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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).

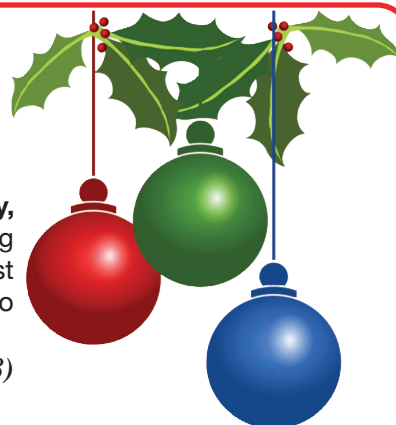
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Crafters Club Holiday Market is this Saturday!

The Villages Crafters Club Holiday Market is almost here—**Saturday, December 6** at Cribari Center from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We have an exciting roster of talented artists and crafters who will be participating. Check our list for your favorite crafters and make a special note of our *new* members who will be joining our show with their exciting work!

(For a list of our artists and their crafts go to page 18)



Last chance for Voices' 'Winter Bliss'—tickets vanishing like snowflakes!

The Winter Bliss holiday show presented by the Village Voices is almost here and tickets are flying fast! Sunday is already sold out, but you can still join us **Saturday, December 6** in Cribari Auditorium at **7:30 p.m.** for a night of festive music and holiday cheer featuring seasonal favorites like “Baby, It’s Cold Outside,” “Hot Chocolate,” “Ose Shalom,” and “Christmas Canon.” Winter Bliss promises to fill you with comfort, joy, hope, and peace. Enjoy the swirling, twirling on-stage magic of Bernice Toy, Director of the Village Dancers, as she puts movement to “True Colors,” the evocative Cindy Lauper song. Delight in the Ellacer sisters, daughters of Voices’ Music Director Catherine Ellacer, singing a Disney showtune as their parents accompany them on musical instruments. Savor Voices piano accompanist Tammy Welsh playing songs to stir warmth, bliss, and cherished winter memories. Treasure the Villages Handbells Ensemble accompanying The Voices in “Tis A Gift to Be Simple,” a song that inspires joy into weary spirits.



At intermission, enjoy delicious treats, sing-along with pianist and Village resident Larry Broderick, and take a chance on raffle prizes. Plus—your show ticket entitles you to 10% off on the day of the show at the Club Restaurant.

Buy now. The December 6 performance of Winter Bliss is your last chance to join the fun. Buy your tickets one of three ways: 1) Call Roberta at 408-685-3386 2) Online at <https://forms.gle/aNTHiZBqWTD6Z6Fe9> 3) If available, in person Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m., Cribari Auditorium.

You want to be at this magical holiday show! See you at Winter Bliss!

San Jose Fire Chief to discuss new First-Responder Fee at December 11 presentation



As an active senior community, The Villages experiences its share of medical emergencies throughout the year. Beginning January 1, 2026, the City of San Jose will implement a new first responder fee for emergency medical service calls. San Jose Fire Chief Robert Sapien Jr. will present information about the fee on **Thursday, December 11** from **6 to 7 p.m.** at the Clubhouse Fairway Room, with time for questions and answers. No RSVP is required.

This fee will be billed to insurance first, and any portion not covered will be waived for residents. No one will be sent to collections, and uninsured residents may qualify for a reduced or waived fee through a compassionate billing program.

The Villages has been selected as one of the first communities to receive a direct presentation from Chief Robert Sapien Jr. This presentation will explain how the fee works, what residents can expect, and why no one should hesitate to call 911 during a medical emergency. Your health and safety always come first.

For more information scan this QR code or visit this link: vlgcc.com/sjfd-frfp. All residents are welcome.



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.

3 Pulse letters received this week.
1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author..
2 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

It’s been a long time since any theater or film performance has moved me to tears, but Kathy’s tribute to Ethel Rose Kennedy did just that recently. (“Rose—A Mother’s Story” performed by Kathy Bates, sponsored by The Villages Recreation Department.) And to see it on the 62nd anniversary of JFK’s assasination made it even more moving.

Sadly it was her final performance channeling the matriarch of the Kennedy family.

—Liz Giarratana

There is an error in the article (“More Birdhouses Coming to the Golf Course” published in the November 20 Villager). Mary Fullerton advised that the houses will likely attract bluebirds and swallows (not sparrows). We get Tree and Violet-Green Swallows in our birdhouses. Our local sparrows do not use birdhouses but rather build nests in trees or on the ground.

—Mary Fullerton

ABOVE & BEYOND

Our thanks to the Clubhouse team for working on the Thanksgiving Holiday and providing an excellent Thanksgiving buffet. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team making our life at The Villages the best it can be.

—Tom and Teddy Morse

THANK YOU

We offer a big note of thanks to all Villagers and friends who were so kind to us in many ways from July to September, when Frank—husband, father, grandfather, and a man of many roles—fell ill and was hospitalized. Neighbors and friends from every village, more than we realized we had, pitched in to support us through prayers, food, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement. Frank’s passing and the days since have been difficult times made easier by your continued support and care. Thank you, though words alone cannot express our eternal gratitude.

—Betty Garcia and Family

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth “Betty” Hall
October 7, 1949—November 12, 2025
Celebration of life will be held at The Villages in spring of 2026.
More details to be announced later.

Nancy Miller
October 9, 1935—November 3, 2025

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.
Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages’ facility.
Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call 408-223-4657 or email advertising@the-villages.com.

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For editorial information email editorial@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 1 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. For more information, email advertising@the-villages.com or call 408-223-4657.

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

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 costs between \$6,000 and \$12,000 (\$3.50 to \$6 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 Town-Hall-style meeting today 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.

There will also be a Club Special Open Bylaws meeting on **Tuesday, December 23 at 11 a.m.** in Foothill Center.

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

Access Your Firewise/Defensible Space Report

Over the past year, our Firewise volunteer team completed defensible space inspections throughout The Villages—an important part of maintaining our community’s Firewise designation and supporting wildfire preparedness.

Residents can now request their individual Firewise / Defensible Space Assessment Report through our new secure system. This report provides helpful information about your property’s wildfire resilience and opportunities for vegetation management or home-hardening improvements.

To view the full instructions and request your report, scan this QR code or visit vlgcc.com/firewise-report.

For questions, contact the Firewise team at Firewise@the-villages.com or 408-754-1334.



Electronic Voting Option proposed for revised Club Bylaws

Later this year we’ll have a chance to see, consider and vote for key revisions to the Club Bylaws. One change is to add an option for the Club Board of Directors to conduct a vote electronically. It’s important to note that, even with this option, the Club Board can also continue to use the present system of voting with paper ballots for as long as it desires. Last year the Villages Association Board of Directors added an electronic voting option to its bylaws.

Many Clubs and HOAs are adopting electronic voting for the following benefits:

- Increases participation—Makes it easier for more residents to vote, including those with mobility or travel limitations.
- Modernizes the process—Offers convenient electronic voting while preserving paper ballots for those who prefer traditional methods.
- Improves quorum and efficiency—Higher turnout helps each reach quorum and reduces the need for repeat meetings.
- Reduces cost and errors—Lowers labor printing and mailing expenses and minimizes ballot counting mistakes.
- Balances flexibility and inclusivity—Respects different comfort levels with technology while enhancing overall accessibility.
- Meets California Corporation Code requirements—Ensures compliance while allowing members to opt out for paper ballots.

If the Association or Club decides to use electronic voting in the future any resident who prefers a written ballot will get one. Employing the electronic voting option does not mean that anyone must vote in a way that makes them uncomfortable.

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May contentment and joy
light your doorstep this holiday season!

Joanne

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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 11

MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY MATTERS

WITH **FERNANDO GARIBALDO**



Season’s Greetings! As the year draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all residents for the ongoing commitment to preserving the beauty and standards that contribute to the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere we all enjoy.

In our effort to sustain the value and overall appearance of our community, we would like to announce our next scheduled inspections.

A Look Ahead: Del Lago’s Community Standards Review

Compliance reviews for properties in Del Lago will officially begin Monday, December 8, 2025. The inspection process will be focused on exterior storage and patio compliance. Keep in mind that Association Rule 2.10 Harassment, Sound, Visual, and Odor Restrictions, Section 2. D. states:

“Decks, patios, balconies and porches are not intended for storage. This restriction includes, but is not limited to refrigerators, freezers, and household furniture. Storage cabinets over 3 feet in height must have AC approval.”

While it can be tempting to use these areas for extra keeping, doing so can quickly lead to visible clutter and disrupt the community’s appearance. Improper patio organization can also contribute to rodent activity. Cluttered areas, particularly those containing boxes or enclosed items, can unintentionally create sheltered spaces that attract pests. Eliminating clutter is an important step in helping minimize these conditions and supporting ongoing community pest control efforts.

Holiday Decorations: A Few Friendly Reminders

We love seeing the holiday spirit around The Villages! As you decorate, please consider these two helpful tips to ensure smooth access and operations. With safety in mind, kindly ensure that lights, cords, and decorations remain clear of pathways and entryways so they do not obstruct foot traffic. Additionally, exterior decorations and wiring should be arranged thoughtfully so they do not interfere with our landscape team’s access, which helps them efficiently complete their routine work.

Age Certification Survey

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the Age Certification’s fast approaching deadline. This document is required by law for our community to maintain its status as a senior community. The form is due on **Monday, December 15, 2025**, and submission options include mailing the document, dropping it off in the white Drop Box located in the parking lot in front of Building A, or via email to communitystandards@the-villages.com.

If you have misplaced your form, did not receive one, or need any assistance, please contact me at 408-754-1350 or communitystandards@the-villages.com.



