VMA.

—information presented by Gretchen Tossy

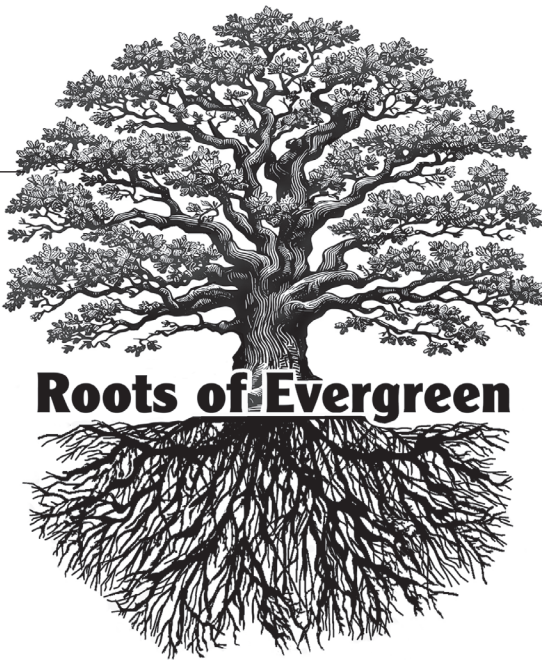
Senior Resource Services (SRS)

The August 8, 2002 *Villager* announced the Club Board’s approval of a service group called Senior Resource Services (SRS) to assist residents seeking information to plan for their futures. Such needs involved the use of financial resources, understanding insurance coverage, preparation for consultations with attorneys, etc. All assistance was (and is) free and confidential. The SRS motto was: “Villagers Helping Villagers.” From 2002 to 2007, the SRS grew from five volunteers to more than 15 active volunteers. Their backgrounds were quite varied and included accounting, law, insurance, investments, banking and in antiques/collectibles. SRS received an office located near the Post Office in Cribari Center and began scheduled office hours. In 2007, SRS averaged between 60 and 90 office visits, telephone calls and home visits per month. The staff answered routine questions, gave out literature, and, when necessary, directed Villagers to paid professionals.

The Villagers Alliance (disbanded in 2013)

The Villagers Alliance was formed in 1980 by Bill Hurley. His stated purpose was to “further the common interests of all Villagers.” He attracted a group of like-minded residents to join him. A committee from this group frequently met with the general manager to discuss the concerns of the residents and they also recruited capable people to become candidates for the boards of directors. With the formation of the district advisory committees (DACs) and nominating committees, it was no longer necessary for the Alliance to perform those functions. The group distributed a newsletter to subscribers to provide a summary of board and management actions. The organization also conducted an annual “Meet the Candidates” night and urged all residents to to vote in all elections. The group’s quarterly meetings also featured speakers’ programs of interest from inside and outside the community—including historians, astronomers, educators, civic planners, as well as employees, such as the general manager and his department heads.

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Roots of Evergreen...

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Since 1990 the group made a gifts to The Villages or some Villages’ organizations with their surplus funds. It contributed a portion or paid in full for the following: a piano for the Music Society, two picnic tables for Gazebo Park, the clock over the entrance to the Clubhouse, a microphone for meetings, the lighted sign at the Clubhouse entrance, the drinking fountains in the Cribari foyer, bocce courts, a defibrillator for the VMA, and an emergency generator and other supplies for the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC). It established the Bill Hurley Memorial Scholarship program for employees or their children.

—information presented by Pat O’Brien

The Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT)

It was September of 1974 when an article appeared in the Villages’ paper announcing that the Arts & Crafts Association was interested in forming a drama group. Six interested residents attended the first meeting. The membership was more than one hundred by 2007.

In 1974, the first performance of the Villages Theatre Arts was a comedy presented at the Halloween Black Cat Ball. In spite of the white box set, and the absence of sound equipment and theater lights, the actors gave a great performance—climaxing with a pie in the face of the bad guy! The group grew rapidly, and a 1975 variety show, “A Night at Minsky’s,” was enthusiastically received. The \$3 ticket included dinner, the show and dancing afterward! The first full-length play, “Curse you, Jack Dalton” was next in 1976. In 1980, the group became the Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT), when it “grew up” and became an independent organization. From 1974 to 2007, 47 full-stage productions were produced, including comedies, melodramas, variety shows, and several short plays. Other activities included plays for the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt for eight years, and participation in the July Fourth activities and parade.

