



Ross Valley Village

Empowering older adults to remain active, connected,
and independent in the place they call home

December 2021 Newsletter

Hello wonderful Ross Valley Village members and volunteers,

The days are getting shorter, and the temperatures are dropping. While you are cozying up in your warm sweaters, we hope the start to the holiday season is bringing you happiness and joy, while visiting safely with family members and friends.

We hope that you had a lovely Thanksgiving, that you are enjoying Chanukah, and that you are looking forward to Christmas, Kwanza, and any other holidays that your family celebrates.

Additionally, we want to thank those of you who returned your surveys. It has really helped us in planning future events (continue reading below to see what new events we have in store for Ross Valley Village). Congratulations to the two gift card winners: Ginny Turner and Lorraine Berry!

Save the date: Suellen Lamorte is kindly opening her home once more for our **holiday party** on Thursday, December 9th from 2:00 – 5:00pm! See below for more information.

Your Steering Committee



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Members: Jayne McPherson, Gloria Popovich, and Jerry & Shirley Moretti

Volunteers: Joan Green

We look forward to seeing you all at an event soon!

ROSS VALLEY VILLAGE EVENTS

If you need a ride to any of the events below, please call the office at (415) 457-4633.

A group of seven people (six women and one man) and a small, scruffy dog are standing on a paved path in front of a building. The building has a sign that says "ROSS VALLEY MARTIAL ARTS" and "KARATE, JUDO, TAEC KWON DO". There is also a red octagonal "STOP" sign visible in the background. The scene is outdoors with trees and foliage in the background.

Ross Valley Marin Villages Hiking Club

Dear Ross Valley Members and Volunteers,

Did you know that there is a Ross Valley hiking club? We walk every month for about one hour on flat trails. We typically go on the third Friday.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah Mansbach by email (sarah.mansbach@gmail.com), or by phone or text (415-926-1640).

Dogs are welcome!



ROSS VALLEY KNITTING CLUB

Interested in
joining a
knitting club?
We are looking
for members
and volunteers
to join, and if
you are
interested in
hosting, even
better!

Contact Kimberly
Teal at
[kimberly@kimberly
teal.com](mailto:kimberly@kimberlyteal.com)



Ross Valley Book Club



Join us!

WE ARE STARTING A BOOK CLUB FOR ROSS VALLEY VILLAGE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING A MONTHLY GROUP TO DISCUSS ALL THINGS BOOKS, PLEASE EMAIL KELLY LAU AT [KELLAU55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kellau55@gmail.com) WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND BOOK GENRES OF INTEREST.

OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

Not Home Alone—Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day!
December 24, 25, 31, and January 1, 2:00pm, locations to be announced

Keep your eyes on *The Village Square* for details, but Donnalee Wells will be holding the popular Not Home Alone events on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New

Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Contact Donnalee at donnaleewells@comcast.net or text or call her at (415) 302-9244 with questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On the Marin Villages calendar, you can find details of exercise classes you can join, such as yoga and chair exercises; or you can get creative and join a watercolors' class. Visit https://marin.helpfulvillage.com/events?all_villages=1 to look at these events. All the events in the Ross Valley are in purple. All the events are offered on Zoom.

ROSS VALLEY VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Many happy returns to our all our special members with November and December birthdays.

Kathy Bucedì	November 23
Ginny Turner	December 12
Alice Bachelder	December 22

Volunteers

Our Steering Committee is always looking for fun volunteers to join our merry group in planning all things event- or party-related! If you're ready to have a ball planning for our members, please reach out to Sarah Mansbach by email sarah.mansbach@gmail.com, or by phone or text (415) 926-1640.

Marin Villages Fall Annual-Fund Campaign

Our Fall Annual-Fund Campaign is underway—perhaps you've already seen the letter! We hope you'll add Marin Villages to your year-end giving list. Thank you for helping us help Marin's older adults remain active, connected and independent in the place they call home.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services, is interested in volunteering, or would like to donate to an organization serving older adults in Marin, please have them call the office at (415) 457-4633, or visit our website (www.marinvillages.org) for application forms and online donations.

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