May Your Holidays Be Bright!



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We have assisted many Villagers establish their estate plans, and we look forward to the opportunity to assist many more.

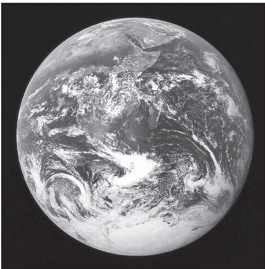
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Love Where You Live – The Villages to celebrate Earth Day

Villagers have long been thoughtful stewards of this beautiful place called home. This April, Sustainability Services is excited to invite the entire community to a month-long celebration of caring for our environment and for one another.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 18**, when the Cribari Center will host our community-wide Earth Day event.

Throughout April, we’re embracing the theme Love Where You Live highlighting how small daily actions can create big, lasting impacts. Beyond the familiar 3 R’s—Reduce, Reuse,

Recycle—this celebration is about strengthening community connections, protecting our shared spaces, and preserving The Villages for generations to come.

Get ready to Love Where You Live... and to love the experiences, activities, and events coming your way.

Please recycle cardboard correctly

Sustainability Services visits trash enclosures regularly to determine how well the community is recycling properly. There are many recurrent problems noted – cardboard is among the top. Cardboard boxes need to be broken down and flattened. This includes cereal boxes, simple packaging, tissue boxes, and the ever present delivery boxes. Break down all boxes before placing them in the bin — this saves space. Remove packing materials such as Styrofoam, bubble wrap, and plastic film. Only cardboard should go in the recycling bin. Flatten and fold larger pieces for easier collection and improved bin capacity. Keep cardboard clean and dry. Wet or food-soiled cardboard should go into regular trash. If you have oversized boxes such as appliance or large television boxes – please break them down and place them beside the recycling bin. Thank you for recycling right!



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 January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before December 19, 2025. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **The meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center.**

More COMMUNITY NOTICES
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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Cribari DAC to meet January 8

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

Glen Arden DAC to meet January 14

The Glen Arden DAC will meet **Wednesday, January 14 at 4 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Estates DAC to meet January 22

The Estates DAC will meet **Thursday, January 22 at 4 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

**VGCC Board of Directors Special Open Meeting Re: Bylaws
Tuesday, December 23 at 11 a.m. in Foothill Center**

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Remember 988 Lifeline is there for you

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

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

Calling the 988 Lifeline

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

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

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

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

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

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

SRS Reminder:

Sourcewise Medicare 101 presentation

We 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 villagesrs@sbcglobal.net. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional advisor about your individual situation.

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: vgcc.com/now

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting—open to all—is **Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom Meeting ID: 895 7224 5035; Passcode: 437767; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Town Hall 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
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Special Open Meeting Re: Bylaws is **Tuesday, December 23 at 11 a.m.** in the Foothill Center.

Homeowners

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

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.



Free Christmas tree removal dates for real trees

The Villages' garbage vendor offers free curbside Christmas tree pickup during the holiday season, which occurs on your garbage and recycle collection days between **Saturday, December 27** and **Wednesday, January 28**.

To prepare for pickup, you must remove all decorations, tinsel, and the stand, and cut the tree into five-foot pieces. Trees should be placed at least five feet from the curb, carts and vehicles, and be set out by 6 a.m. on your collection day.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 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

Saturday, December 6

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
10 a.m.	Crafters Boutique	Cribari Center
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	MC
6 p.m.	Villages Voices Concert	A

Sunday, December 7

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
10 a.m.	Dog Club/Cookie Exch.	RED
1 p.m.	Village Voices Concert	A
7 p.m.	Chinese Karaoke/Game Nite	SEQ

Monday, December 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise A	
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	EPC Sector Chief Meeting	FC
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
11 a.m.	Quilter’s Holiday Lunch	CH
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

Tuesday, December 9

9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Board meeting	PR
1 p.m.	Study Group: New Real	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Club Board	FC
2 p.m.	Arts and Crafts: Journaling	AR
3 p.m.	Study Group Club: Israel Hist.	VC
3:30 p.m.	Catholic Council Meeting	MC
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
4 p.m.	Korean Club: Meeting	F
5 p.m.	VMS Board Meeting	PR
5:30 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	CR
6 p.m.	Association Board	FC
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	VMA Board meeting	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A

10 a.m.	Cribari Social Committee	SEQ
10:30 a.m.	Senior Leader Team Meeting	VC
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
1 p.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board meeting	PR
4 p.m.	Club Technology Committee	F
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
5:30 p.m.	RV Club Holiday Party	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Global Village: Medit./Wellness	CR
7 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, December 11

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
9 a.m.	Swimming Pool Adv. Com.	VR
9 a.m.	HBOD Quarterly Meeting	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Gift Wrap	AR
10 a.m.	Comm. Advisory Committee	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women’s Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Sit, Stitch & “Share”	PR
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club meeting	VC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy: Lecture	FC
3 p.m.	Club Villages Golf Cmte.	MC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
4:30 p.m.	Pickleball Club Board	PR
6 p.m.	SJ Fire Department Event	CH
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Board	MC
7 p.m.	Villages Folksters	VC

Friday, December 12

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise A	
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass Friday	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Battery and Light Bulb Collection	Driving Range Lot
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club Advanced	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
11:30 a.m.	Jazzercise Holiday Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Study Groups: Line Dance	VC
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	CR
5:30 p.m.	Democratic Club Meeting	FC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	VC
6 p.m.	LSAL Holiday Party	MC

Saturday, December 13

7 a.m.	Men’s Golf Club	CH
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club: Sing Along	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Hiking Club: Holiday Party	A

Sunday, December 14

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
10 a.m.	Chapel Worship Service	A
2:30 p.m.	Concert Band Performance	A

Monday, December 15

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	PR
10:15 a.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
10:30 a.m.	VMA: Grief Support Group	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	Flower Ladies Arranging Guild	VC
1 p.m.	French Conversational Social	MC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Drawing	AR
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
11:30 a.m.	SwingersChristmas Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
12 p.m.	Shonis Special Event	FC
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Desi Club Social Hour	SEQ

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Watercolors	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11:15 a.m.	QiGong	A
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
5 p.m.	Jewish Hanukah	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, December 18

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
10 a.m.	Art Class: Gift Wrap	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10:30 a.m.	Beginner—Aqua Aerobics	FHP
10:30 a.m.	VMA Caregiver Support Group	PR
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women’s Luncheon	CH
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group Bible	SEQ
2 p.m.	Art Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Opera Lovers Movie	MC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Senior Academy Board	PR

Friday, December 19

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

Calendar Highlights

Crafters Club

Holiday Market

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

Village Voices

‘Winter Bliss’

Saturday, December 6 in the Cribari Auditorium at **7:30 p.m.**

‘Heart of

Christmas’

cantata

Sunday, December 21 at **10 a.m.** in Cribari Auditorium.

Concert Band

‘A Festive

Holiday’ concert

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



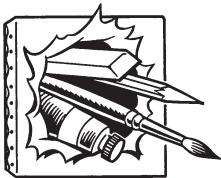
EVENT LOCATIONS

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

CLUB CALENDARS

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. For more details, visit villagesartsandcrafts.org
Open Studio in the Art Room: Monday and Friday mornings, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays and Friday afternoons, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Art Classes—Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com. All art classes are in the Cribari Center Art Room, unless noted otherwise.
December 5: Card Making Group with Mandy Book and Sheila Robinson, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the **Forum Room**. Free.
December 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 11: “Gift Wrapping Party” with Stephanie Torres in the Art Room, 1 – 4 p.m. Bring some excess paper to share. We will furnish tape, scissors, ribbons and bow making lessons.
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.
January 12 – February 2: “Free Open Studio with a Focus on Assemblage” with Colleen Mirassou and Geneva Sandjideh. Mondays, 2– 5 p.m. Bring your small junque to turn into art.
Ceramics Room has open studio days for approved members only. For Open Studio hours and classes, go to villagesceramics.com
Stitchery Group: Meets Mondays 1 – 3 p.m. in Patio Room. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

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

2025

December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach - Aptos
December 10 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse

2026

January 12-16 - Indian Waters, Indio
January 16-20 - Ocean Mesa, Santa Barbara
February 23-March 1 - Harbor Village, Half Moon Bay
March 16-20 - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson
April 13-17 - Sugar Barge, Bethel Island
May 18-22 - Yosemite RV Resort (Bass Lake), Coarsegold
June 15-21 - Moss Landing KOA
June 27 - Open House at RV storage lot
July 27-31 - Petaluma KOA
July 31, Aug 1-4 - Giant Redwoods, Myers Flat
September 14-18 - Olema Ranch, Point Reyes
September 27 - Annual BBQ
October 12-16 - Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe
November 9-13 - Morro Bay State Park (book early!)
December 1-5 - New Brighton State Beach

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layered clothing for the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday – Villages Hill Hike, 8:30 a.m.** from Foothill Center. All hiking abilities are welcome. **Every Monday – Walk around the Golf Course** with Terri Vivoli and Cheryl Allmen. Meet at the Clubhouse parking lot (next to the driving range) at **8:20 a.m.**, leave at 8:30.
Rambler, 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.**
SPECIAL WALK, Saturday, December 20 - Holiday Lights Walk – Please join the Hiking Club for this year’s Holiday Lights Walk to view festive decorations in the Villages. We will meet at Vineyard Center at 6 p.m. After the walk we will gather at Vineyard Center for coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Participants are asked to bring cookies or an appetizer to share, along with their preferred personal beverage. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Members, prospective members and non-members are welcome. Contact Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) with any questions.
Rambler Lite, Wednesday, December 24 - Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a walk to the CVS shopping center where you will have an opportunity to buy a coffee at Boulanger. The hike will start at the Clubhouse and continue through the estates to Yerba Buena. We will reverse the route back to the Villages. Meet at the Clubhouse at **9 a.m.**
SPECIAL HIKE, Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year’s Day Hill Hike - Celebrate the New Year on top of our Hill. The Hiking Club will once again celebrate New Year’s Day at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,330 ft. The Long Hikers will meet at Foothill Center at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 8:45. We will all meet up at the picnic tables at the top of Rawhide. It should take about 1 1/2 hours to make it to the top. The celebration there will aim to start at about 10:30. The hike to the top of the hill is 4-5 miles total round-trip distance and includes a 1,500 ft. elevation gain depending on which trails are taken. For a more leisurely pace and a slightly shorter distance, hikers can also start at the upper garden parking lot. Time your start to make it to the top by 10:30.
The Rambler Hikers can hike on the lower hill trails to the picnic tables at the intersection of Sky and Ohlone and will meet at the cul-de-sac at the top of Valle Vista at 9:30.
For all New Year’s hikes, please bring snacks and suitable libations to share with friends and fellow hikers. In the event of rain, many will likely cancel, but we can form a group of adventurous, tough and crazy, hikers to do the hike anyway. This year the Foothill Center is not available for use. No RSVP is required. Members, prospective members and non-members are welcome.