In 1993, the VAT Readers’ Theatre was born. It presented its first mini-musical, take-off of a well-known Broadway show in 2002.

—information presented by Jean Donovan

The Villages Library

The library at the Villages began quietly and gradually in 1967. It was housed on the mezzanine of the auditorium and the library collection was the result of donations by residents and the cooperation of the Seven Trees branch of the San Jose Public Library. The public library would make 150 to 200 books available each month upon the return of the previous month’s supply. By 1973 the library offered books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, games, records and paperbacks gleaned from donations. Educational films were borrowed from the public library on a monthly basis. As the supply of donated books accumulated, new shelves were added. Books and records were supplied to shut-ins. Signing for borrowed books was not required. Consequently, the number of books missing was excessive. A card catalogue was established in 1976. The public library participation was withdrawn in 1978. In 1983, a request for funding from the Villages was granted. The library’s collection continued to grow with the funding available and the generous contributions from residents. In 2001 new steel shelves were installed. As part of the upgrade, the rugs and furniture were cleaned and the rooms were painted. In 2004 a program for selling books and audio-visual items began and was held every Wednesday morning. The proceeds were used to purchase library supplies.

The Villages Music Society

In October 1984, Marshall Dahneke, a retired music teacher, moved to the Villages. After 34 years of teaching high school and college music, he wanted to remain active. He ran a request in *The Villager* in 1985 inviting musically talented residents to meet with him to form a Village Orchestra. Eight musicians gathered in February in the Cribari Conference Room and formed an orchestra. In May, the new 13-member orchestra presented its first concert to a retired teachers’ association. In December, a 35-member orchestra played two Christmas dinner programs to standing ovations.

A Villages Dance Band was formed in 1986, and played with five saxophones, two trumpets, a piano and—if lucky—a drummer. Enthusiastic and vigorous “conscription” brought the group to full strength by 1987 with 17 members plus a vocalist. Villagers enjoyed dancing to the music of the Swing Era.

Dahneke organized a band in late 1986. He reasoned that a band would be more appropriate for July 4 and Veterans Day and to present outdoor concerts in the summer, too. By 1990 the Concert Band reached a membership of 36.

In 1987, all these groups were under the new Villages Music Society.

In 1993 the first meeting of the future Villages Piano Club was held with Fredone Jones and Bobbie Cronquist as “ringleaders.” When they outgrew private homes, the first Program for Listeners was held in the Cribari Conference Room in April 1994. The free Program for Listeners has continued over the years.

Earl and Kathi Levin formed a handbell ensemble in 1996. With Barbara Schultheis, they even bought the first four octaves of handbells themselves. Some of the first members were members of the Village Voices. In 1999, Dahneke moved away and the Concert Band was directed briefly by Frank Ybarra and Wendal Reid before Dr. Hal Peterson, a teacher, composer and director, was hired in 2002.

Ken Carter, a Villager with diverse solo, choral, and vocal performance background became the Village Voices director in 2000 with a group of 65 singers.

In 2001, a professional concert series was established through the VMS with international artists. The series featured various solo and chamber groups, opera singers, pianists and Broadway singers.

The Villages Hiking Club

Just ten years after the Villages were established, in 1977, Andrew Fischer put

an article in *The Villager* stating that a meeting would be held in the Sewing Room (now the Cribari Forum) to form a Hiking Club. Ten people responded and Andrew was elected president and he served in that office until 1985. Everyone met at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, hiked until noon, ate lunch, and hiked another couple of hours, returning around 3:30 or 4 p.m. The group thought 10 or 12-mile hikes were perfect. Until 1985, Andrew kept a notebook listing every hike, who attended, and how many miles were walked, but that history ended when he resigned as president.

