

# THE VILLAGE GREEN SCENE

Active 55+ Resort Living



## Village Green MHC

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## August 2024

### HELLO AUGUST!

#### V-J Day

On the evening of Aug. 14, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced the news that Japan had surrendered to the Allies in World War II. The six-year war formally ended on Sept. 2. Both dates have come to be known as Victory Over Japan Day, or V-J Day.



### SHEILA'S COLUMN

#### HELLO!

As some of you have seen, I have been very busy trying to get settled into my new community. I am very happy to welcome the month of August in my first newsletter column. As things settle down, I am looking forward to getting to meet all of you. If you have any concerns or questions, I welcome you to call the office

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## DAILY/WEEKLY

8am Daily	Coffee Bar
9:30am M-F	Pool Exercises
9:30am Tues.	Bowling League
9:30am M-F	Bocce
10am Sun.	VG Church
10am-3pm Tues.	Arts & Crafts
10am Wed.	Shuffleboard
10am MWF	Walking Club
10am Tues.	Zumba
10am Thurs.	Ceramics
10am Thurs.1&3	Mexican Train
10am Thurs.2&4	Rummikub
10:15am M-F	Pool Exercises
11am MWF	Pool Time w/Joan
11am Tues.	Chair Yoga
11am Wed. & Fri.	Zumba
11am Wed. & Fri.	Pinochle
Noon Sat.	Food by Pool
1pm Mon.	Watercolor/Paint
1pm Sun.	Sit & Sew w/Susie
1pm Tues. & Thurs.	Canasta
1pm Mon. Wed. Fri.	Ceramics
1pm Tu. & Th	Acrylic Painting
1:30 Fri.	Mahjong
2pm 2nd Tues.	Book Club
2:30pm Wed.	Show M T Money
3pm Daily	Happy Hour
4:00 Thurs.	Line Dancing
4:30pm Tues & Thurs	Aquacise
5pm Mon. & Wed.	Poker
5pm Wed. & Sun.	Water Vball
6pm 2nd Mon.	Photography
6pm Tues.	Adult Coloring
6pm Mon.	Classy Crafters
6pm Mon.	Shuffleboard
6pm Thurs.	Bible Study
6:30pm Tues.	Billiards
6:30 every other Wed.	Bunco
7pm Sun.	Cribbage
7pm Mon.	Game Night
7pm Tues.	Euchre
7pm Wed.	Bingo
7pm Thurs.	Pinochle

## Sheila's Column Cont.

to get clarification on any of these matters.

Hopefully all our bus repairs and schedule will fall into place this month and the schedule will not keep changing. Thank you for your patience concerning the schedule.

### Little Bit of Humor

## Be Careful if You Offer to Babysit Your Little 3 Year Old Granddaughter!!

Some friends of mine were anxiously waiting to babysit their granddaughter and the day finally arrived, except they also had to watch the dog, Roxy, who was part Husky, Shepherd and Great Dane!

Grandma set up a playroom for little Lucy with some toys and building blocks. Lucy started with those blocks and was mesmerized by them.

Meanwhile, Grandpa went outside to do some yard work rather than fix the latch on the back door (all you had to do was push it to get out). Needless to say, you will need to know this later in the story!

Grandma left Lucy with the blocks to get something in the kitchen; when she returned she found Lucy had gotten in her purse and had opened a bottle of pills! Grandma frantically took the bottle and picked up the pills and kept counting them

## Sheila's Column Cont

to see if they were all there. She thought 2 were missing and didn't know what to do. At that point, Roxy came stumbling into the room and fell over with his tongue hanging out ... Grandma figured he ate the pills. At that point, Grandpa entered the room, was told about the pills and he cleared up the fact that the number of pills was correct and asked what was wrong with the dog?

He had come in to call the sheriff's office to complain about some boys in the neighborhood driving up on the sidewalks to scare people, but there was a knock at the door. Grandpa answered the door to see a neighbor who asked, "How is the dog?" Grandpa asked why, and the neighbor said the dog chased the car with the boys and smashed right into the mailbox.

Grandpa said he was going outside to finish and then fix the door that Roxy had just pushed to get out. Grandpa figured he should fix the door before there were more things he had to fix than just the mailbox.