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Soup of the Day



For the week of 12/8 to 12/14

- Monday, December 8**
Tomato with Chickpea & Chicken
- Tuesday, December 9**
Ham & Potato with Cheddar
- Wednesday, December 10**
Chili Bean
- Thursday, December 11**
Pork Posole
- Friday, December 12**
Clam Chowder
- Saturday, December 13**
Chef's Choice
- Sunday, December 14**
Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

- Restaurant Main Dining Room:** Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, 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 12/9 to Sunday 12/14

Spam Steak & Eggs with Garlic Fried Rice: Two Eggs Any Style with Seared Spam Steak and Soy Ginger Glaze. **\$19**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 12/8 to Sunday 12/14—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Butter Chicken (Tikka Masala): Curried with Tomato and Cream Sauce, Basmati Rice and Naan Bread. **\$23**

French Dip Sandwich: Slow Roasted Striploin with Horseradish Cream on French Bread & au jus with Choice of Side. **\$22**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 12/9 to Sunday 12/14—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

With Choice of Small House Salad or Small Caesar Salad

Grilled Lamb Loin Chops: With Mint Jelly and Cabernet Reduction and Choice of Two Sides. **\$37**

Porcini-Crusted Seared Halibut: With Porcini Lemon Caper Sauce and Choice of Two Sides **\$34**

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

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday

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

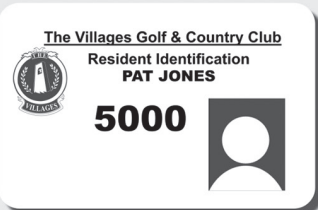
* Last seating at 7:30 p.m.

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

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



Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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- Cilantro Lime Rice
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Corn Tortilla
- Pico De Gallo



GRILLED TRI TIP \$55

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



Happy holidays,
neighbors.

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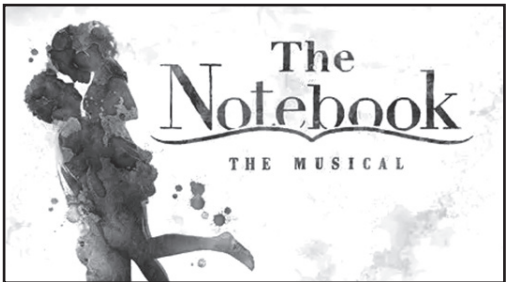
Recreation info.
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The **Recreation Services** office is in **Building D** and is open **Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon** and from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
The following events are sponsored by The Villages. Please call 408-223-4643 for additional information.

See ‘The Notebook’ at SF’s Orpheum Theater

Date/Time	Cost
Wed, Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	\$198
Location	Attendant
San Francisco	M. LeGrand
Reg. Deadline	Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.

Experience a heartwarming day in the city filled with delicious food, touching performances, and unforgettable memories! Join our group for a delightful trip to San Francisco, beginning with a savory lunch at the beloved SAMS Café, where you'll enjoy classic comfort dishes and good company. Afterward, we'll head to the beautiful Orpheum Theatre to see "The Notebook," the romantic Broadway musical that brings Nicholas Sparks' timeless love story to life on stage. Enjoy a perfect day of dining, music, and emotion—all in the heart of San Francisco. Reserve your spot today for a day that's sure to touch your heart! Register on the Member Portal at vlgcc.com/notebook12-25 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.	

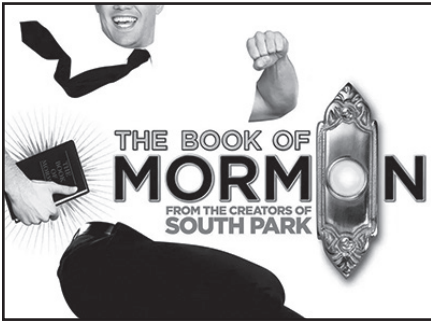
Treat yourself to a scenic getaway featuring a delicious waterfront lunch at Pier 23 Café, where you'll savor fresh seafood, classic California cuisine, and stunning bay views. Afterward, we'll head to the world-famous Exploratorium, a one-of-a-kind museum where curiosity comes alive with hands-on exhibits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



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

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

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	
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RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

activity, you are responsible for the cost of the activity. **All sales are final after the registration deadline.** Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

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

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Battery and Light Bulb Collection Events for January

When: Fridays, January 9 and January 23
Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (No early drop-offs, please)
Where: Lower driving range parking lot
What: Household batteries only (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, and button batteries)
• Corroded batteries must be bagged in plastic
• Residents are encouraged to bring their batteries directly to the collection events
• No e-waste or general rubbish

What: Light Bulbs

Recycling Limits:

- Fluorescent Tubes:
 - Up to 4 feet long
 - Must be unbroken and taped together
- CFL Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs):
 - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
- LED Bulbs:
 - Must be unbroken, sealed in paper with tape or in a sealed bag
- Light bulbs must be sorted by type and sealed in paper or in a plastic bag

The following options are also available outside of The Villages:

Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Disposal site, visit hhw.org or call 408-299-7300 to schedule a free appointment or find drop-off locations to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Small quantities of household batteries and some lightbulbs (please verify quantity in advance) may also be taken to:

- Outdoor Supply Hardware at 1751 Capitol Expressway, San Jose—669-699-5249
- Ace Hardware Payless Rockery at 2927 S. King Road, San Jose—408 274-4922



Did you know?

Dominic and Suzanne Cortese celebrate 70 years!

Villagers Dominic and Suzanne Cortese celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on November 12, 2025. During a Thanksgiving anniversary meal with family at The Villages Restaurant last month, they toasted and reminisced about their seven-decade marriage.

The couple moved to The Villages 20 years ago on their 50th anniversary. They had moved to San Felipe Road as a young couple shortly after Dominic was discharged from the US Army. They lived in Evergreen ever since.

Dominic (Dom) met Suzanne (Susie) when his cousin Barbara Borruso, who was also Suzanne's best friend, urged them to go on a date. Their first date was on New Year's Eve 1953.

Dom had been in ROTC while attending Santa Clara University. When on active duty, he spent six weeks during the first tactical nuclear war games at the Yakima Firing Center in Washington state. He became a Field Artillery Lieutenant at Fort Ord in Monterey.

Suzanne was a dental hygienist after attending Notre Dame High School in San Jose. Her large circle of family and friends was in the city of Santa Clara where she grew up.

While stationed at Ford Ord, expecting deployment, the couple were married at the base's 8th Street Chapel on November 12, 1955.

Dom and Suzanne were gifted with five children in seven years. The couple has nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

With Suzanne by his side, Dom served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors then in the California State Assembly.



Dominic and Suzanne on their first date, New Year's Eve, 1953



Dominic and Suzanne at their Villages home

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

Relieving Pain Naturally: How Acupuncture Helps You Move and Feel Better – Join Dr. Boravy Muong-Keo for a discussion on acupuncture and how it works with your body's natural healing pathways. **Thursday January 15, 2026 at 10 a.m.** in the Sequoia room.

Hearing Screening – Hearing Life will conduct free hearing screenings in Montgomery center **Tuesday, January 20** from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call 408-238-4230 to register for an appointment.

ClearCaptions – Lunch and Learn - Come on **Wednesday, January 21 at 11 a.m.** to the Sequoia Room. Learn how to qualify for free captioning phone service. Pizza will be served!

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Pastor Bill Hayden from the Villages Community Chapel will offer the next Grief Share class on **Monday, December 1 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.

Remember the EVF during the Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, 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.