The club’s membership grew rapidly. Tom Richter pulled a bench behind his motorcycle to install at the top of the ridge in the Hill Lands and also installed the trailhead mailbox with a sign-in book. One of the trails now bears his name. Members took an active part in the maintenance of the trails. In addition to the Villages trails, the group regularly carpooled to many far-flung locations and occasionally chartered bus trips. Monthly potluck dinners were started early on, and the first annual St. Patrick’s corned beef and cabbage dinner was in 1989. The annual Christmas party was first held in the Cribari Auditorium and later moved to the Clubhouse. The Hiking Club has relied on its members to volunteer for the many tasks involved in keeping the club going and Villages “active seniors” get great satisfaction in being part of a closely knit group with common interests.

—information presented by Patricia O’Brien

Arts & Crafts Association

Many years ago, when the only villages were Cribari and Montgomery, the Villages Arts & Crafts Association was founded by Emma Pouch, Gertrude Thompson, and a group of friends. It not only included arts and crafts, but also the Dance Club, Camera Club, Music Club, Choral Society, Theater Arts, Medical Auxiliary, Bingo, Wood Shop, etc. In the early days, Villagers could take classes in oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, pottery and ceramics as well as classes in cloisonné, enameling, decoupage, lapidary, square dancing, Chinese brush painting and making Chinese jade trees. An annual sidewalk art sale was held in conjunction with the Hi Twelve June pancake breakfast. In the fall, the Boutique craft sale was a big hit. And each month there was a reception and an exhibit for an individual artist or for an instructor and students. The Association’s Holiday Faire celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2007 with an annual crafts sale. Jean Sorenson and Ingeborg Larsen started the annual art exhibit known as Art in the Park. Both events continue to benefit Villagers and the artists and crafters exhibiting.

Rama Firth told some interesting stories about the early days when the Association sponsored concerts, exhibits, an Oktoberfest, a hula club and dances. She recalls Cribari Auditorium filled to capacity with the Saturday night dances when Cribari and Montgomery were the only two Villages that existed. Firth was the first president of the Village Voices as it broke away to form its own group. As interest and membership increased, each group broke away to form its own club. In addition to exhibiting arts and crafts, the Association continues to give back to the community by making donations to Villages groups. Instrumental from the earliest years were also Noreen and Paul Betten, who started the Villages Boutique—a gift shop in Cribari Center—in 1997 as a venue for Villagers to sell their arts and crafts.

—information presented by Barbara Gottesman

The Senior Academy

Learning something new everyday keeps the “blue” away! The Senior Academy for Education was formed to help you do just that! In 2002, a group of Villagers decided that “An Active Senior Community” meant active minds as well as active bodies. A former Club Board President, Richard Harrington, gathered a group to discuss his dream of having an organization that would provide life-long learning opportunities for residents and the surrounding community. The Senior Academy for Education (SAFE) was then born. Initially, programs featured a seminar on interpersonal relationships, a music appreciation workshop, a lecture on the “Big Bang” theory and other topics. The Senior Academy brought in lecturers from the larger community—TV personalities, political analysts and other experts. The Senior Academy established ties with San Jose State University, hosting outstanding SJSU faculty presenting a variety of topics. A Partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at San Jose State University in 2005 marked the beginning of a major development for the Senior Academy, which negotiated a partnership with the Osher Institute at SJSU. Through this arrangement more interesting classes were made available to the Villages. In 2006, the Villages Board of Directors approved Club sponsorship of the Osher Lifelong Learning Program through the Community Activities Office. All the group’s growth fulfilled the Senior Academy’s mission: “To develop, promote, and support stimulating and provocative programs that contribute to the intellectual life of the members of the Villages Golf And Country Club and the surrounding community.”

—information presented by Dolores Escobar Hamilton

—Series compiled and written by S.R. Hinrichs. Thanks to Vera Buescher for this edition’s article and to those who contributed the historical articles for their organizations way back in 2007. (Unfortunately, limited space does not allow for inclusion of details from the numerous articles.)

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OBITUARY

Genelle Foster

November 5, 1923 — October 28, 2025

Genelle passed away at home, days before her 102nd birthday. She was the cornerstone of her family. Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.

