

MARIN
VILLAGES



Our Paths - Our Choices

San Rafael Village

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

December 2022 Calendar of Events

"To give service to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer. ~Gandhi

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

New members: Barbara Olson, Bonnie Aaserude and Jane McKechnie

New Volunteers: Buz Johanson and Burk Braun

We look forward to seeing you at our social events and activities!

SAN RAFAEL VILLAGE EVENTS

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

Walking with or without your dog

Are you someone who likes to walk your dog in the company of others? Or maybe just take a walk without your dog and enjoy the outdoors and good conversation and company? I am hoping to find other Villagers to join me on a weekly or biweekly afternoon walk, where the beauty and serenity of nature can be enjoyed and shared. If interested, please call Mary Love at (510) 334-6559.

Movie Group

Sundays, December 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00pm
Zoom

San Rafael Village loves our movie group! We meet **on Zoom** on Sundays at 7:00pm every week to discuss, in our highly entertaining but by no means high-brow group, a film selected from Netflix. We invite you to join the talk or just listen. For the next couple of weeks we will be enjoying *Last Tango in Halifax*. If you are interested in joining the mailing list (invitations are only sent to those who request them), contact Karen Gray at karenkasavana@gmail.com or (714) 403-3345.

Book Chat

Monday, December 5, 2:00pm

Would you like to share reading recommendations? Would you be interested in hearing what other Villagers are reading? If so, consider joining us in the San Rafael Book Chat. We will meet this month at the home of Marilyn Sharp. After the meeting, for those who would like, we are going to an early supper at a restaurant near Marilyn's, to be chosen at the meeting. For more information, contact Val Stilson at valerie.stilson@sbcglobal.net.

Writers' Group

Wednesdays, December 7 & 21, 2:00pm

This group continues to meet every other week at the home of Susan Mines. We talk about writing—any kind of writing, hopefully yours! Short stories, long stories, your novel, poetry, prose. We talk about why we write or why we don't, we listen kindly to one another, and we make editorial comments only if asked. This group is currently closed, but a waiting list is being made. For more information, please contact Valerie Stilson at Valerie.stilson@sbcglobal.net.

Villages Book Club

Thursday, December 8, 12:30pm

We will be enjoying a holiday party along with discussing the Stephen King book, *11/23/63*. Please call Karen Gray at (714) 403-3345 for more information.

San Rafael Village Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 15, 3:00 – 5:00pm

The Club at McInnis Park, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael

Come celebrate the holiday season with your fellow Villagers at The Club at McInnis Park. We promise a fun time! Appetizers will be provided along with a no-host bar. Please consider helping others this holiday season and bring a gift card in any amount for the clients of the Center for Domestic Peace. Target, Kohl's, Safeway and Trader Joe's are recommended. Look for more information coming soon!

Did you know...

...that you can join in most of the activities and events at our other Marin Villages? There are five other villages: Novato, Twin Cities, Ross Valley, Mill Valley and Tiburon Peninsula. Check out their calendars on the Marin Villages website, https://marin.helpfulvillage.com/events?all_villages=1.

Village Business

Program Committee—CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

Join us to help plan and implement activities and social events for our members and volunteers. Contact Carole Sherick at csherick@gmail.com or (415) 300-5220.

Membership/Volunteer Committee

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30am

Help recruit new members and volunteers and support the ones we have. Contact Jane Solomons at (415) 492-8041 or cartersolo@comcast.net.

Steering Committee—CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

Are you interested in helping guide and further expand San Rafael Village? Do you have organizational and administrative skills you can contribute? If so, please contact Sparkie Spaeth at oksparkie@aol.com or (415) 250-3172.

OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

Men's Coffee

Wednesdays, December 7 & 21, 11:30am



This is an informal gathering with no particular agenda beyond the company of friends. We encourage you, whether a volunteer or member, to come join us. The group meets at restaurants and coffee shops around Mill Valley twice a month. To get more information or to be put on the reminder list for upcoming meetings contact Irv Gubman (irvgubman@gmail.com or (415) 250-6155).

Choose your Not Home Alone holiday event



Join Donnalee Wells and other villagers and volunteers for one, two, or three of these holiday events at different restaurants. Always a fun time and a great opportunity to share the holidays with old and new friends. First come, first served, space is limited. PLEASE BRING CASH for your meal. All attendees must be COVID vaccinated. RSVP to Donnalee Wells at (415) 302-9244 or donnaleewells@comcast.net. Marin Villages rides are very limited for these holiday events.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2:00pm early dinner
San Rafael Joes, 931 Fourth Street, San Rafael
Inside seating

Christmas Day / Donnalee's Birthday Party

Sunday, December 25, 1:00pm early dinner (note earlier time!)
Royal Thai Restaurant, 610 Third Street, corner of Irwin, San Rafael
Inside seating

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2:00pm early dinner
McInnis Park The Club Restaurant, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael
Private dining room

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Are you struggling with your vision?

Vision Impaired of Marin offers many different events and groups. Check out their website, www.bvim.org for more information. To participate in any events, contact them at (415) 459-5066 or info@bvim.org.

Sewer Band 2022 Holiday Concert—Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Non-Marching Band

Monday, December 19, 7:00 – 9:00pm
Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael



Join the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Non-Marching Band, affectionately called The Sewer Band, for a free holiday concert that's guaranteed to delight all! This evening of seasonal favorites will bring out the spirit of the holidays and leave you with a song in your heart and a dance in your step.

SAN RAFAEL VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention theater lovers!

Sandy Levitan is a Marin Village volunteer. She is also a theater lover with extensive knowledge of local theater. She'd love to share this passion with you and introduce other villagers to local theater offerings. If you are interested, please send Sandy your name and contact information. When she comes upon a theater experience she is enthused about, Sandy will send you a note and include the date she will be attending, always matinees. You can choose to purchase a ticket for the same performance and meet up with Sandy and other Marin Villagers. Often the attendees go out to dinner together and enjoy a meal while discussing the play. Sandy's contact information is sandrilevitan12@gmail.com or (415) 246-1912.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services or is interested in volunteering with 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. We always welcome donations to support our work! Please visit <https://marin.helpfulvillage.com/pages/10049-marin-villages---donate> to contribute.

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