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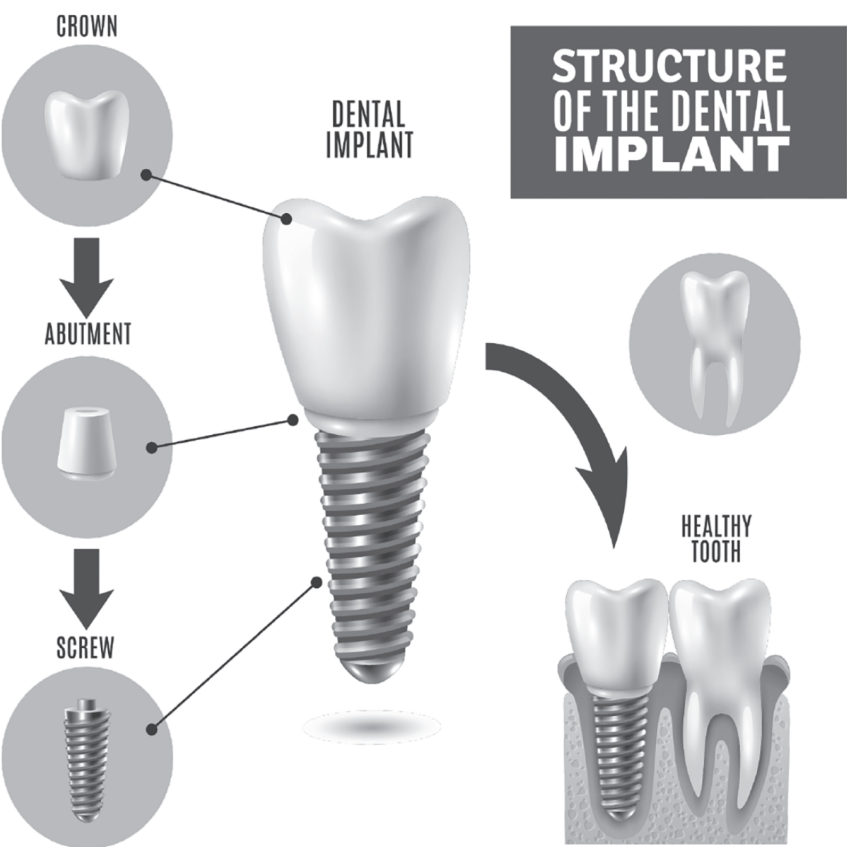
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Join the Hiking Club for the Holiday Lights Walk



Join the Hiking Club on **Saturday, December 20 at 6 p.m.** for this year's Holiday Lights Walk to view and enjoy the festive holiday decorations throughout the Villages. We will meet at Vineyard Center.

After the walk we will gather back at Vineyard Center for hot drinks. Participants are asked to bring cookies and/or treats to share.

All Villagers are welcome. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Arbaugh at 408-489-7657.

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.

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 dijonnaise 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!

Concert Band to present 'A Festive Holiday'

By Barbara Norum

The Villages Concert band is presenting a "A Festive Holiday," a concert filled with traditional and modern holiday music to get you in the spirit of the holidays. Join us on **Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the door or reserved by calling Roberta at 408-685-3386.

The program is full of music from classics like "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson and "Irving Berlin's Christmas" to popular music such as "A Mariah Carey Christmas," a music medley from "The Polar Express," and "Baby, It's Cold Outside" by Frank Loesser. The selections include "A Chanukah Celebration" and a sing-along.

The Villages Concert Band, a part of The Villages Music Society, is always looking for new members. If you play an instrument we would love you to join us. No audition is required. So dust off your "horn" and come and have some fun with us. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

See VillagesMusicSociety.org for more information. If you need a ride, call the VMA at 408-223-2620 for assistance.



Join Dog Club Holiday Celebration: Oh, What Fun!

The Villages Dog Club invites you to Join them for a cheerful holiday celebration on **Sunday, December 7 at 10 a.m.** in the Redwood Room. We hope to see all fellow dog owners and lovers of dogs at the Redwood Room to celebrate the Christmas season. Bring a food gift worth \$15 for the gift exchange game. Enjoy coffee, tea, breakfast bread and muffins.

This is to replace the bake sale that was already planned on this date and time. RSVP would be appreciated by emailing barbarasusneri4u@gmail.com.

On October 6, the Dog Club held its general meeting and



annual election, accompanied by a delicious luncheon. We are excited to announce the

new officers who will begin their terms in 2026: **President:** Linda McChesney, **Vice President:** Betty Abelson, **Secretary:** Linda Ingoglia, **Treasurer:** Tina Parsley, **Publicity:** Judy Rogers, **Membership Chair:** Ginny Spencer, **Social Committee:** Ann Snook, Susan DeMartini, and Leslie Glovin.

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



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



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Dr. Bo is a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Licensed Acupuncturist, Registered Nurse, and Certified Hypnotist with almost twenty years of combined experience in both Eastern and Western medicine. Her mission is to help people rediscover their body’s ability to heal naturally from pain and stress through a combination of acupuncture, hypnosis, and nutrition.

To register, please visit vmavillages.vgcc.club/register-for-programs or call 408-238-4029.



Dr. “Bo” Boravy Muong-Keo

VMA recognizes its prized volunteers

By Mazie Rice

VMA was thrilled to celebrate its dedicated volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on November 17. With 75 attendees, the event was a warm and meaningful tribute to the individuals who give their time, energy, and heart to VMA’s mission. An extra-special acknowledgment to Karen Peters and her group of helpers, whose hard work and attention to detail made all of the event setup possible.

VMA President, Karen Kosmala, took the opportunity to bestow two special awards to two very special volunteers

VMA Volunteer of the Year: Carol Gustaveson

Carol first came to the VMA as a client, using VMA services during a recent surgery. Grateful for the support she received, she immediately asked how she could give back. When Karen learned that Carol held a degree in computer science, her ears perked up—and that moment sparked a transformative journey for the VMA.

Carol quickly took on the responsibility of managing VMA’s year-end donation letters, streamlining a process essential to the organization. She then tackled a major modernization initiative: guiding the office desk volunteers from paper-based systems to digital records—an extraordinary and long-overdue upgrade. Recognizing that residents might need support using the new client portal, Carol helped create the Friends of Technology program, offering guidance and encouragement to anyone unfamiliar with the new system.

Most recently, Carol collaborated with the Board to organize and modernize all VMA files, developing a user-friendly system designed to serve the organization well into the future.

Carol’s dedication, expertise, and forward-thinking approach have brought the VMA firmly into the 21st century. VMA is deeply grateful for her service and proud to recognize her exceptional contributions, so much so that VMA has created a Board position for her!

VMA Recognizes Long Time Volunteer: Dick Frey

Dick began volunteering with the VMA in March 2006. He first served by delivering medical equipment to residents in need, ensuring that essential items reached people quickly and reliably.

It wasn’t long before Dick expanded his service even further. He took on the specialized and physically demanding work of adjusting and installing access ramps, literally removing barriers for those who relied on wheelchairs or walkers. His dedication has helped countless residents maintain independence, mobility, and dignity.

In 2012 and 2013, Dick continued his remarkable service by stepping into the role of President of the VMA. At the time, the organization was facing serious financial challenges. Working closely with two future presidents, Dick helped develop creative strategies to increase funding—most notably by introducing golf events dedicated to raising money for the VMA.

Additionally, one moment of serendipity sparked an entirely new avenue of support. While assisting a neighbor’s family with an estate sale, Dick sold a golf cart, and the family immediately donated the proceeds to the VMA. Recognizing the potential, Dick launched the golf cart sales program, which soon expanded into a successful car donation program too. These two programs help provide the essential, sustaining financial support the organization was seeking.

His leadership and innovation didn’t stop there. When the pandemic hit, Dick saw an urgent need for masks. He organized volunteers to gather fabric and sew thousands of masks—delivering them not only to Villagers but also to local hospitals until the need subsided.

On behalf of the **Villages Medical Auxiliary**, we extend our deepest gratitude to Dick, for his many years of unwavering service and dedication. His vision, compassion, and tireless commitment have strengthened this organization in ways we can never fully repay.



VMA Volunteer of the Year
Carol Gustaveson



Karen Kosmala presents Certificate of Appreciation to long-time volunteer Dick Frey

Sign up for Cribari New Year’s Eve Silver & Gold Party

December 31, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium

Dinner (6:30-7:30 p.m.) Lemon Garlic Chicken and Filet Mignon Elegant Dinner

Dessert: Cheesecake and Chocolate Cake



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Birding Group identifies 47 species of birds on golf course

Earlier this year, Villages residents came together to form a volunteer birding group dedicated to observing and identifying wildlife and birds on the golf course. Led by Frank Langben, the group records their findings and shares them with Sustainability Services, contributing to the reports submitted to the Audubon Golf Sanctuary Certification Program. The birds observed include both migratory species and year-round residents, highlighting the rich and diverse wildlife of The Villages community.

The Birds recorded in July, August and September for 2025 include:

Bluebird, Western
Bushtit
Chickadee, Chestnut-backed
Coot, American
Cormorant, Double-crested
Crow, American
Dove, Mourning
Egret, Great
Egret, Snowy
Finch, House
Flicker, Northern
Gadwall
Goldfinch, Lesser
Goose, Canada
Grebe, Pied-billed
Hawk, Cooper's
Hawk, Red-shouldered
Hawk, Red-tailed
Heron, Black-crowned Night-
Heron, Great Blue
Heron, Green
Hummingbird, Anna's
Junco, Dark-Eyed (Oregon)
Kestrel, American
Kingfisher, Belted
Kite, White-tailed
Mallard
Merganser, Common
Merganser, Hooded
Nuthatch, White-breasted
Phoebe, Black
Raven, Common
Robin, American

Sandpiper, Spotted
Sparrow, Fox
Sparrow, Song
Sparrow, White-crowned
Starling, European
Swallow, Barn
Titmouse, Oak
Towhee, California
Towhee, Spotted
Turkey, Wild
Vulture, Turkey
Woodpecker, Acorn
Woodpecker, Nuttall's
Wren, Bewick's



Acorn Woodpecker



Pied-billed Grebe juvenile



Western Bluebird

Photos by Frank Langben

Celebrate New Year's Day on the top of our hills



The Hiking Club will once again celebrate New Year's Day, **Thursday, January 1** at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,330 ft. The Long Hikers will meet at Foothill Center at **8:30 a.m.** and leave at 8:45. We will all meet up at the picnic tables at the top of Rawhide. It should take about 90 minutes to make it to the top. The celebration there will aim to start at about **10:30 a.m.** The hike to the top of the hill is 4-5 miles total round-trip distance and includes a 1,500 ft. elevation gain depending on which trails are taken. For a more leisurely pace and a slightly shorter distance, hikers can also start at the upper garden parking lot. Time your start to make it to the top by 10:30 a.m.