Born in San Francisco, she moved to Oakland in 1933. She graduated from Oakland High School and worked during WWII at the Army Quartermaster and Army Ordinance offices.


Genelle met her husband Jerry of 64 years in Bozeman, Montana in 1944. They married in 1946 after he returned from Army Infantry duty in Europe.

A Villages resident for 36 years, Genelle was kind, strong willed and resilient. Lifelong of Christian faith, she was an active member of The Villages Community Chapel. She enjoyed traveling throughout the world with favorite destinations Italy and the National Parks of America.

She is survived by her children Nancy, David (Cherie), and Richard, grandchildren Yvonne (David), Monica (Jake), Dylan (Maribel), Dia (Sebastian), and Austin (Margo), great grandchildren Emily, Leia, Rooney, and Wesley.

Cherished memories of family gatherings and vacations, and celebrating her 100th birthday!

Memorial gifts may be sent to The Villages Community Chapel.



From the Golf Pro...

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please be careful and safe on Holes #8 & #12 as the construction crew is using those cart paths to enter and exit the golf course. Please follow any directional signage as necessary. Thank you!

Villages Golf Committee Meeting—The next VGC meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 11 at 3 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. All Villages residents are invited to attend.

Fall Aeration-Topdressing-Overseeding Continues
Fairway aeration, topdressing and overseeding will be conducted through the remainder November and possibly into December. **All of these processes are weather-permitting.**

Winter Rules—Preferred Lies
Until further notice, 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—Rain, Rain Go Away
If you endeavor to play in the rain or just after a rain event, here are some tips for playing on wet turf...

Allow for less run - When the ground is wet, the ball won’t run as far. Obvious, we know, but this needs to be factored in to how you play. Less run off the tee may mean you can take more club on holes where you would normally hold back. Approach shots are more likely to stop dead on landing; chips and pitches are more likely to grab; and putts will be slower, meaning they need to be hit more firmly and will therefore take less break.

Play the ball back – It’s easier to hit the ball fat with your short irons when it’s wet. So move the ball back in your stance 1-3 inches to help contact the ball first. Also try to remove excess vertical action from the swing by keeping your wrists firm and the clubhead lower to the ground on the backswing.

Hit more firmly in the rough - Wet grass will grab the club much more than normal and slow the clubhead’s progress. So keep everything firmer than usual through impact in wet rough to stop the grass grabbing the club...so grip the club a little tighter, swing firmly, and play the ball back in your stance 1-2 inches. **Let us know if these tips help. Email sssteele@the-villages.com for a lesson!**

Please notify Member Services of the death of a household member

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

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

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

A high-level map and up-to-date outline of the vendor’s various activities for 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.

- o Per BellaVista, “we have now entered the fall/winter and we will be mowing every other week.”

- **Pest Control**

- o Treatment for voles, moles, gophers, and squirrels will occur on 11/24 in Village Montgomery, Vil-lage Del Lago, and Village Sonata.
 - (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talprid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))

- **Mulching**

- o 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.

- **Gutter Cleaning**

Village Cribari: Gutter cleaning is scheduled to start in Village Cribari on 11/24 until 1/9.

Village Montgomery: Gutter cleaning is scheduled to start in Village Montgomery on 12/1 until 1/9.

- **SavATree is scheduled to be working at:**

Village Glen Arden on 11/18.

Village Del Lago and **Valle Vista** on 11/19.

Village Verano on 11/20.

Village Hermosa on 12/8.

Village Highland on 12/9.

Village Fairways, The Heights, and **Sonata** on 12/10.

Village Montgomery on 12/11.

Club Maintenance

- **Verizon Cell Tower**

- o JFC will begin disassembling the retaining wall along The Villages Fairway, just below Claret Court in Hermosa. Once the wall is removed, MGE Underground (working on behalf of PG&E) will excavate the existing underground vault to replace it with a larger unit. After this work is completed, JFC will rebuild the retaining wall.

- o Work is scheduled to begin Monday, 11/24. Expect slow traffic in this area while crews are onsite. Traffic control, including a flagger and cones, will be in place throughout the project.