All turned out fine, but for awhile Grandma didn't know if she was going to the ER, or if not that, the VET! A very peaceful day almost turned into a horror. **WINK! Think twice before you offer to babysit!!!**

**Sheila Blevins, Manager**

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## Tomato Talk

Nothing says summer quite like the taste of a fresh tomato. The hundreds of tomato varieties are categorized according to their use:

*Globe tomatoes.* These are typically what people picture when they hear the word "tomato." Large, round and red, globe tomatoes are ideal for sandwiches. They're also known as beefsteak tomatoes because of their meaty texture.

*Salad tomatoes.* This is the name for any medium-sized tomato, about 2 to 3 inches in diameter, with a juicy, intense flavor. There are more cultivated varieties of salad tomatoes than any other type of tomato.

*Cherry and grape tomatoes.* These tiny tomatoes are shaped like the fruits they're named after. They're very sweet and juicy, so they make a perfect snack or salad topping.

*Roma tomatoes.* These are the tomatoes you want if you're making a sauce or stew. Also called plum, paste or Italian tomatoes, Romas feature a thick skin and less moisture, so they have a long shelf life.



## HITCH-A-RIDE

FREE transportation service provided to all residents.

**Please call the office, 727-577-0135, either prior to the day or before 8:30am the morning of the day you would like to be picked up. Leave your NAME, LOT# and day you will be taking the bus.** It is important that you tell us if we are picking you up at your home or at the Clubhouse.

**MONDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**Gateway Mall**

**Publix, Post Office, Target, CVS & Bealls**

**Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM**

**Publix - Drop-Off 10:00AM**

**Publix - Pickup 12:00PM**

**WEDNESDAYS (1st, 3rd & 5th)**

**Walmart/Aldi**

**Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM**

**Walmart - Drop-Off 10:00AM**

**Walmart Pickup 12:00PM**

**WEDNESDAYS (2nd & 4th)**

**Winn-Dixie & Rutland**

**Plaza -**

**Big Lots, Bealls Outlet,**

**Save-A-Lot & Dollar General**

**Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM**

**W-D Drop-Off 10:00AM**

**Winn-Dixie - Pickup**

**12:00PM**

**Welcome**  
New Residents

Pamela Nickell  
Linda Huhn & David  
McCann  
Marcos Rodriguez  
Len Breidert



**Happy**  
Anniversary

8/9 Arthur & Virginia  
Benner  
8/13 Don & Dorothea  
Hamilton  
8/31 Robert Thornbury &  
Hoang Tran





### Village Green Bowling

Our league will begin on **October 1st, Tuesday, at 10am, at Sunrise Lanes on 9th Street (MLK)**. We love to have new bowlers; our averages go from 85 to 185. Teams are formed randomly at the beginning of the year. The cost is **\$13 per person per week**. Our season runs from **Oct. 1st until March 25th**. We have a very friendly league. Come join us!

**Our start-up meeting will be Tuesday, September 24th, at 10am, at the clubhouse.**

To sign up or if you have any questions, contact Colleen Peacock @ 727 498 8325.

Hope to see you in our league and at the alleys!



## Happy Birthday

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|------|--|------|---|
| 8/1  | Lawrence Mayo III<br>Samantha Williams-Drake   | 8/13 | Vicki Aughtry<br>Dale Moyer<br>Effie Ruel<br>Cristine Zalewski                                  |
| 8/2  | Karen Julien<br>Elsa Katz<br>Doni Nickerson  | 8/14 | Janet Lilly   |
| 8/3  | Beth Sperling  | 8/15 | Henry (Rob) Hubert  |
| 8/4  | David Zeisloft   | 8/16 | Larry Holmes  |
| 8/5  | Joyce Catanio Reid<br>Janet Herrity<br>Sherry Johnson<br>Sandra Schaberg<br>James Wilson | 8/17 | Diana Blau<br>Michael Dunn<br>David Glauner<br>Mayra Lawrence                                   |
| 8/6  | Christopher Lynch<br>Gerald Schubert<br>Linda Thatcher                                   | 8/18 | Robert Quinn  |
| 8/7  | Glenn Seetoo<br>William Williams   | 8/19 | Cindy Lamphere<br>Philip Lovern<br>Jenny Revell<br>Constance Taylor                             |
| 8/8  | Beverly Bolton<br>Richard Brennan<br>Leah Cutting<br>Kandy Snider                        | 8/20 | Virginia Kempisty<br>Beverly Miaker<br>Michael Schwertgerer                                     |
| 8/9  | Eileen Cassidy<br>Diane Wilson   | 8/21 | Bobbie Caldwell<br>Deborah White  |
| 8/10 | JoLee Foran<br>Gail Letarte<br>Andrea Murray<br>William Smith                            | 8/22 | Stephanie Dunmeyer<br>Robert Henry Latza<br>Juliette Moody<br>Robert Richardson<br>David Rought |
| 8/11 | Jeaneen Pinkerton  | 8/23 | Jeffrey Ross  |
| 8/12 | Carolyn Angell<br>Rebecca Eleyet<br>Jeffrey Palasz<br>Robert Richardson, Sr.             | 8/24 | Wendy Bahre<br>John Murphy<br>Debra Owens<br>Brenda Willey                                      |
|      |  | 8/26 | Judith Updegraff  |
|      |  | 8/27 | Connie Ferdig<br>William Hansen<br>Holli Russell<br>Peggy Stefko                                |
|      |  | 8/28 | Brenda Pray   |
|      |  | 8/29 | Irvin Belanger<br>Melanie Carling<br>Joyce Cooper   |