The Rambler Hikers can hike on the lower hill trails to the picnic tables at the intersection of Sky and Ohlone and will meet at the cul-de-sac at the top of Valle Vista at 9:30.

For all New Year's hikes, please bring snacks and suitable libations to share with friends and fellow hikers. In the event of rain, many will likely cancel, but we can form a group of adventurous, tough and crazy, hikers to do the hike anyway. This year the Foothill Center is not available for use. No RSVP is required. Members, prospective members and non-members are welcome.



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Opera Lovers present Gilbert and Sullivan’s ‘The Mikado’

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

This version of the famous comic opera was a blockbuster hit at the world-renowned Stratford Festival (Ontario, Canada). Cloaked in the guise of a Japanese musical drama, “The Mikado” is a spoof of Victorian English society. Centered on Ko-Ko, a lowly tailor, it chronicles his transformation from prisoner in a country jail to the rank of Lord High Executioner. But Ko-Ko is plagued by a terrible quandary: the emperor has instructed him to produce a head—or forfeit his own.

W.S. Gilbert’s witty, fast-paced dialogue is matched by the amazingly quick and complex music of Sir Arthur Sullivan. Many of the arias will be familiar melodies (for example, “Three Little Maids from School”). This Canadian production is dazzling, the singers are wonderful and the stage choreography is phenomenal. The only drawback is that we have been unable to find a DVD that includes subtitles. It is a little difficult, therefore, to catch every single word but, rest assured, the delightfully silly characters will make up for it!

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

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



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Study Groups Club announces its 2026 Club Board

By Judy Rogers

On Tuesday, November 18, The Villages Study Groups Club held its semi-annual general meeting at Foothill. The room was beautifully decorated with table centerpieces created by Yvette Katz. A total of 56 members and five walk-ins attended, giving everyone the chance to meet new friends as well as reconnect with familiar faces. They enjoyed a light supper—organized by Linda McChesney and Betty Abelson—and had the opportunity to sign up for the many study groups currently being offered.

The meeting was chaired by our Vice President, Bassima Story, who introduced the new 2026 Study Groups Board (the same as the 2025 board): **President** – Martin Schlager; **Vice President** – Bassima Story; **Secretary** – Judy Rogers; **Treasurer** – Celia Schiffner. As none of the positions were contested, all officers were re-elected.

Joey introduced several Study Group leaders, each of whom briefly described their group’s activities. Members were also encouraged to start new study groups in areas of personal expertise by contacting the Study Group Coordinator, Joey Stern. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Arlene Versaw, a former reporter and editor. Arlene graciously shared insights from her career in journalism. She read a prize-winning article she wrote about an exploding BIC lighter, and concluded her talk with a charming story about being asked to edit her grandchild’s college essay—an honor reflecting the many skills she acquired throughout her career.





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All Villagers, families and friends are invited to join us for “**The Heart of Christmas,**” a joyous cantata sharing the good news of the birth of Christ. Directed by Catherine Ellacer and accompanied by Tammy Walsh on the piano, the Chapel Choir will be joined by soloists, Margaret Orandi, Doug Leonard, and Aileen Reed in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, December 21 at 10 a.m.**

Crafters Holiday Market...

(Continued from front page)

- Vince Alvarez** - leather goods
- Richard Bainbridge** - walking sticks, wood crafts
- Tere Barbella** - jewelry, bells and holiday trinkets
- Marty Blinde** - children’s items, fabrics
- Joanne Brooks** - Hand smocked baby items, fabrics
- Doug Canepa** - fine watercolors
- Debbie Earl** - greeting cards, gift bags
- Suzanne Ferris** - ceramics
- Kirk Garrison** - wood plaques
- Kime Kim-Tiger** - knitted and crocheted items
- Ed Knott** - Steampunk art, cork, woodcrafts
- Mary LeGrand** - Succulent gardens
- Kathy and Larry Lohman** - Fine woodcrafting
- Judith London** - author of books on caregiving and Alzheimer’s
- Maria Mercado** - scarves, jewelry, crocheted items
- Marilyn Murata** - cards, photos, wearable art
- Barbara Osborne** - jewelry, wreaths, decorations
- Margot Paoli** - baskets
- Kathleen Pennington** – hand-cut paper crafts, cards
- Sheila Robinson** - wreaths, knit and crocheted items
- Elizabeth Schwartz** - paper crafts, cards, boxes
- Elisa Sumcad** - diamond art, jewelry
- Mishel Vanderten** - fine art, jewelry, cards
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- Cheryl Wical** - silk scarves

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).



Join LSAL Fitness Club's fall prevention training

LSAL (Live Stronger and Longer)'s fall prevention training helps improves balance and stability by strengthening muscles that support the hips, legs, core, and ankles while at the same time teaching the body how to stay steady during everyday movements. Join us in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome. First class free. Sign up in class.



Senior Academy: See Colorado River in pictures with Jerry Gilliland

By Arlene Versaw

It begins in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and ends in Mexico in the Gulf of California. It's 1,450 miles long, was strong enough to carve the Grand Canyon, and is vital enough to provide water for 40 million people.



And—it provides an enormously scenic and challenging opportunity for those intrepid few who choose to explore its wonders. Villager Jerry Gilliland is one of those with an adventurous spirit. He and his wife have made five trips down the Colorado River and are looking forward to sharing a 277-mile river experience with you in a photographic journey at the Senior Academy's presentation on **Thursday, December 11 at 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

This trip, sponsored by Grand Canyon Expedition Company, included many smaller rapids and two Class 5 rapids, side canyon hikes and sleeping under the stars. Gilliland's voyage can no longer be replicated as today's low water levels no longer allow for this kind of adventure.

Live vicariously! Join us on **Thursday, December 11** by registering at senioracademy.vgcc.club.

Villages Jewish Community Hanukkah Party

Please join us for Hanukkah dinner and games on **Wednesday, December 17 at 5 p.m.** at Foothill Center. Charge is \$10 pp.

We supply the Latkas, fixings and jelly doughnuts, you supply a hearty dairy/vegetable entry for six. Reserve your spot by **December 12** by providing your Member ID. No cancellations after December 12. Send reservations to sandi@srosenblum.com



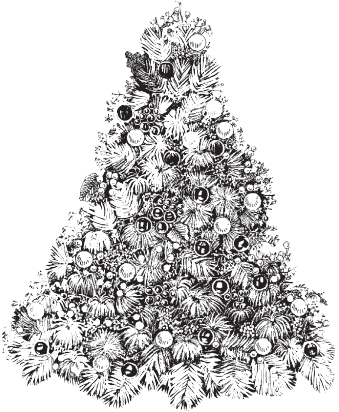
Montgomery Holiday Party

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 Demi, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine
- 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. No refunds after December 11.



Christmas Eve Curbside

Wednesday December 24, 2025
12 p.m. Pickup Time

Salad

- Clubhouse Baby Mix Salad with Balsamic Dressing Rolls & Butter

Duo Entrée Plate

- Honey Baked Ham with Mustard Grain and Honey Glaze
- Sliced Roasted N.Y Strip with Red Wine Demi
- Mashed Potatoes
- Steamed Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

- Holiday Greeting Fudge Cake

\$36 Plus Service Charge & Tax

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New

2026

Year's Eve

Midnight Countdown
New Years Eve Dinner Dance

Dancing to the Sounds of the Jerry Saucedo Band
Wednesday December 31, 2025 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
7 p.m. Reception 8 p.m. Dinner
Midnight Champagne Toast

Reception
Charcuterie Display
Passed Hors d'oeuvres
Spanakopita | Mushroom Stuffed Italian Sausage | Fried Arancini

Salad
Baby Mix Salad with Pears
with Gorgonzola, Candied Pecans, Pomegranate Seeds
Champagne Vinaigrette

Entrée
Land & Sea
Petite Filet of Beef with Compound Butter, Colossal Prawns
Scalloped Potatoes
Broccolini & Baby Carrots

Dessert
Chef's Chocolate Dessert
Balloon Drop at Midnight
Decorations & Party Favors

\$90 Plus Service Charge & Tax
Please call 408-754-1339
or e-mail theclubhouse@the-villages.com



Dance Club: ‘I Can’t Help Myself’

December is bringing Motown magic to the dance floor! The Village Dancers will be grooving to the irresistible sounds of “I Can’t Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)” by The Four Tops, a timeless hit that defined the upbeat spirit of the 1960s.

This month’s theme invites everyone to step back into the golden age of Motown, when soulful harmonies and joyful rhythms filled the air.

Dancers will channel their inner ‘60s stars with moves inspired by the era’s most iconic styles—think classic hand jives, hip swings, finger snaps, and synchronized steps that capture the fun and flair of the decade. We meet on **Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.

Expect a lively, feel-good session where smiles are as important as the steps. Whether you’re a longtime dancer or new to the group, this Motown-inspired theme is the perfect way to wrap up the year — celebrating friendship, rhythm, and the timeless joy of dance. Get ready to move—because when The Four Tops start singing “Sugar pie, honey bunch...” you really can’t help yourself!

