



# Novato Village

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

## December 2023 Newsletter

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### NOVATO VILLAGE STEERING COMMITTEE SAYS...



**Steering Committee Co-chairs Beth Livoti and Linda Henderson say...**

**The Novato Village Steering Committee is looking at** the state of the world at this time and we realize how lucky we are to live here in Novato. We are so thankful. We share our gratitude for each other. We wish everyone a magical holiday season. We hope you enjoy the blessings of health and happiness.



#### **Monthly quote**

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." ~*Jimi Hendrix*

**James Marshall "Jimi" Hendrix** (born **Johnny Allen Hendrix**; November 27, 1942 – September 18, 1970) was an American guitarist, songwriter, and singer. Although his mainstream career spanned only four years, he is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential electric guitarists in the history of popular music and one of the most celebrated musicians of the 20th century.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

**Members:** Linda Woskow, Edwin Lynch

**Volunteers:** Mary Christensen

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

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## NOVATO VILLAGE EVENTS

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

**Tuesday, December 5**, noon – Holiday Luncheon at The Key Room, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway

**Thursday, December 7**, 9:30am – Village Walkers at Rush Creek Preserve, Binford Rd. entrance

**Thursday, December 14**, 1:30pm – CoffeeTea&Chat at Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave

**Saturday, December 16**, Village Viewers Movie Group, time and location TBA

**Thursday, December 28**, 3:00pm – Happy Hour at TOAST, 5800 Nave Dr, Novato

### Food & Drink

#### **CoffeeTea&Chat**

Thursday, December 14, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave., Novato

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](mailto:info@marinvillages.org). For more information, contact Marge Jackson, (415) 892-1238 or [marge-32@hotmail.com](mailto:marge-32@hotmail.com).



*It's always a treat to meet at Creekside Bakery for coffee!*



### **December Holiday Luncheon at The Key Room**

Tuesday, December 5, noon (doors open) – 2:00pm

1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato

**Seating is sold out**



**We look forward to seeing you at Novato Village's Holiday Party! We have sold out.** RSVP confirmations have been sent to those who made reservations. **No walk-ins, please.** Luncheon includes salad, main course, sides, and dessert with coffee, tea, water, non-alcoholic beverages, wine.

### **Happy Hour at TOAST**

Thursday, December 28, 3:00 – 5:00pm

Hamilton Shopping Center, 5800 Nave Dr., Novato

Hostesses Beryl Bourke and Joanne Lang invite us to meet at TOAST, a location that welcomes Novato Village members, volunteers, and friends. Enjoy cocktails or non-alcoholic beverages, delicious appetizers and starters—so many choices!

**Please RSVP** by Tuesday, December 26, so we can tell the staff how many guests we'll have for seating. Please plan to pay with cash. To RSVP, contact Beryl Bourke. (415) 990-8146 (mobile) or [berylbourke@gmail.com](mailto:berylbourke@gmail.com). Beryl does not arrange rides. If you need a ride, contact the Marin Villages office at (415) 457-4633 or [info@marinvillages.org](mailto:info@marinvillages.org).



*The November Happy Hour at Blazer's was warm and cozy*

## Exercise

### **Novato Village Walkers** (canceled if raining)

Thursday, December 7, 9:30 – 10:30am

Rush Creek Lagoon entrance, Binford Rd., Novato

Novato Village Walkers will meet on Binford Road near the entrance to Rush Creek. Take Atherton Ave. exit going north on Hwy 101, turn right on Atherton Ave. Make the first left off Atherton Ave onto Binford Road. Park on Binford Road. We will proceed to the head of the trail for Rush Creek Lagoon. The walk is a flat, wide, firm dirt-packed trail with a gentle slope. We will be walking about one mile out to see the lagoon. This is an out-and-back walk. **Please RSVP** because we don't want to miss you at the parking spot. Pat Bailey: [pbailey49@aol.com](mailto:pbailey49@aol.com) or (415) 652-9073

## Books

### **Village Book Lovers' Group**

Not meeting in December—see you in January!

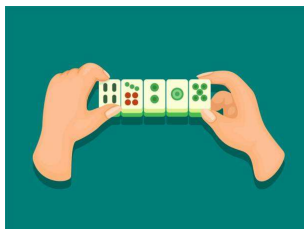
At the November meeting, it was decided that the December meeting would be canceled due to the holidays. Five members also discussed *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, which we all enjoyed. In January, we will be reading *The Queen of Dirt Island* by Donal Ryan. The meeting will be at Diana Shima's home on Tuesday, January 9th at 1:30. Mark your calendars. 2024 is almost upon us! Hope to see you next year! Contact Diana Shima more information about this group: [dianashima3@comcast.net](mailto:dianashima3@comcast.net) or call (415) 895-1353.

