Villager Newsletter

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Friendly Valley Voice
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Peace on Earth.

The warming message, that when heard by tranquility-seeking, kindred spirits, will even inspire the stowing of weapons and the reasoning of truces for a day during times of war.

At this special time each year, those three words tend to impact our existence much more than usual. They soothe the soul via a partnership with images of drifting snowflakes backgrounded by the gentle chime of sleigh bells. And if the faint tinkling from that magical snowfall ever becomes coupled within the solitude provided by noiseless woodland paths, a calming of strife is instantly triggered. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of being able to take that unparalleled walk will never forget the serenity it yielded. The comforting phrase is the sticky note that is the essence of holiday season emotion that prods us to share, love, and harmonize. Or at least until its inevitable end. For when it concludes, many quickly revert to routine existence and once again wait for the Christmas Phoenix to robotically program them to embrace the elusive sensation each following winter.

Just maybe, that quest, looming yearly in the distance, somehow gets us all through another twelve months. While our merry-go-round of time continues in its seasonal revolutions, we all will experience days that include hardship, sickness, pain, and loss. But fortunately, during this anticipated time of year, a peaceful Currier and Ives is remembered and cherished, and life becomes thought-provokingly untroubled. For most, the memories granted by our earlier holidays are preferred to be locked away as simple and happy ones. Although hibernating most of the year, your personal release button is again close at hand. Christmas-Past memories recalling the smell of detonated gun powder from cap guns fired at imaginary outlaws will forever create my own never-to-be-forgotten connection to the charisma of childhood. I'm sure many of us still garner a smile imagining the swaying of tinsel on a decorated tree in an old photo. There once was a time when yearly cookies presented incriminating evidence through fingerprints of powdered sugar sprinkled on the fronts of reindeer-themed sweaters. And remember when the bitter cold was left behind upon entry through the revolving door of the town department store? Safe and warm inside, serenaded by Nat King Cole and Bing Crosby, did you imagine opening a View Master, Paint by Numbers, Fanner 50 or Jon Gnagy Learn to Draw set on the morning of the Day of Days? Can you still picture past greeting cards from family and friends taped to the bricks of the fireplace that now warms your home?

Hopefully, the remembrance of simplified pleasures have the tendency to forefront recollections for those of us fortunate to enjoy another holiday season. In reality though, our prior celebrations were also often spiced with acrimonious seasonings. In truth, existence was by no means as perfect as sometimes translated to the ensuing generations. But if asked, most of what remains of our generation views the journey as a positive influence that prepared us all for the trials, tribulations, and pitfalls of life. And Christmas presents added to that education. Whenever the maiden-voyage flight of a water rocket last seen traveling over rooftops in search of new neighborhoods, or a ball of Silly Putty bounced out of control and sight down the street, or the hours spent feudally trying to unravel the coils of a severely tangled Slinky caused rivers of holiday tears, they became our teachers. Abruptly, as those lessons were being learned, Christmas Day ended and the sleigh ride was over again. The summer scenes depicted on the New Year calendar were pages away. But luckily, the memories that got packed away with the ornaments, garland, and records can be opened again and again, year after year, as time allows.

That time has returned to release those special gifts from the attics that have since protected them. Those that didn't grind and groan into silence when the D cells that powered them eventually gave their lives and were resigned to unmarked graves still remain to give you hours of enjoyment!

In the coming days you'll have the chance to once more sled down a hill at warp speed on a Flexible Flyer. You'll be able to reminisce about friction toys, an Etch-A-Sketch, snowflakes cut from folded paper, and throwing snowballs to your heart's content while sitting safe and warm in the comfort of your easy chair. Enjoy your personal seasonal memory book! And smile as you read it again!

But, before you once again don your kerchief or cap before this year's long winter nap and again stow away your precious memories, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth.

F.V. SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

Laughlin New Year's Getaway January 6—8, 2020! 3 days and 2 nights at the Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino. Two breakfast buffets and one buffet-of-choice included! $170 per person (double occupancy), $205 per person (single occupancy). Space is limited. Contact Bert Vollmer for more details & to RSVP: 661-367-6190.

