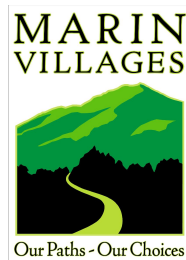


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MARIN VILLAGES UPDATES

December 29, 2020

Dear Marin Villages members and volunteers,

Hope everyone was able to summon some holiday spirit last week despite the cold and the much needed (!) rain.

Farewell from Peter Lee



As I prepare to finish my interim assignment as Executive Director for Marin Villages, I can't help but reflect on a year like no other and what I have witnessed over the past 10 months. Despite the onslaught of challenges brought on by the pandemic, I watched with great pride as our family of staff, volunteers and members came together with great determination to demonstrate the strength of the human spirit in overcoming obstacles none of us has ever before faced. Despite the

risks to their own health, many of our volunteers continued to deliver services to our members that included rides to critical medical appointments, shopping for groceries, and picking up medications at pharmacies to deliver while our members sheltered in place. In addition, our volunteers made more than 3,000 companionship calls to make sure our members knew they were not alone during these troubling times. My amazement at such selfless acts of kindness cannot be overstated and has left me with but one feeling above all others: Gratitude.

My gratitude extends to our Board of Directors, Advisory Circle, and local Village leaders who helped me navigate the necessary changes to our operations as we pivoted our mission to accommodate the new reality we were all facing. Designing and implementing a rich array of activities on Zoom was no easy feat and we are all thankful to Colin Crawford, our intrepid technology volunteer, for his diligence and patience in teaching us all how to use this communications platform. Mostly I am grateful to our staff, who adjusted to working remotely and continued to provide excellent support and services to our members and volunteers under some difficult circumstances. Of the many members of our Leadership Team, I want to thank in particular Cherie Sorokin, Larry Meredith, Sparkie Spaeth, Sue Steele, Alan Sankin, Loulie Sutro, Suzie Pollak, and BJ Slater, who all gave me their unwavering support during my 12 months with Marin Villages. I leave you all in the very capable hands of our new Executive Director, Marco Maina, who has decades of experience as a nonprofit leader and a genuine passion for our mission.

I wish you all a very Happy Holidays and my fervent wish for a very special New Year in 2021.

Peter Lee

COVID-19 Update



Not much good news on the level of COVID-19 infections in Marin, throughout the state, and around the country. Please stay vigilant! Stay home, stay safe, keep washing your hands.

More positively, on the vaccine front, healthcare workers and first responders are being vaccinated now, and more vaccines are on the way. CVS and Walgreens have signed on to administer the Pfizer vaccine to residents and staff in nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities throughout the state. Other older adults in Marin may be able to receive vaccinations as soon as late January or February, though the timing is dependent on a number of factors and is subject to change. The current framework for vaccinations is available here. [COVID-19 Vaccine | Marin County Coronavirus Information \(marinhhs.org\)](https://marinhhs.org/COVID-19-Vaccine). Dr. Matt Willis will be speaking to Marin Villages members and volunteers in a special program on vaccines in mid-January. Stay tuned for details on this program which will be available after the first of the year.

Meanwhile, stay alert for possible vaccine scams. As we noted in last week's Update if someone tries to "sell" or ship you a vaccine or offers to put you at the head of the line to receive a vaccine, report the attempted fraud to **855-613-7080**, the California Medicare Fraud Patrol line.

Things to Do While Sheltering in Place



Check out our Things to Do list for some New Year's eve suggestions as non-holiday related ideas and some year-end humor. [You can access the list here](#) and a copy was emailed to all on Monday.

Marin Villages Programming



Not Home Alone—New Year's Eve and New Year's Day! 3:00 pm on both days.

You can still RSVP to join Donnalee Wells on Zoom and celebrate New Year's Eve and New Year's Day holidays with some fellow Villagers. You are encouraged to have something to eat with the group to celebrate with others. Always fun and good conversation. A movie to follow will also be suggested. RSVP by 3:00 pm on December 30 to Marin Villages at info@marinvillages.org to receive the Zoom link. After that, RSVP directly to Donnalee at ibrakeforestatesales@comcast.net or 415-302-9244 and she will send you the link.

Donating to Marin Villages



[There's still time to make a year-end donation to Marin Villages.](#)

Contributions are always welcome as they are truly vital to Marin Villages' operations! If you have already contributed, THANK YOU!

Closing Thoughts

Whatever you are doing on New Year's Eve (safely, at a distance, and masked, of course!), we wish you happy memories of days past and even happier thoughts for 2021!



Auld Lang Syne - Happy New Year

Cherie Sorokin, President, Marin Villages
Peter Lee, Interim Executive Director



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