Each month brings a new dance theme with loads of fun. We even have performance opportunities. Contact Bernice Toy, Artistic Director & Choreographer. She can be reached at vms.dancers@gmail.com. For more information please see the Villages Music Society website: <https://villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3>. The Village Dancers charge an annual \$25 membership fee. While the weekly session is free, donations are welcome.



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.

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.

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	Contact: Elsa McLaughlin	408-531-8874
Sunday	10 a.m. Community Chapel	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Elsa McLaughlin	408-531-8874
Friday	7 p.m. Jewish Shabbat	Foothill
	Next date: TBA	
	Contact: Bob Lapidus	408-693-9498
	Judy London	650-469-9624

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., December 8 at Vineyard**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Stressing before Blessing’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The stress of preparation can sour your joy for an event that you anticipated to be filled with excitement and fun. As a child, I couldn’t wait for the Christmas Season to roll around after the Thanksgiving Holiday. I could imagine having a white Christmas, with the freshly fallen snow as I listened to all the Christmas songs on the radio. I knew I wouldn’t get everything on my Christmas list, so I stacked it when all I wanted was a bicycle. Well, I never received a bike until after I got married.

The Christmas Season has been a very stressful time for me. Instead of pausing in life to reflect on God’s gift of redemption to humanity, we are running around decorating and buying things. We go to the storage area to move the boxes stored in the back to pull out the decorations and the artificial Christmas Tree. By the time we complete our to-do list, it’s time for a three-day vacation!

Online shopping has given us some relief from long lines and circling the parking spaces at the Malls. On the other hand, it has not freed us from the occasional things that come up during the week of the celebration. There we are, still looking for a parking space and waiting in long lines because, like other human beings, we forgot to get a few items.

With everything said and done, I do enjoy spending time with family and friends around the dinner table, playing games after dessert. I plan to put all the males under 60 on KP (Kitchen Patrol) after dinner to give the ladies a break before we play our family games.

On another note, our Villages Community Chapel Choir gives a delightful choral and narrative presentation of the Birth of Christ each year. It’s a very inspiring, uplifting, joyful, and well-attended experience for families and their guests. **Sunday, December 21 at 10 a.m.**, we will feature our Annual Christmas Cantata. So, please mark your calendars and be present to join us as we celebrate God’s amazing grace in sending Jesus Christ, His Son, to redeem us.

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

For your information:

An Advent Reflection with Deacon Ruben Solorio
Saturday, December 13 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
At St. Francis of Assisi Parish on San Felipe Road
For further information contact: Lerma Simpson at 408-223-1770

‘We Wait in Joyful Hope’

By Marcos Herrera

Advent is a wonderful season of hope as we await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas day. Isaiah’s description in Chapter 11 (1-10) is one of my favorites as he describes how this “little child” will bring about the Spirit of God on earth and provide us with hope and a model for us to use to help heaven reach down and touch earth. This little child will be born in a manger to a couple with few resources but will guide the wolf to be a guest of the lamb, a leopard to lie down with the kid, and a calf to browse with a young lion.

While we read this chapter from Isaiah during the Advent season, I consider it a wonderful reading throughout the year to remind me that how we live our lives can bring his spirit to earth so that justice will prevail. We as Catholics are people of hope. We have hope that someday we will have eternal life, a life in a paradise beyond description.

This reading from Isaiah provides me with assurance that someday I will experience a reunion with Jesus and all that have gone before me. I do not know what Heaven will be like, but I know it will be amazing! This helps me through difficult times as the present. My sister has cancer and recently entered hospice. I bring communion to her each Sunday and although it only takes a few minutes, I feel peace and happiness that the bread of life is helping prepare her and myself for her journey to heaven. The hope that Isaiah describes and that Paul refers to in Romans 15 provides me with the confidence that we will journey together through this life and be reunited as one with God.



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VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

‘A Light in the Darkness:
The Story of Hanukkah’

Hanukkah, often called the Festival of Lights, is a cherished Jewish holiday commemorating a miraculous victory and the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Over 2,000 years ago, the land of Judea was ruled by the Seleucid Greeks, led by King Antiochus IV Epiphanes. He sought to suppress Jewish religious practice, forbidding them from studying the Torah and performing essential rituals. A small band of Jewish freedom fighters, the Maccabees, rose up against the mighty Greek army. Though heavily outnumbered and outmatched, they fought for their religious freedom and miraculously managed to drive the Greeks out of Jerusalem, reclaiming the Temple.

Upon entering the desecrated Temple, the Maccabees immediately set out to purify and rededicate it. A crucial part of the rededication was relighting the Menorah, the seven-branched candelabrum, which was meant to burn perpetually. However, they found only one small jar of ritually pure olive oil—enough to keep the Menorah lit for just a single day. They faced a dilemma: it would take eight days to prepare and procure a new supply of sacred oil. Nevertheless, they lit the Menorah with the small amount they had.

The miracle of Hanukkah then occurred. That single flask of oil, enough for only one day, somehow kept the Menorah burning brightly for **eight full days**, the exact amount of time needed to press new, pure oil. This event established the eight-day observance of the holiday. The celebration is not just about the military victory, but about the triumph of light over darkness, purity over defilement, and spiritual resistance against assimilation.

Today, this miracle is the core of Hanukkah customs. Each night for eight nights, Jewish families light an increasing number of candles on a special nine-branched candelabrum called the **Hanukkiah** (or **Menorah**). The ninth candle, called the Shamash (the “helper” candle), is used to light all the others. As the candles are lit, special blessings are recited, and traditional songs like “Maoz Tzur” are sung. The increasing light each night symbolizes the growth of the miracle and brings a warm, joyous feeling to the darkest time of the year.

The celebrations are filled with traditional foods and games. Because the Hanukkah miracle involves oil, it is customary to eat foods fried in oil, such as **Latkes** (potato pancakes) and **Sufganiyot** (jelly donuts). Children play with the **Dreidel**, a four-sided spinning top, which is a game connected to when Jews would secretly study Torah and quickly switch to playing the game if Greek soldiers approached. Gifts, or **Hanukkah Gelt** (money), are also often exchanged. Hanukkah remains a powerful reminder of faith, resilience, and the enduring power of a small light against overwhelming odds.

This year, Jewish communities throughout the world will be celebrating Hanukkah starting on the evening of December 14. The Villages Jewish Community (VJC) will be having its own celebration on December 17.

Villages Jewish Community
Hanukkah Party

Please join us for Hanukkah dinner and games on **Wednesday, December 17 at 5 p.m.** at Foothill Center.

Charge is \$10 pp. Bring your Menorah.

We supply the Latkas, fixings and jelly doughnuts, you supply a hearty dairy/vegetable entry for six. Reserve your spot by **December 12** by providing your Member ID. No cancellations after December 12. Send reservations to sandi@sosenblum.com



Start Christmas
with Christ

There is a reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ. Come celebrate with the Community Chapel. Friends and families from every faith will warm to the sounds of familiar carols and fresh, new music in “The Heart of Christmas,” a joyous, uplifting cantata that recounts the events of the season. Directed by Catherine Ellacer and accompanied by Tammy Walsh on the piano, the Chapel Choir will be joined by soloists, Margaret Orandi, Doug Leonard, and Aileen Reed in Cribari Auditorium on **Sunday, December 21 at 10 a.m.**

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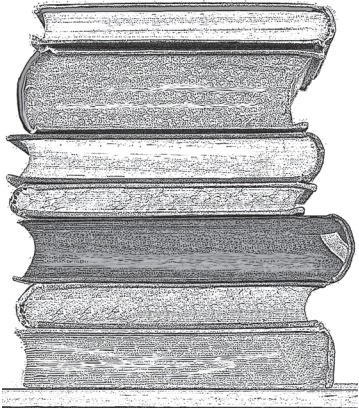
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Victorian Carolers

Friday December 12, 2025

The Clubhouse

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Come join us at the Clubhouse on Friday December 12th as we welcome The Lyric Theatre Victorian Carolers!

We will be offering our regular dinner menu service. Reservations are recommended. The carolers will be performing around the restaurant from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Please meet Brian and Pat Remington, who recently moved to Del Lago. Brian and Pat were residing in Florida when he retired after a 35-year career with IBM as a sales manager. They have family ties in Texas and the Bay Area. In the past few years, they had been living in Texas and also owned a condo in Cribari for a nearby residence.

After thoroughly enjoying The Villages, they decided to sell their condo and purchase and remodel a property in Del Lago to make it their primary residence. However, they still maintain a part-time presence in Dallas.

Brian began his athletic journey in Pennsylvania with ice hockey, where he even played on his college team. He later ventured into triathlons, swimming, biking, and running. In between these pursuits, he picked up a tennis racquet and, with the availability of six tennis courts, is eager to join the tennis community while continuing his triathlon training.

Pat, on the other hand, is an artist who graduated with an art degree from Toronto. Her career primarily revolved around graphic design. Currently, she is teaching art classes in The Villages.



Brian Remington

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Back on the course playing the front nine on November 21. Early morning dampness and wet fairways had eased a bit by the start time of 11:37. However the greens were a putting challenge as a little more speed and a little less break had an impact on everyone's fine score.

With 10 players we were able to play three of our allotted 14 times and a good time was had by all. It is always good to get back on the course with friends and pleasant weather after a couple of rainout days in early October.

The results for this day were: Mario Silva, first place at 2 under par; Martin Hoek, second place at 1 under par; Richard Henderson grabbed the third spot with a three over par; and Kelley Lambert finished his round at eight over par.

We ended the month of November with a **No Play** Day, however, four of our members still made it to the course for a quick nine holes with Mario Silva, once again, claiming the top spot with a one over net par.