GOLF CLUBS

MEN'S

Every 3rd Wednesday @ 11:00 am in the Golf Lounge.

WOMEN'S

Interested in joining? Member? Social? For more info call Golf Greeter: Terry Dodge (818-741-5649). Meetings 4th Thursdays @12:30pm in the Annex.

CLUBS, CLASSES, AND GROUPS

(Please call groups before attending to ensure space)

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

Wednesdays from 12:30pm—2:30pm in the Annex. No Meeting Jan. 1st or 8th. Teacher is Gina Leonard (661-977-1202).

BEGINNING TAI CHI

Join us for balance, memory, and mental stimulation. Saturdays 9:30—10am in the Auditorium, Annex, or Patio as posted. Call Kathy (661-360-9556)

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 am in the Conference Room. (Carol Bennett 661-360-7028).

CATHOLIC ROSARY GROUP

Dec. 30 @ 7pm in the home of Angie Sanchez 19201 Ave. of the Oaks, Unit C (248-701-7268). All are welcome. Any Questions call Eileen Kearns (661-298-2481).

CERAMICS

Try your hand at being creative with clay. The Ceramics Club is open for new members Mondays & Wednesdays from 9-11:30am and Thursdays from 6-8pm. Come explore your artistic side! For more info call Judy (661-360-9386).

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

We offer hope for people whose use of unsecured debt causes problems & suffering. Compulsive debting is a problem and we find recovery using the D.A. program. Thursdays @ 6pm in the Conference Room. Adela (310-430-0336)

FRIENDLY 8

The Friendly 8's Pan (Panguine) Group is looking for card players interested in joining a weekly group. Will teach or refresh. Call Rena (661-298-1413).

F.V. COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service @ 10 am, all denominations welcome!

F.V. LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Come join us! Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. & Sun. meet 1:15pm, start 1:30pm. Free lawn bowls to use. For more info call Roy M. (323-850-6569). Meeting Thurs., Jan. 9th @ 3:30pm in the Lawn Bowls Clubhouse. All welcome. 50/50 raffle.

F.V. LITTLE THEATER

All! Bring your talent to the Little Theater meeting @ 7pm on Monday, January 13th to discuss participation in our 2020 show. Sound help needed. (Call Harry 661-644-1655)

F.V. VETERANS CLUB

Meeting Tues., Jan. 14th @ 7PM in the Annex. All invited, member or not. Guest speaker Steve Knight—should be a lot of information. Refreshments will be served.

GENTLE YOGA

Yoga enhances your life by connecting your body, mind, and spirit. We focus on breathing techniques, gentle poses, and meditation. Be good to yourself and join us Mondays @ 11am in the Annex. Bring a mat & a towel. Namaste.

HELPING HEARTS AND HANDS

See you on January 2, 2020 at 1pm @ FV Church.

PARTY BRIDGE

Interested in playing bridge? We have Mon., Wed., and Fri. groups. Call Judy @ 559-250-2217 for more info. **Beginning Bridge** Thursdays @ 9:30am in Ladies' Card Room. (Call Joe 661-644-8720)

PICKLEBALL

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Felicity (661-803-8397).

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

No cost ongoing support groups. Various location, day, and times. Info on FREE education programs. Call Zee @ 818-371-9381.

NIP & TUCK PINOCHLE

1st, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Thurs. from 12pm-4pm in the Men's Card Room. 2nd Thurs. 12pm in the Annex. (Al Lerch 661-644-2423)

NO PASS PINOCHLE

Tuesdays @ 12pm in the Men's Card Room. Al Lerch (661-644-2423).

SENIOR CENTER LUNCHES

SC Senior Center Lunches on Mon., Wed., & Thurs. @ 11:30am @ F.V. Church. Call 661-259-9444 for Reservation.

WATER EXERCISE

See you in the Spring! Keep on moving/swimming on your own.

