

VILLAGE SQUARE COOPERATIVE

# Newsletter

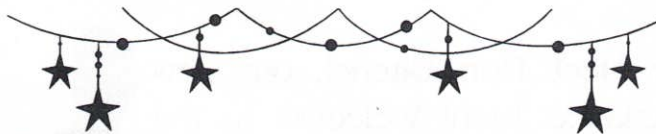
JANUARY 2025



Dear Villagers,  
We just wanted to take a moment to sincerely wish all of our neighbors a Happy New Year from the Newsletter Committee!

As we begin 2025, we're reminded of a beautiful quote by Matshona Dhliwayo: "A garden's beauty never lies in one flower." Our community is like a vibrant garden, made up of many unique and beautiful individuals, each contributing to the whole. We're so grateful for the diversity and kindness you all bring, and we look forward to another year of shared moments, growth, and connection.

With heartfelt wishes,  
The Newsletter Committee



**Happy  
New Year**

**Important Update:** Monthly open board meetings will be moved back to every other month. We will have a meeting January 16 and March 20

Thank you Randy for this helpful reminder!!!

Beware of phone calls from people claiming to be from the IRS, Medicare or Social Security. These calls claim either you need a new membership card, verifying one that was sent supposedly to you or just asking for general information.

These agencies DO NOT CALL YOU !! If they have concerns they will mail a form to you. Going online to their secure sites offer immediate help. But if you can't do that PLEASE do not engage with people calling who say they represent them

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Stop by for gentle yoga with Elizabeth in our community room every Wednesday night at 6:30. Whether you prefer to use a chair or get on the floor with your mat, she works with all of us and our needs. Within that hour, we start out with a lot of slow stretching and breath work, then move into working on our balance. We finish up with some more stretches. Everyone feels so good and refreshed after the hour. Yoga is for everyone no matter your capabilities. Starting January 8th, Elizabeth will offer a four week package for \$20. If your schedule does not allow a four week commitment, you can still drop in on any Wednesday for a fee of \$7. Come and join in. Namaste!

Cassandra would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the maintenance team especially Angel For coming out with heaters when the furnace went out right before Christmas. And thank you to the board for getting the info over to HVAC company when office was closed!





Animal nail cutting: dogs, cats even small animals; Rabbits, bearded dragons etc.

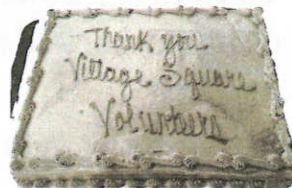
Call Lauren Snediker: 586-819-6429



Special thanks to Marilyn and her husband (Santa), Janice, Sue O. and her sister Helen, Doris and George for putting on a spectacular Christmas party. Delicious cookies and hot cocoa were provided. The kids enjoyed crafts and games, and the extra special treat was Santa.



Please Meet Don Gitchel, our new Maintenance Tech! Welcome to the team Don!



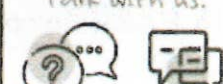
Thank you to the board for the lovely party for our amazing volunteers. Reach out to the office if you are interested in volunteering, remember it takes a village!!



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## From the office

Kirkpatrick Management Company did not leave current documentation on almost everything needed. Because of this lack of information, we have to start all over again. We apologize ahead of time for the inconvenience, but it can't be helped. Basically, we need the following:

- **Car information:** Please complete the attached form adding the sticker number that you currently have. If you don't have a sticker, please come to the office and one will be provided. We will need information on your license plate number, current, registration and proof of insurance. Vehicles that are not licensed and insured cannot be stored on the property. One vehicle to one licensed driver.
- **Unit insurance:** Your unit must be adequately insured. Please provide a copy of your policy which should be an HO-6 condo type insurance with a minimum of \$25,000 on the dwelling. You may also want to purchase a rider for flooding.
- **Pet registration:** Please come in the office to get a pet registration form. You must bring proof of vaccination and veterinarian information on your pet.

**A Side Note:** When paying your monthly carrying charges, please pay only what is due. One-bedroom units are \$548.00; Two-bedroom units are \$600.00 and three-bedroom units are \$630.00. If you pay after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month, add \$30.00 as a late fee.

## Additionally:

- Please note that winter rules are in effect, all front door screens are to be removed. Window A/C units to be removed. Do not leave your door open in excess of 15 minutes per day. Beginning in January we will be monitoring any violation of this policy.
- Please only park in your assigned parking spot.
- The HVAC inspections are progressing nicely. These are being done for everyone's safety. To date we have already changed out units that are not working properly.
- Please note that we expect a 3 feet wide access to egress window, plus 3 foot clearance around furnace, water heater and circuit panel. Letters of violation of these rules can be expected if not compliant.