## Fun & Games

### **Mah Jong Club**

Tuesdays, December 12 & 26, 10:00am – noon

IVC ESCOM Center, Indian Valley Campus, College of Marin, 1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato



This club was formed to teach people how to play Mah Jong and to offer a venue for experienced players to meet. We play Mah Jong at the ESCOM Building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Please contact Linda Henderson at [linda\\_h@peak.org](mailto:linda_h@peak.org) or (415) 382-8910, or Pat Bailey at [pbailey49@aol.com](mailto:pbailey49@aol.com) or (415) 883-9156 to advise us when you can attend. We cannot accept walk-ins. Remember you must be a **member of ESCOM** as they

graciously allow us to use their facility at the Indian Valley Campus. Please contact Linda or Pat with any questions about ESCOM membership.

## Groups

### **Village Viewers Movie Group**

Saturday, December 16, time and location to be announced by email

In November, we viewed the movie *The Holdovers* with Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Dominic Sessa. The plot takes place in a New England prep school during a holiday break; the curmudgeonly instructor is forced to remain on campus during break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. It's a touching story and everyone loved it. We were happy to support the Century Regency before the theater closed. The next movie will be announced the Wednesday prior to the event by email. Hope to see you there! Contact Joanne Lang, with questions or movie suggestions, at (916) 716-5800 or write to this email:

[novatovillage@marinvillage.org](mailto:novatovillage@marinvillage.org)



*Lots of "Thumbs up!" votes for November's movie!*

## Village Business

### **Novato Village Steering Committee**

Monday, December 11, 10:00am

Beth Livoti's home

The date and time of the Steering Committee meeting has changed. Please contact Beth Livoti, [llivoti@comcast.net](mailto:llivoti@comcast.net) or (415) 892-1043 for more information and the address.

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## **OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS**

### **Drop-in Technology Help—bring your device!**

Tuesday, December 5, 3:00 – 5:00pm

County Dept. of Health & Human Services, 20 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael



Get your device questions answered in person in this 1:1 training session! This is an opportunity to become comfortable with your computer, phone, or tablet and get your questions answered. Free to all adults 60+ in the county. There are two time slots—please register for one. For 3:00 – 4:00pm, use this link: <https://sausalito.helpfulvillage.com/events/4128> For 4:00 – 5:00pm, use this link: <https://sausalito.helpfulvillage.com/events/4129> With questions, please contact Wendy at (415) 332-3325 or [sausalitovillageconcierge@gmail.com](mailto:sausalitovillageconcierge@gmail.com).

### **Men's Coffee**

Wednesdays, December 6 & 20, 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 the first and third Wednesdays of the month. To get more information or to be put on the reminder list for upcoming meetings contact Irv Gubman ([irvgubman@gmail.com](mailto:irvgubman@gmail.com) or (415) 250-6155).

### **Technology/Computer Help Office Hours**

Wednesday, December 20, 4:00 – 5:30pm

Zoom



Issues with your printer? iPhone not syncing properly? If so, join our volunteer tech support group for the answers to these and all of your other burning technology questions! We look forward to continuing to help solve your frustrating tech problems. This is a space where you can "drop in," ask questions, and receive personalized, individually focused, expert tech advice from some of our wonderful tech volunteers. Even if you'd just like to sit in to learn a little more about technology, we'd love to have you participate! So bring your questions about your computers, tablets, phones, etc., and our dedicated tech volunteers will do the rest. This

opportunity is available to all Marin Villages members and volunteers. Please join us at this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89289995207>!

**Choose your Not Home Alone holiday event—one, two, or all three**



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. RSVP to Donnalee Wells at [donnaleewells@comcast.net](mailto:donnaleewells@comcast.net) or (415) 302-9244. Marin Villages rides are **very** limited for these holiday events.

**Christmas Eve Early Supper**

Sunday, December 24, 2:00pm  
Pacific Catch, Town Center, Corte Madera  
Open menu

**Christmas Day / Donnalee's Birthday Early Supper**

Monday, December 25, 2:00pm  
Royal Thai Restaurant, 610 Third Street, corner of Irwin, San Rafael  
Fixed menu

**New Year's Eve Early Supper**

Sunday, December 31, 2:00pm  
San Rafael Joes, 931 Fourth Street  
Open menu

**Bocce**

Friday, December 15, 1:00 – 3:00pm (note earlier date this month!)  
Bocce Federation of Marin, 550 B Street, San Rafael



What better way to spend a day than on the bocce court?! No prior bocce experience necessary, just soft-soled shoes and your presence. Come for the company and watch others play if you prefer. Either way, join us! Bring a snack to share with the group. Questions? Call Larry Meredith. (415) 860-2535 Need a ride? Call Marin Villages' office. (415) 457-4633 **Note that this will be weather-permitting!**

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## NOVATO VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Hand-knit baby blankets

These blankets are hand-knit acrylic and washable. They vary from 36" X 32" to 36" x 40". Pay for the blanket by making a modest donation to Marin Villages. The yarn alone costs \$8 for the skeins used in making one blanket. The knitter does not want to be reimbursed for the yarn and leaves the donation amount up to the purchaser. Contact Joyce Applen for more information: (415) 497-5095 or [joyceapplen@gmail.com](mailto:joyceapplen@gmail.com)

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## 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](http://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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