WRITERS GROUP

Come share your thoughts, ideas, memories, or stories in writing or verbally. Tuesdays from 2pm-4pm in the Ladies' Card Room. For info call Jane Hills (661-299-9441).

ZUMBA

No charge—video only. 5:45pm on Fridays in the Annex. Wear comfortable clothes & non-gripping shoes. Call Rosemarie Sanchez-Fraser for more info.

Request Forms

Request Forms are available in the Business Office & on the Friendly Valley website. To submit a request online: www.friendlyvalleycountryclubwebsite.com Choose Contact > Associations > Click the Association you wish to contact > Scroll down until you see "Contact the Board" > Complete the form > Click "Submit"

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Business Office Staff, we would like to thank everyone that thought of us and brought a delicious treat for us to enjoy! You are *so* appreciated!

Business Office Closed

The Business Office will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, January 1st in observation of New Year's Day.

Change in Meeting Dates

With the Holidays upon us, some meetings have been rescheduled. Please note the change of date for Community Council.

BINGO Cancelled

Bingo has been cancelled until further notice.

BOARD MEETINGS

Are you involved with your Association?

Assn. 2	January 7th	10:00 am *Ladies' Card Room*
Assn. 1	January 7th	4:30 pm *Annex*
Assn. 11	January 9th	6:00 pm *Annex*
Assn. 3	January 10th	9:30 am *Annex*
Assn. 5	January 14th	2:00 pm *Annex*
Assn. 4	January 14th	6:00pm *Conference Room*
Assn. 6	January 16th	6:00 pm *Annex*
Assn. 6BC	January 20th	4:30pm *Conference Room*
Assn. 9	January 20th	6:00 pm *Pierce's Home*
Assn. 10	January 21st	5:00 pm *Ladies' Card Room*
Assn. 6A	January 21st	6:00 pm *Annex*
Assn. 7	January 22nd	2:00 pm *Conference Room*
Assn. 8	January 28th	2:00 pm *Conference Room*

Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

Rec Board Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2020
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

SECURITY NEWS

It's that time of year again - beware of ice on the sidewalks and also in the streets. Please also remember to wear light or reflective clothing when it's dark outside and walk on the sidewalks or in crosswalks; avoid walking in the street.

Sunday December 29
10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**

Monday December 30
8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Tuesday December 31
New Year's Eve
12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
2:00 pm **Writers Group**—Men's Card Room
7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room

Wednesday January 1
Happy New Year!
9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
6:15 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Thursday January 2
Women's Golf Play AM
9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex
9:30 am **Beginning Bridge** — Ladies' Card Room
11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
12:00 pm **Nip & Tuck Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
1:00 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium
1:00 pm **Helping Hearts & Hands**—FV Church
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**
6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** –Conference Room
6:30 pm **5 Aces**—Poker Room
7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room

Friday January 3
8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex
6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex
7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Saturday January 4
9:30 am **Beginning Tai Chi**—Location TBD
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Both Card Rooms

NEXT VILLAGER DEADLINE:
Monday, January 6

Sunday January 5
10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**

Monday January 6
8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
9:30 am **Party Bridge**—Men's Card Room
10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
11:00 am **Gentle Yoga**—Annex
11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
6:15 pm **Jazzercise**—Annex
7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Tuesday January 7
9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone** —Annex
10:00 am **Bible Study** —Conference Room
12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
2:00 pm **Writers Group**—Ladies' Card Room
6:30 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium
7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room

Wednesday January 8
Men's Golf Play AM
8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
6:15 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Both Card Rooms

Thursday January 9
Women's Golf Play AM
9:30 am **Beginning Bridge** — Ladies' Card Room
11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
12:00 pm **2nd Thursday Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
1:00 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**
6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** –Conference Room
6:30 pm **5 Aces**—Poker Room
7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room

Friday January 10
8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex
6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex
7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Saturday January 11
9:30 am **Beginning Tai Chi**—Location TBD
1:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room