### Birthdays Cont.

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## Come and See the Homes We Have Available Today!



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1978, 1248 sq. ft. Open floor plan. Updated kitchen with all stainless-steel appliances. Extra-large kitchen island. The dining area with additional cabinet space. The second bedroom will fit a queen bed. The primary bedroom has plenty of space with a walk-in closet. Both bathrooms have been updated. There is an additional large screen on the porch adjoined to the home. There are plenty of parking spaces. 1105



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1978, 1152 sq. ft. The kitchen has a "Y" shape. All black appliances. Separate dining room with a built-in spacious china cabinet. Large living room. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. Has a screened inside porch at the front of the home. Corner lot. 1180



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1976, 1152 sq. ft. Wide open floor plan. The kitchen has a large breakfast bar. All white appliances. Primary bedroom has a walk-in closet. Plenty of room in the second bedroom that fits a king bed with extra walking room. There is an additional large Florida room/den adjoined to the home. 1198

## Homes Cont.



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1978, 1104 sq. ft. Fully remodeled 2023. New kitchen, new stainless-steel appliances, new tiled walk-in showers, granite countertops. Additional living room area located in the front of the home. All new planking floors, new drywall. New A/C unit 2023. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. The seller is offering a one-year American Home Shield Warranty. 1280



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1979, 1248 sq. ft. L-shape large kitchen, tile flooring. Separate dining room with a built-in china cabinet. The primary bedroom has a bathroom with plenty of closet space. Screened-in front porch. 1289



**1BD/1BA** - This unit is a 1972, 624 sq. ft. Open kitchen floor plan, eat-in kitchen with new planking flooring. Primary bedroom can fit a king size bed. It also has two closet spaces with built-in dressers. Beautiful closed in front porch. New vinyl window installed. Extra-large backyard with no neighbors behind the home. Storage area in the utility room. 4045

### Enjoy Your Own Scoop

"Don't let your ice cream melt while you're counting somebody else's sprinkles." —Akilah Hughes

## Featured Photo



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1978, 1152 sq. ft. Galley kitchen with eat-in breakfast bar. Separate dining area. There is an extra space on the other side of the kitchen for a formal dining area or an extra den/office. Large living room. Both bedrooms provide space to fit a king/queen size bed. XX -large walk-in primary closet. Large carport porch with screened/Storm windows. Extra Storage area outside. 1162



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1979, 1056 sq. ft. The kitchen has a unique half circle shape. All black appliances. Separate dining room with a built-in spacious China cabinet. Large living room. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. New flooring. New bathroom vanities. Large primary bedroom. Has a screened inside porch at the side of the home. Corner lot. 1075

### Ice Cream Additions

Long summer days provide plenty of chances to enjoy the season's classic refreshing treat, ice cream. When it comes to adding a final flourish to a dish or cone, about half of Americans favor hot fudge, according to poll results. Nuts, whipped cream, chocolate syrup, caramel sauce and fruit also ranked high.



# Activities

The summer is almost gone ... we already enjoyed an event on **Memorial Day, a Just Because Party in June, 4th of July** and we will be having a **Just Because Party this month on Friday, August 2nd**, by the pool from 6pm to 9pm with 'Bandstand" (Rodd & Pam). Then we can start anticipating the end of summer pool party on **Labor Day, Sept. 2nd**, with "Bittersweet" (Tony & Deb).

We had our large Hazardous Waste Collection Event on July 25th and had quite a good turnout; we will probably plan another for next year.

As mentioned previously, the Salad Bar & Bingo events will only be held if prior sign-up numbers justify the event being held. This way food is not wasted and bingo wins will have decent pay-outs.