We will play on the first three Fridays in December, standing down on the day after Christmas for Boxing Day and on January 2 to recover from New Year's celebrations.

For the remainder of winter and into early Spring we will play every Friday, weather permitting until moving aside for the annual VG&CC Member to Member Tournament hosted by the Men's 18-hole club. That streak of 16 weeks is likely to have more than a couple of interruptions Red Flag days (cart path only) or some atmospheric rivers as we have had in the last couple of years.



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SHONIS

By Teddy Morse

The cold, foggy weather didn't impact our gals on Tuesday, November 25. We had 26 players brave the weather and enjoy a fun Turkey Shoot Tournament. Thanks to our Social Coordinator Sabrina Kupperberg, we wore fun hats that set the mood for the day. We didn't let a little cold and fog dampen our spirits as we headed into the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our contest was closest to the pin on hole 5. Donna Erickson won with her tee shot coming within 7 feet, 7 inches of the pin.

The conditions on the course weren't the best because of fairway aeration, and the recent rains. The scores reflected this condition. But we've got winter rules to help us out.

Suzanne Roberts is now a member of our club. Becoming a member requires completion of five qualifying games and payment of club dues. Suzanne has already become active in our club, participating in and winning a prize in our Halloween costume contest. I've played with her a couple of times and I think we'll see her in the winner's column soon. Welcome, Suzanne.

Our other two current qualifiers, Ursula Christiansen and Joyce Dorsey are on their way to becoming members and when they do, we will be starting our year with three new members. That's awesome!



Donna Erickson, Closest to the Pin



Shonis at the 2025 Turkey Shoot.



New member Suzanne Roberts

Women's Par 3 Golf Club remembers Betty Hall

By Teddy Morse

Our golf club lost our Captain Betty Hall in November. Betty joined the Women's Par 3 Golf Club (Shonis) in 2019 serving as co-captain for three years and another three years as our captain.

With a personality bigger than life she was the type of person others gravitated to.

Fun could have been Betty's middle name as she was always thinking of fun games for the Shonis to play. One of them was "go to the beach." You had to hit your ball in the sand trap. This game caused frustration but also produced a lot of laughs.

The Shonis' captains send out a Sunday Blast each week to keep the club informed. Betty's blasts were the best. She'd not only keep us up to date on our golf club, but she'd point out important Village-wide news. For instance, if Betty were writing the blast this week, she'd be reporting on the bylaw townhalls and encouraging us to attend. She also used the blast for fun facts. I remember one time when she wrote about light bulbs that continue to work when the power goes out. I got online right after her message and purchased some.

Betty was also a compassionate partner to Nanci Newell. For the last several years Betty was the primary caregiver for Nanci. Nanci is also a Shoni but because of her health issues she has been unable to play golf. Betty made sure Nanci got out socially bringing her to our weekly lunches after golf and other Villages' social activities.

Betty was a leader on the bocce court and an avid supporter of women's sports, especially basketball and golf. This spring, in cooperation with the Men's Par 3 Golf Club (Ironmen), we are planning a golf tournament in her honor on our Par 3 Course.







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A	8845 Wine Valley Ci	2,096	3	2 0	\$1,499,000	125	\$715	A	8356 Charbono Ct	1,646	2	2 0	\$640,000	212		\$389
A	8853 Wine Valley Ci	2,032	3	2 0	\$1,375,000	122	\$677	A	5155 Cribari	1,240	2	2 0	\$618,767	11		\$499
A	8718 Mccarty Ranch	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,299,999	233	\$636	A	5142 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$519,777	122		\$419
A	8423 Chenin Blanc Ln	1,803	3	2 0	\$999,000	51	\$554	A	5469 Cribari Green	1,223	2	2 0	\$509,000	248		\$416
A	7530 Morevern Ci	1,751	2	2 1	\$988,000	154	\$564	A	5302 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	284		\$405
A	7886 Moorfoot Ct	1,751	2	2 1	\$979,000	42	\$559	A	5437 Cribari Green	1,240	2	2 0	\$488,000	56		\$394
A	2044 Folle Blanche	1,735	3	2 0	\$925,000	60	\$533	A	5286 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$479,888	136		\$392
A	3120 Lake Trasimeno	1,457	2	2 0	\$899,999	25	\$618	A	5264 Cribari Heights	947	1	1 0	\$452,000	83		\$477
A	3123 Lake Trasimeno	1,855	2	2 0	\$878,888	263	\$474	A	5065 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$450,000	24		\$368
A	7759 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$848,000	66	\$470	A	5271 Cribari Corner	1,223	2	2 0	\$435,000	94		\$356
A	8366 Riesling Way	1,646	2	2 0	\$825,000	45	\$501	A	5189 Cribari Hills	1,223	2	2 0	\$430,000	104		\$352
A	6098 Montgomery Ct	1,571	2	2 0	\$815,000	44	\$519	P	6135 Montgomery Ct	1,520	2	2 0	\$949,000	9		\$624
A	8021 Pinot Noir Ct	1,646	2	2 0	\$795,000	46	\$483	P	8030 Pinot Noir Ct	1,571	2	2 0	\$888,000	30		\$565
A	8386 Riesling Way	1,497	2	2 0	\$779,000	107	\$520	P	7713 Galloway Dr	1,572	2	2 0	\$749,000	169		\$476
A	8501 Grenache Ct	1,646	2	2 0	\$761,840	58	\$463	P	7812 Prestwick Ci	1,490	2	2 0	\$698,000	54		\$468
A	7704 Galloway Dr	1,490	2	2 0	\$758,000	41	\$509	P	5336 Cribari Glen	947	2	1 0	\$470,000	45		\$496
A	8463 Traminer Ct	1,646	2	2 0	\$740,000	164	\$450	P	5009 Cribari	947	1	1 1	\$380,000	45		\$401
A	7792 Prestwick Ci	1,490	2	2 0	\$738,000	176	\$495	S	5235 Cribari Hills	947	2	1 0	\$468,000	122	\$468,000	\$494
A	7742 Kilmarnok Dr	1,490	2	2 0	\$725,000	44	\$487	S	7302 Via Granja	1,781	3	2 0	\$649,999	131	\$630,000	\$354
A	6354 Whaley Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$724,500	118	\$605	S	7648 Falkirk Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$724,000	92	\$704,000	\$467
A	6361 Whaley Drive	1,340	2	2 0	\$699,950	11	\$522	S	7638 Falkirk Drive	1,572	2	2 0	\$785,000	19	\$775,000	\$493
A	7772 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$699,000	135	\$469	S	2051 Folle Blanche	1,969	3	3 0	\$924,000	42	\$925,000	\$470
A	5050 Cribari Vale	1,348	2	2 0	\$648,000	14	\$481	S	3339 Lake Albano Ci	1,679	2	2 0	\$950,000	0	\$950,000	\$566
A	7391 Via Cantares	1,442	2	2 0	\$647,000	45	\$449	S	3114 Pinot Grigio	1,398	3	2 1	\$1,175,000	37	\$1,155,000	\$826
								S	7133 Via Solana	1,790	3	2 0	\$1,498,000	6	\$1,470,000	\$821
								S	7111 Via Portada	1,954	3	2 0	\$1,495,000	31	\$1,491,000	\$763

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Active	35 ↓ from 40	1,512	\$758,989	102 ↑		\$492 =
Pend/Contg	6 ↑ from 5	1,341	\$689,000	59 ↑		\$505 ↓
Sold	9 ↓ from 11	1,622	\$963,222	53 ↓	\$952,000	\$584 ↑

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

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.

9 HOLE WOMEN

By Vicki Krattli

Golf is often associated with clear skies, rolling greens, and crisp morning air. But today as the fog draped itself across the course, the game was transformed into something entirely different. Visibility shrunk, distances blurred, and familiar fairways took on an eerie, almost mystical quality.

For players, fog introduces both obstacles and opportunities. Judging distance becomes tricky, forcing golfers to rely more on feel than sight. Club selection demands extra thought, and patience becomes essential as shots vanish into the mist. Yet, there is a quiet beauty in these conditions: the muffled sounds, the softened landscape, and the sense of solitude that fog creates. It was a bit cold at times but those that braved the conditions and came into the bistro for a quick lunch or a warm Irish coffee, enjoyed the day.

Under par scores were hard to come by as the ladies found sanded fairways and quick greens, but winners rose to the top to add a few dollars in sweeps to their accounts.

Front Nine Flight One winners included Judy Steinberg, Sachiko Coleman, Vicki Krattli, and Suzy Kim. The second flight winners were Liiwan Ma, Josephine Chan, Jean Shimada, and Pat Sear.

Back Nine Flight one winners included Renee Woolard, In Kim, Emily Li, and Susan Anderson. The second flight winners included Joy Rem, Karen Carson, Susan Sunzeri, and Nancy Dawn.

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. Make sure you get your entrée in before December 8.

18 HOLE WOMEN



The 18 Hole Women at the Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 20. Happy holidays from the 18 Hole Women's Golf Association.

Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Holiday Tournament

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025

What: Shamble Holiday Tournament. **MGC Members only. No Guests or Spouses.**



Format: Shamble format, Stableford scoring, four-man teams, 2BB.

Signup: November 20 through December 11. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will match you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 100% of December 11 Handicap.

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players.

Tees: #4/3 combo, or #3 based on flight.

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

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

BOCCE NEWS



By Vivian Hobbs

The Villages Bocce Club has enjoyed a remarkable year of growth, camaraderie, and lively play.

