



Novato Village

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

December 2021 Newsletter

NOVATO VILLAGE STEERING COMMITTEE SAYS...



ATTENTION: members, volunteers, spouses, and supporters!
Novato Village Holiday Party

When: Wednesday, December 15, noon – 2:00pm

Where: Ghiringelli's Novato, 1535 South Novato Blvd.

Luncheon including salad, main course and dessert, coffee, tea, water, cash bar

Music by Marin Artist-in-Residence Arthur Javier

Reserve before 12/1 to take advantage of special pricing!

Limit 50 people. Last day to RSVP 12/7

MENU

- **House Garden Salad** with mixed lettuces, cherry tomatoes, shredded carrots, red onions, California olives, balsamic dressing

Choose one entree:

- **Chicken Marsala** – chicken medallions in a mushroom marsala reduction sauce served with seasonal vegetables and penne pasta
- **Grilled Atlantic Salmon Piccata** – lemon & white wine butter sauce with capers served with seasonal vegetables and mashed potatoes
- **Olimpia's Tuscany Pasta** – vegetarian fresh Roma tomatoes, fresh basil, capers, garlic, green olives, and olive oil, served over spaghetti

Dessert: Holiday cheesecake and fruit platter, coffee, tea, water.

RSVP is required. Last day to RSVP is Thursday, December 7.

- All for \$19.00 if check postmarked by 12/1; \$29.00 if postmarked after 12/1.
- RSVP to: Beryl Bourke at berylbourke@gmail.com or by phone to (415) 990-8146
- Please mail check to Beryl Bourke at Box 1244, Novato 94948
- Make check payable to **Marin Villages**
- Indicate your choice of entrée: chicken, salmon, or vegetarian
- Questions: contact Marge Jackson at (415) 892-1238

If you are a member and you need a ride, please call the Marin Villages office a few days in advance. (415) 457-4633



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Members: Shirley Printz, Kyra Nicol

Volunteers: Nancy Carlisle, Chris Satris, Uday Wagle, Diana Shima, Deborah Muzinich

Thank you for giving your time and energy to our village. We look forward to seeing you all at an event soon!

NOVATO VILLAGE EVENTS

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

Here's the December 2021 calendar of Novato Village activities... details in this newsletter!

Thursday, December 2, 9:30am – Novato Walkers at Rush Creek Preserve

Saturday, December 4, time & location to be announced – Village Viewers Movie Group

Thursday, December 9, 1:30pm – CoffeeTea&Chat, Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave, Novato

Tuesday, December 14, 1:00pm – Book Lovers' Group

Wednesday, December 15, noon – Novato Village Holiday Luncheon, RSVP by Dec. 7!

Food & Drink

CoffeeTea&Chat

Thursday, December 9, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave, indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather

Drop in to meet lively friends and enjoy flowing conversation. Get connected to other Novato Village members and volunteers, and bring a friend who might be interested in Novato Village. RSVP is **not** required. If you need a ride, contact the Marin Villages office at (415) 457-4633 or info@marinvillages.org . For more information, contact Marge Jackson at (415) 892-1238 or marge-32@hotmail.com.



Novato Village folks enjoying CoffeTea&Chat on Veterans Day, November 11

Novato Village Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 15, noon – 2:00pm

Ghiringhelli's Novato, 1535 South Novato Blvd.

See the front page for all the details. Be sure to RSVP for the Holiday Luncheon by December 7. The luncheon includes salad, main course and dessert, coffee, tea, water, cash bar. Music will be provided by Marin Artist-in-Residence Arthur Javier.

Exercise

Novato Walkers—at Rush Creek Preserve

Thursday, December 2, 9:30 – 10:30am, weather permitting

Rush Creek Preserve, Binford Rd., Novato

The walk will take place at **Rush Creek Preserve**, a location we've enjoyed several times. From Hwy 101 in Novato, take exit 463 for Atherton Ave east. Turn left onto Binford Rd. The gate is on the right. There is usually ample parking along Binford Road.

There are some gravel patches on the mostly level trail. If you have walking sticks, you are welcome to bring them, but they are not required. This easygoing trail follows along rich tidal wetlands. The broad, level Pinheiro Fire Road is popular with hikers, bikers, and equestrians. It offers unimpeded views of a large wetland managed by the California Department of Fish and Game. From the eastern end of the 522-acre preserve, you can look out across the Petaluma River delta to Sonoma County and beyond.

<https://www.marincountyparks.org/parkspreserves/preserves/rush-creek>

Please RSVP so we know how many walkers to expect. Email pbailey49@aol.com or call Pat Bailey's mobile phone (415) 652-9073 to reply or ask any questions about the location and parking.



Novato Walkers at the Las Gallinas Sanitation District in November enjoyed seeing beautiful birds, including this swan

Books

Book Lovers' Group

Tuesday, December 14, 1:00pm

Nancy Biden-Gonzer's home

Marcia Sprinkle shared that “the group was evenly divided about the November book selection, which sounds about right, but found Rustic Bakery too noisy. Nancy Biden-Gonzer has kindly offered her home for December. It was agreed that we not read one particular book but come prepared to just talk about whatever each is reading. And bring something to share, if so inspired. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00pm (note earlier time).” For more information contact Marcia Sprinkle by email. msprinkle1884@yahoo.com

Groups

Village Viewers Movie Group

Saturday, December 4, time & location to be announced

We are holding out to see *House of Gucci* starring Adam Driver and Lady Gaga. Since the shows have not posted yet, I will send an email with time and location.

OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

Not Home Alone—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

December 24 & 25, times TBD

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, both at The Club at McInnis Park. Contact Donnalee at donnaleewells@comcast.net or text or call (415) 302-9244 with questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Morning with Santa—bring your grandchildren!

Saturday, December 11, choose from the times listed below
Margaret Todd Senior Center (MTSC), 1560 Hill Road, Novato
Pre-registration required!

Join Novato Parks & Recreation staff for a morning of holiday splendor! Guests will enjoy holiday crafts and of course a FREE picture with Santa! Pre-registration is required for this event. No walk-ins will be accepted. Cost: \$10 per family

Choose one of the three session times listed below:

Session 1: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Code: mws900

Session 2: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM | Code: mws1015

Session 3: 11:30 AM - 12:30 AM | Code: mws1130

Register at <https://bluerec3.bluerec.com/php/onlinereg/#/novatoca/programs>

NOVATO VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS (Opportunity for Women in Leadership and Service, a Soroptimist youth group) created autumn gifts for Novato Village members... Thank you, OWLS!





The SMART Train/Clipper Card adventure to Santa Rosa on Monday, November 8 was a great success! The group enjoyed lunch at Omelette Express.



Did you attend Not Home Alone on Halloween? These Villagers had a lot of fun!



We celebrated our Novato Village volunteers on November 13! We appreciate their time and dedication to Novato Village members' requests and needs. Did you know Novato Village has 85 volunteers? These are some Volunteer Appreciation Open House photos.



AND MORE...

Why we love our volunteers

Some correspondence between the Marin Villages office and Novato Village volunteers Brooke Dhuey and her sons, Owen (9) and Evan (5). Can you see the pup named Courage in the photo? Get ready to smile!

Hi Brooke:

Thank you for your commitment to walking Courage [the dog] these past months. I am updating the records for November and hoping that you and the kids will continue to help Netty and Dave (Novato Village members) on Monday late afternoons. Will this work for your family?
BJ, Marin Villages



Hi BJ,

Yes, that works great! We are in, we love Netty + Dave + Courage. Awe, that's so sweet. Thank you. Sure! That would be great, my boys would think that's so cool!

Thank you,

Brooke

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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