As always, I am open to suggestions of activities you may like implemented on the calendar. Just give me a call or come by and we can explore the possibilities.

Stay safe and enjoy the last few Dog Days of Summer! Keep hydrating!!!!

**Joanne, Activities  
Director**



## A Crispy Classic

Crunchy, spicy or finger-lickin' good ... no matter how you describe your favorite fried chicken, it's become classic fare for summer picnics and family dinners.

Many global influences combined to create American-style fried chicken. Chickens were first domesticated from jungle fowl in Southeast Asia around 5,000 B.C. The popularity of poultry dishes

soon spread to other cultures. Food historians say cooking and seasoning methods from Scotland and West Africa contributed to the development of the dish we know today.

The earliest recipe for fried chicken was published by a British woman, Hannah Glasse, in her 1747 cookbook "The Art of Cookery Made Plain and Easy." It instructed cooks to fry battered chicken pieces in hog's lard. In 1824, American Mary Randolph published "The Virginia Housewife" and included a similar recipe. While enjoyed across the nation, fried chicken became strongly associated with Southern cooking.

## Birthdays Cont.

8/29	David Hoo Dalesa Peters
8/30	Elizabeth Christopher Bonnie Schilder Steven Tinker
8/31	Gail Belanger John McCoy Dorothy Spatafora



# Happy Birthday

## 5 Things About: The U.S. Open

- Played over two weeks in August and September, it is the final of the four annual Grand Slam tennis championships.
- It began in 1881 in Newport, R.I.
- Today, matches take place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center at Flushing Meadows in Queens, N.Y.
- It was the first Grand Slam event to award equal prize money to men and women.
- A total of 70,000 tennis balls are used during the tournament.

## Homes Cont.



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1974, 1056 sq ft. Galley kitchen. Separate dining room area. The large primary suite has plenty of closet space with a bathroom attached. Closed in Florida room located at the front of the home. Long carport. 4072



**2BD/1BA** - This unit is a 1972, 672 sq ft. Open kitchen floor plan, eat-in kitchen with planking flooring. Primary bedroom can fit a king size bed. It also has two closet spaces with built-in dressers. Beautiful closed in front porch. Extra-large storage area in the utility room. 4083



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1974, 960 sq. ft. Galley kitchen. Additional cabinet spaces on both sides of the kitchen. The dining room has large built-in cabinet hutch. Washer and dryer inside the home. The large primary suite has plenty of closet space with a bathroom attached. There is a closed screen porch in front of the home. Large backyard with no neighbors behind the home. 5033

## Say Hello to Aloe

Keep a bottle of aloe vera gel handy in the summer. The cool balm can be applied to sunburns and bug bites to moisturize and relieve itching.

## Homes Cont.



**3BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1974, 1248 sq. ft. Galley kitchen. Separate dining area. There is an extra space on the other side of the kitchen for a formal dining area or an extra den space. Large living room. All three bedrooms provide space to fit a king/queen size bed. Large front porch with screened/storm windows. Extra storage area outside. 5075



**2BD/2BA** - This unit is a 1973, 1152 sq. ft. Galley kitchen. The dining room has large built-in cabinet hutch. There is an extra closed in living/office space in front of the home. The large primary suite has plenty of closet space with a bathroom attached. New AC installed in 2022. Has a roof over. Comes with golf cart. 5110

## Make Time To Do Nothing

The longer, warmer days of summer are the perfect time to practice *niksen*, the Dutch concept of doing nothing. Daydreaming while looking out a window, sitting on a porch, and listening to music are some examples of *niksen*. Mindless relaxation has been shown to foster both emotional and physical benefits, such as improving the ability to work through a problem and helping the body fight off colds.



## Out & About

### Special Shopping Trips on Other Days!

11:30 AUGUST 7th,  
WEDNESDAY, Dollar  
Tree/Ross

9:30 AUGUST 13th,  
TUESDAY, Disston Plaza

11:30 AUGUST 21st,  
WEDNESDAY, Marshalls

11:30 AUGUST 26th,  
MONDAY, Goodwill

NOTE: Walmart Wednesdays  
also goes to ALDI!