The Turkey Trot was our final tournament of the year. This was a 3-week, 6-game tournament with fiery play from 12 teams of four advanced players. These advanced players entertained us with shots that would seem impossible. I just wish we had replay! The ultimate winners were Wrists of Glory with Howie Blumstein, Gil Cepeda, Steve Gilbert, and Steve Simler. Congratulations! Celebrations were held with a beer and pizza party. Yum.

We will close out the year with our festive Christmas party on December 20 at Cribari—live music, delicious food, and more camaraderie! Not surprisingly, it is sold out—but there's always the wait list! Members can contact Barbara Orlando at ormuh2@comcast.net to be placed on the wait list.

We're excited to start the new year with our first Boot Camp on January 27! Thinking about joining our wonderful club? Boot Camp is the perfect place to begin. Many of us started right there, learning the rules, etiquette, and helpful tips for great play. Everyone is welcome—membership isn't required. Signup details will be shared in early January.

If you also want to take part in our tournaments and very fun social events, you can sign up for the Bocce Club by contacting our membership director, Jeanne-Anne Whitacre at jawhitacre@live.com or 650-493-3638. She is happy to talk to new members and answer any questions. The annual dues are a whopping \$15—best deal in town! You can then look forward to our beginner tournament on February 9. This is a great way for new players to get involved and also to be seen! The seasoned players watch to find new players to round out their own teams. They are looking for good play, of course, but also good team spirit. So, remember to smile and have fun!

For more information and a look at our 2026 calendar, please visit villagesbocce.vgcc.club.

Happy Holidays and Deck the Halls with Bocce Balls!

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Holiday Buffet Menu

Appetizer Plate at each table
Braised Short Ribs, Pan Roasted Salmon
Vegetarian option available on request
Green Salad with Balsamic or Ranch Dressing
Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes
Seasonal vegetable
Roll & butter



Dessert Buffet & Coffee
Bourbon Bar

Complimentary Wine, Beer & Water Or BYOB

Reservations can be made by emailing Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net. Assigned seating, with tables of 10 available. Confirmation by email and your member ID charged. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, December 17, no refunds after Friday, December 19.

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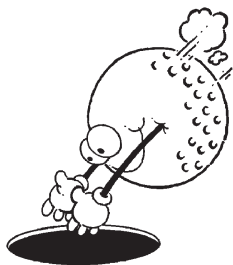
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Teddy Morse 26
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Amari Thomas 22
Jan Trusso 27
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Flight Three (20-24)
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Linda McChesney 24



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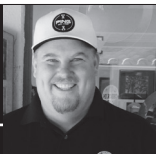
Wednesday, November 19
Sandy Gardiner 149
Kit Hultquist 202
Sylvia Rozewicz 205

Friday, November 21
Sylvia Rozewicz 193
Mo Ricketts 203
Kit Hultquist 264
Marje Harper 265

Wednesday, November 26
Eva Medeiros 194
Shirley Bellavance 204
Sylvia Rozewicz 233

Friday, November 28
Eva Medeiros 194
Shirley Bellavance 258
Bev Waller-Wharton 258
Kitty Heston 312

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
Pro Shop Holiday Sale

From December 8 to 24 all merchandise in the Pro Shop will be on sale right here at the Villages Pro Shop! Plenty of Villages logo merchandise for the non-golfers as well including crew neck sweatshirts, shirts and outerwear, and headwear in many styles.

All Holiday Sale Shoppers who spend over \$50 will qualify for the **Grand Prize** with the winner being chosen on the final day of the sale: **Three free rounds of golf plus \$50 on your range card!**

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December Golf Schedule

Saturday, December 13 – Men's Club Holiday Tournament 8 a.m. Shotgun – Open Play Shotgun 1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 9 a.m. Shotgun on 18-Hole Course – 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tee Time on Par-3 Course – Driving Range open all day – Pro Shop closed at 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, December 25 – **Christmas Day** – Pro Shop *closed* all day – Merry Christmas!

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 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 December. **All of these processes are weather-permitting.**

Winter Rules—Preferred Lies

During fairway aeration, topdressing and overseeding we will play Preferred Lies defined as 6-inch relief, pick-clean-and place, no nearer the hole everywhere including the rough.

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Please Repair your Ball Marks on the Greens—We have noticed many unrepaired ball marks on the green recently. As part of our Culture of Care to maintain our pristine greens' conditions, please be sure to repair your ball marks on the greens, and any other unrepaired ball marks you encounter. An unrepaired ball mark not only leaves a mark that other golfers have to deal with, but also creates a scar on the green when the mowers mow over the lifter turf from the ball mark that takes weeks to grow back in.

Look in FastNews for an illustration on how to properly repair a ball mark on the green. We thank you for your cooperation!

Tips from the Pro— Bigger Isn't Always Better

When you step up to the tee box on a par 4 or par 5 and pull out your driver, where do you aim? If your answer is “in the fairway” or “down the middle” or even “up the right side” you might want to reconsider your strategy. Choosing a large target like the fairway doesn't get your mind focused in the right way. Since your target is big and ambiguous, your subconscious automatically assumes that it's not very important to be accurate, and before you know it you're in the trees. The goal is to choose the smallest and most specific target that you can find. You can use a dead spot of turf, a yardage marker, a rooftop or chimney, a sprinkler box, a tree or even a lawn mower stripe - the smaller the better. The idea is not that you are going to nail every shot right on the target that you choose – but rather if you miss your target your ball is still going to end up in a good spot. This may take some practice to get it down, so the next time you head out to the driving range to hit some balls choose a specific target for every single shot and make that target as small as possible. Committing to practicing this way will sharpen your mind and train you to seek out specific targets out on the course. **Let us know if these tips help. Email ssteele@the-villages.com for a lesson!**

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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 December will be distributed weekly through FastNews and available on the member portal. The schedule reflects days for mowing, combined mowing/cleaning, cleaning, and detailing. Detailing includes pruning, pulling weeds, and detailing plant material.

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

- **Pest Control**

- Treatment for Voles, Moles, Gophers, and Squirrels **will occur on 12/8 in Village Valle Vista, Village Glen Arden, and Village Highland.** (Giant Destroyer (EPA #10551-1) and Talpid Mole Bait (EPA #12455-101))

- **Mulching**

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

Association Maintenance

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

- **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 Hermosa on 12/8 and 1/8.
- Village Highland on 12/9.
- Village Fairways, The Heights, and Sonata on 12/10.
- Village Montgomery on 12/11 and 12/24.
- Village Olivas on 12/15.
- Village Glen Arden on 12/16.
- Village Del Lago and Village Valle Vista on 12/17.
- Village Verano on 12/18.
- The Estates on 12/24.
- Village Cribari on 12/29 and 1/7.

- **Village Cribari Concrete Replacement Project**

- Concrete pathways throughout Village Cribari are being replaced. Work is in progress until 12/12.

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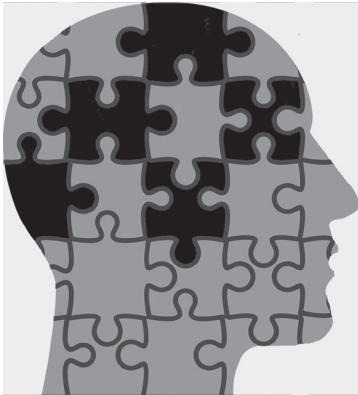
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The PUZ-LER



Well, it seems that you all are mathematicians and are really good with those denominators and numerators. That little boy who was creating all those piles, (6 1/6 and 3 1/3 of them) had one pile when he put them together. The super smart were John Olson, Judi Ravetti, Joanne Robinson, Donna Hale, Jim Livingstone, Hansel Wan, Carol Colclough, Larry Rosene, Larry Broderick, Rob Howe, Neda Dorjath, Mike Schwerin and Bill Tibbs.

So much for piles of sand. A truck driver managed to get his rig stuck in a tunnel. A tight squeeze but stuck. He could neither go forward nor backward. Engineers were brought in and their only solutions would cause great damage to either the truck or the overpass, That afternoon they were all standing with their hands in their pockets trying to figure this thing out when a young boy stopped to watch. After about 10 minutes he approached the man in charge and offered a solution. And it worked! What did the boy tell them to do to solve their problem?

If you know then send an email to me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com with your answer. Be sure to put PUZZLE in the subject line and include your first and last name in the text portion.

Thought for the day: What noise does a 747 make when it bounces? Boeing, Boeing Boeing.

Slice of Humor



I went to a local greasy spoon for dinner. After my food came, I told the waitress that my steak was bad. So she picked it up, slapped it, put it down and said: "If it gives you any more trouble let me know!"

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Real Estate

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday weekend with friends and family. Christmas here we come!

The Villages real estate market is almost back to normal. In my last article, we were at 38 listing for sale. We are now down to 36 listings for sale. Typically, homes do come off the market this time of year due to the holidays. At 36 active listings, we have slightly higher inventory than usual, but we are heading in the right direction. It is all positive news.

Cribari is moving along in the same range. Clean homes in good locations and priced correctly are selling.

Aging Bay Area residents are making a difference in the Villages market.

In trying to find out where we are headed, I used Chat GPT to look up the percentage of adults age 55+ and the percentage of adults aged 65+, living in Santa Clara County. 14% were age 65+. An additional 10% are 55-65 years of age. Almost 25% of adults living in Santa Clara County are 55 years and old and eligible to live here in the Villages. That is a good amount of qualified Village aged residence. We have 2550 homes in the Villages. If we can keep the cost of life in the Villages reasonable, I think that we will have a continual flow of new residence and that should keep our prices steady if not increasing. Could this large population of older locals be due to aging Boomer or Apple and the Tech companies pulling in employees from all over the world? Either way its all good.

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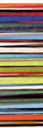


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