- **Hill Land Cattle**

- o It is officially time to say goodbye to the grazing cattle from the Hill Lands. Removal of cattle from Hill Lands is in progress until the end of the month.

- **Practical advice for residents:**

- Admire the cows with your eyes and from a distance. Do not attempt to approach or interact with the cows in any way.
 - Always keep dogs on leashes where cows may be grazing.
 - Cows do not like loud noises. If a cow seems aggressive, which is very unlikely, yell or make a loud noise to deter them from approaching you.

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

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

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Keeping your home and financial accounts out of probate

What happens upon your death if you own your Villages home in your name alone? Let’s say you have a simple will, leaving your home to your two children. Upon your death, your home will require court probate to transfer the ownership. Current probate fees begin at 4% for the first \$100,000 of value, 3% for the next \$100,000 and 2% for the next \$800,000 and then become 1% after \$1 million. And this fee is usually charged twice, by both the court and the estate attorney.

Similarly, if your bank and brokerage accounts are in your name alone, they too must be accounted for after your death.

Probate fees can be avoided by setting up a Living Trust and titling your home in the name of the trust, as well as retitling your bank and brokerage account. Alternatively, you can add one or more joint tenants to the deed and your accounts.

You may believe that your estate is not large enough to merit the legal cost of establishing a Living Trust. Joint tenancy with your children avoids probate, but it can cause problems of its own. Your joint tenants would legally own part of your home and your accounts. You would need their permission to sell or refinance. The creditors of your children could place a lien on the home. You will likely lose some of your Prop. 13 tax base so your property taxes will increase.

Also, upon creation of the joint tenancy, you would need to file a gift tax return. In addition, upon your death, your heirs will be stuck with part of your original home cost when calculating the gain on sale and will likely owe income tax. And most importantly, you can’t change your mind and take the others off the deed because a permanent legal gift was made.

California law has another alternative to avoid probate: The Revocable Transfer on Death (TOD) deed. This deed names the beneficiaries who will receive the property without the need for probate when the property owner dies. Your heirs do not own any of the property during your lifetime, avoiding the joint tenancy problems. But when you die, the real estate is transferred to the designated beneficiaries just like your Payable on Death bank accounts. You can revoke your TOD deed at any time by notarizing and recording a Revocation of Revocable Transfer on Death Deed. Also, you can add beneficiaries to bank and brokerage accounts so that they are directly transferred to them upon your death.

SRS suggests you talk with an attorney before making this change. Your decision for a TOD deed may be confirmed or you may be persuaded that another solution such as a Living Trust is better for you.

Alert: We also want to remind you that we have a Sourcewise online Medicare 101 presentation that anyone can access located at <https://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 villageshrs@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.

Missed your Villager?

The Villager newspaper is being printed on the first and third weeks of the month. If you missed delivery of your copy of The Villager, please call 408-223-4655 after 11:30 a.m. to report it.

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.



FIND YOUR GRATITUDE WORD SEARCH

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CLUES

ACROSS

- 1. A daily mindset that magnifies abundance. (9)
- 2. People who share your roots and history. (6)
- 3. The cozy feeling of comfort and kindness. (6)
- 4. Delicious reminder that life is flavorful. (4)
- 5. The power to live, think, and speak freely. (7)
- 6. Small community where hearts connect. (8)
- 7. Core of gratitude, every home has one. (5)

Down

- 1. Furry companions that bring unconditional love. (4)
- 2. The place you rest your head at night. (4)
- 3. The feeling that makes your heart light. (3)
- 3. The rhythm of nature’s change. (7)
- 4. Circles that lift you up and share laughter. (7)
- 5. Coming together with loved ones. (9)
- 6. The greatest gift of all. (4)
- 7. #1 Realtor in Villages sales year after year. (12)

THANKFUL

Grateful hearts build strong communities.
My heart is full of gratitude for the trust, friendships, kindness, connection and support I’ve felt from this incredible community.
Wishing you and your loved ones good health, happiness, and moments of true joy and gratitude in the season ahead.



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