Call the Office @  
727-577-0135 to sign up for  
any of these special trips.  
(TIMES & DATES MAY BE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

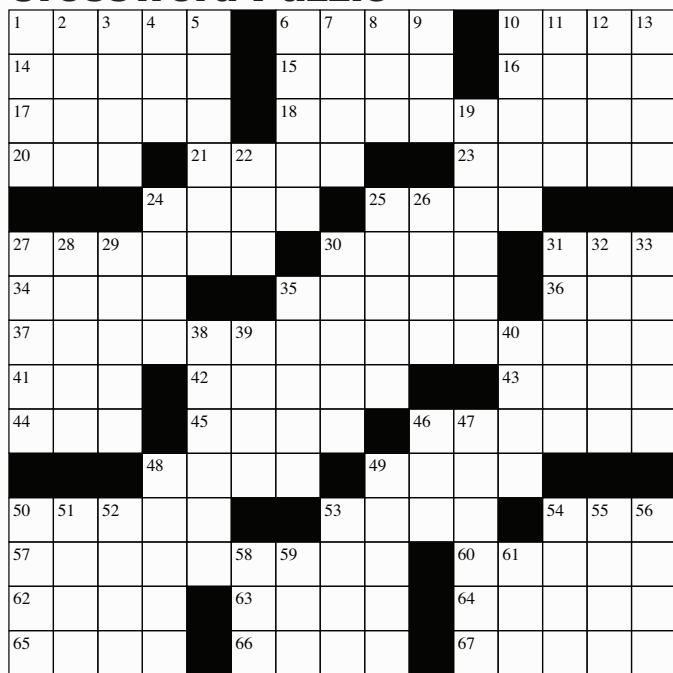
### Inside a Thunderstorm

Some find thunderstorms soothing, while others think they're scary. Around 100,000 storms take place in the U.S. every year, mostly in the spring and summer. Storms often happen on hot, humid days, as warm air rises and collides with cold air, creating tension in the atmosphere. Ice particles inside of clouds swirl and crash together, resulting in static electricity that's released in the form of lightning. And did you know that thunder is simply the noise that lightning makes? We just see lightning first since light travels faster than sound.

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
VG Church Every Sunday, Fellowship 9:30am, Service 10am Water Aerobics M-F 9:30am & 10:15am Aquacise W/Joan M-W-F 11am Zumba Wed & Fri 11am				Water Aerobics 1 Canasta 1pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	Water Aerobics 2 Aquacise Ice Cream 2:30pm Just Because Party by the Pool 6pm "Bandstand"	3
4 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	5 Water Aerobics/ Walking Club 10am Mystery Dine-out 5pm All Games Night 7pm OEL Cards	6 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm Euchre 7pm	7 Water Aerobics/ Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Water Vball	8 Water Aerobics Canasta 1pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	9 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Mahjong 1:30pm	10
11 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	12 Water Aerobics/ Walking Club 10am Blood Bus 10am To 12:30 (SWITCH) 7pm	13 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm Euchre 7pm	14 Water Aerobics/ Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Water Vball	15 Water Aerobics Canasta 1pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	16 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Mahjong 1:30pm	17
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Tomato jelly
6. Cuts off
10. Exhibition
14. Minute
15. Simple
16. Stringed instrument
17. Mixer speed
18. School figure
20. Canonized femme: abbr.
21. Fills with wonder
23. Fix
24. More than
25. Otherwise
27. Loft
30. Came to earth
31. Huck's friend
34. Drifting
35. Tobacco pipe
36. Spanish year
37. 1951 Bob Hope movie
41. Diver's danger
42. Louis XVI's lady
43. Philosopher Descartes
44. Vets' titles: abbr.
45. Climbing plant
46. Seeds
48. Relinquish
49. Compensated
50. Less risky
53. Baseball legend Willie
54. Take a chair

### DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Sooty matter
3. Reduce
4. \_\_\_-de-France
5. Sever
6. Biblical outcast
7. Boatman's items
8. Fraternity letter
9. Like word: abbr.
10. Slippery matter
11. Extravagant promo
12. Algerian port
13. Unite by heating
19. Island leader
22. Rainy
24. Televangelist Roberts
25. Slur over
26. One not to be trusted
27. Like a secured  
apartment complex
28. One of Jacob's 12
29. Feels dizzy
30. Mr. Palmer

31. Snatcher
32. Cat-\_-tails
33. Fashions
35. Carried
38. Barbecue leftovers
39. Hotel employee
40. Nudge
46. State
47. Weapon
48. Stop
49. Sticky stuff
50. Command to Fido
51. Opera song
52. Tumbled
53. Pere's partner
54. Long story
55. Turkey's neighbor
56. Earth tones
58. Native American
59. Modern music style
61. Dander

