

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

FROM THE AD HOC PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee Proposed Pickleball Courts Project Status Update

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City Approval: The City of San Jose approved the project design for the proposed four pickleball courts project (see illustrations) last November. This design complies with city requirements for sound, storm water runoff and soil.

Bid Process: Subsequently, the Club Board approved funds to have project consultant Robert Mowat Associates prepare construction drawings and bid specifications. Bid packages have been transmitted to contractors for bid submission, with a March 23rd due date.

VGCC Capital Improvement Fund: At the March 31 Board meeting (Foothill Center; 1:30 p.m.), the Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Board of Directors will determine the maximum contribution the board will allocate for the proposed pickleball courts project, from the approximately \$550,000 balance in the Capital Improvement Fund (Capital Fund).

VGCC Bylaws Article—Capital Improvement Fund: It should be noted that the Villages Bylaws (Article 8.2.5) has a provision stating that money in the Capital Fund can only be utilized for a Capital Improvement. Funds in this account cannot be used for any other purpose such as offsetting operating/reserve expenses.

VGCC Bylaws Article—Required Vote: The Bylaws (Article 8.3.3) also requires "... vote shall be conducted by 'written ballot' ..." of Members for a Capital Improvement Project that exceeds \$240,000. The ballots for the proposed pickleball courts project are scheduled to be mailed April 8, due by May 13 and counted on May 14.

Donations Raised to Date: In addition to any funds from the Capital Fund, to date the Pickleball Club has secured over \$475,000. Fundraising is ongoing with the expectation to raise additional funds.

Scheduled Town Hall Meetings: To familiarize residents and answer questions about this project, the Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee has scheduled two Town Hall Meetings, the evening of Tuesday, April 7 and morning of Wednesday, April 8. Please save the date(s) to attend one or both meetings.

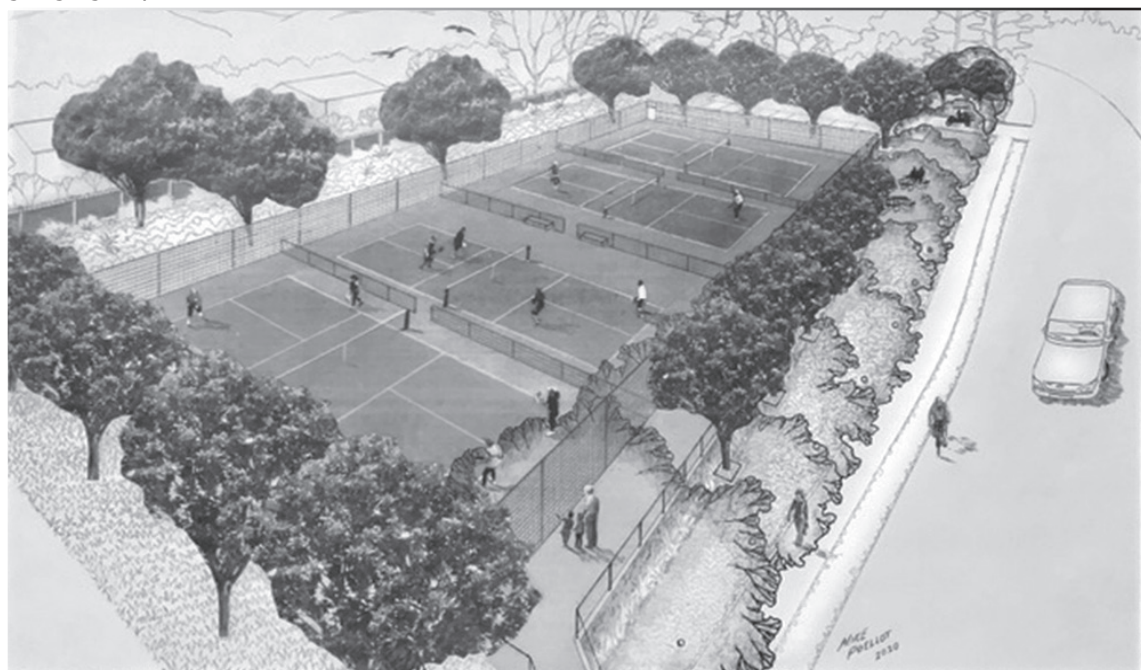
Maintenance Costs:

One concern some members have expressed is about the maintenance costs for the pickleball courts and adjacent golf cart parking lot. For the current fiscal year (FY20), the operating and reserve assessments for our six tennis courts is less than \$1.24 per month for members. Four pickleball courts are

equivalent in area to two tennis courts. Including the golf cart parking area, the monthly operating and reserve costs will be significantly less than budgeted for the six tennis courts. Furthermore, funds will be saved for landscaping and water expenditures that will not be required for the area replaced by the pickleball courts and golf cart parking lot.

The committee looks forward to seeing you at the Town Hall Meeting(s).

For questions or comments to the Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee, please contact us at: pbahc@googlegroups.com.



WOW! Are you ready for Monday, March 9?

On Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse ballroom, join us for the next Welcome to our Website (WOW) event. Bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone to explore how to use these Villages self-service features.

See how to:

- Make a clubhouse restaurant reservation
 - Pay your HOA dues
 - Place a maintenance work order
 - Notify the Public Safety gatehouse of incoming visitors
- Why do this? Not only will it make it simpler for you, reducing the number of phone calls lets our staff work more efficiently.

At the WOW event, our one-on-one training makes it easy to set all this up on your phone or tablet. Simplify your life!

We schedule a WOW event every eight weeks, but even if you have attended a previous event, feel free to come back for a refresher. We are here to help! Light refreshments served.

Club Nominating Committee seeks candidates

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and election will be held during May and June for two director positions to serve three-year terms. The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to, all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at the Villages, maintenance of the streets, the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses, and tennis courts.

It's a rewarding experience to participate in the governance of this vibrant community. The Nominating Committee urges all Villages property owners to consider involvement in community decisions through service on the Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information, please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Bill DeVincenzi at 408-531-1031, Nancy Fodor at 408-528-0476; Rick Jiloty at 408-528-8116

Association Board Seeks New Directors:

There will be two Director vacancies on the Association Board beginning in June. We encourage all condo owners to consider running for the Board.

The mission of the Association Board is to protect, maintain, and enhance the common property of its members:

- Being on the Board is interesting.
- Board Directors are informed and involved in making decisions which affect assessments and quality of life in The Villages.
- It would be helpful if a candidate has some business or administrative or DAC experience, but what really counts is being willing to listen to other owners, work with staff, and make good, common sense decisions for the best long-term interests of The Association.

Information packets are available at the General Manager's office in Building A, or you may contact Board President Garry Ashby (gashby1@aol.com), or Board Secretary David Cook (dc@argus.mx).

The deadline for submitting your form is March 31. (See Candidates Form on page 8.)