



San Francisco Village

Monthly Newsletter

April 2026

From the Executive Director, Jenny Belway:

Dear Members and Friends,

It is truly a joy to be part of this community, one that is rooted in care, connection, and possibility. In my short time here, one word keeps coming to mind: *Momentum*. You can feel it everywhere: in the friendships forming, in the rides that support independence, in the workshops and conversations that bring meaning and joy to everyday life. People connected, people supported, people empowered. This is San Francisco Village in action.



At the same time, we are in a moment of real challenge. As many of you know, the City is facing significant budget shortfalls. Funding for organizations like ours is tightening, and we are beginning to feel those impacts. As a nonprofit, we are not guaranteed funding, and we cannot rely on past models to sustain us into the future.

This is not a moment of fear. This is a moment of invitation to think creatively, act with courage, and step forward, together, because the future of San Francisco Village depends on all of us.

This Village has always been built by people who show up, who care and who contribute in ways that are meaningful to them. That contribution takes many forms: volunteering your time, welcoming a new member, making a financial gift, and sharing our story with others.

Every action is an act of philanthropy and strengthens us. This month, I invite you to consider sharing your Village story with someone in your life, making a gift that reflects what this community means to you, and/or helping connect us to someone who might believe in this work. This is one of those moments when participation matters, not someday, but now.

As we look ahead, uncertain in some ways, but full of possibility, I want you to hold this: San Francisco Village is strong because of you. We are resilient because you are resilient. This community exists because you believe in it and will continue because we choose, together, to sustain it.

With gratitude,

Jenny

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From the Board of Directors

Have questions? Email board co-chairs Mary Fitzpatrick and Susan Pollack at boardchairs@sfvillage.org.

It is always a pleasure to see members at the State of the Village and hear reflections on the past year as we look to the next. Importantly, we heard that all non-profits, including SFV are facing new financial challenges and pressures going forward. Just as importantly, we heard and we could feel the commitment to meeting this challenge. We never doubt the resilience and support of this vibrant SFV community. Together, we can meet the moment, and move SFV into an even more sustainable,

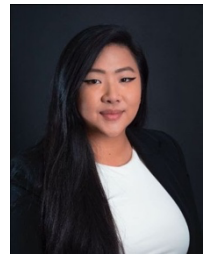
robust, dynamic future. It's ours to create! Please feel free to share your ideas about that with each other, the staff, and us at any time.

Everyone who was there, including many Board members, was very happy to be together. And, we could see that we are close to exceeding our space for this popular gathering. So, next year we'll consider finding a more spacious in-person location for this event. What do you think? If there was more room, would you be more likely to attend in person? You can email us boardchairs@sfvillage.org.

Did You Know?

Welcome Cat Tong to San Francisco Village!

Cat stepped into her role as our new Volunteer Manager on March 2nd. She can be reached at cat@sfvillage.org and (415) 387-1375 x 4.



Originally from Northern Virginia in the Washington, D.C. area, Cat brings five years of managing programs that strengthen connection, expand access, and support diverse communities. She began her career in after-school programs, where she saw firsthand how intentional relationships and equitable resources can transform lives. Since then, she has led initiatives that grow engagement, build inclusive spaces, and sustain meaningful participation across generations. Her work is grounded in the belief that strong communities are built through trust, collaboration, and consistent care. At SFV, Cat is excited to support members, amplify diverse voices, and create opportunities for connection that help people feel valued, supported, and empowered to stay engaged in their communities.

Directory Spot

Want to get in touch with other members? Our directory is now online! If you haven't already, set up your Directory Spot Account by going to www.directoryspot.net and click "Login" in the upper right corner. Click on reset password and enter your email address. You'll receive an email from DirectorySpot (no-reply@directoryspot.net) with the subject *DirectorySpot Account* with a link to set up your password. After creating your password, you are able to log on! You can access the directory via a web browser or by downloading the app on your smartphone or tablet.

Smart Giving

If you are 70½ or older, you can support San Francisco Village by making a tax-free gift of up to \$111,000 directly from your IRA in 2026. These distributions are excluded from your taxable income and, if you are 73 or older, the gift will also count toward your Required Minimum Distribution. This strategy allows you to give back to the community while effectively lowering your 2026 tax bill.

In Memoriam

Kathleen Stern, 94121

Born in Massachusetts, Kathleen drove out solo to SF in 1968 for a job in finance at McCormick Spices. She was an avid hiker, hiking nearly 7 miles a day, and loved chamber music. She and her husband Yope are some of the founding members of SFV.

Sandy Chaves, 94132

Despite her challenges with Parkinson's, Sandy always enjoyed walking, making jewelry, art projects & crafting collage creations. She loved the company of others and after a career in the travel industry, she had many tales of travel to faraway places.

Margaret Johnson, 94123

One of the first members of SFV, Margaret was lively, energetic, curious, and sociable throughout her life. She competently and calmly coped with everything that came her way. Margaret relished new experiences, mastering new cuisines and learning to be, by turns, a medical laboratory technician, a seamstress, and, most satisfyingly, a bookbinder/book conservator. She lived to the age of 101.

Upcoming Events

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Art Salon

Wednesday, April 1, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Come show off what you've been creating! We'd love to see paintings, drawings, photographs, needle work, crafts, hear prose and poetry, listen to your songs, and more.

Share Your Story!

Mondays through April 20, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

IT Bookman Community Center, 446 Randolph St. (4/6 & 4/20)

San Francisco Village, 3220 Fulton St. (4/13)

This series started in February, and you can join at any time.

Explore your experiences and memories, and share them with others, in a 12-week series from SFV, Southwest Community Corporation @ IT Bookman Community Center & Litquake's Elder Project.

Evocative writing prompts will inspire you to dig deep into both past and present to tell your story. A supportive writing teacher helps you discover the stories you carry within. At the end of each session, share your words with the group. Come together to talk, write, and find community. Classes alternate between SFV and ITB Community Center. We hope you attend the whole series. You are also welcome to drop in to as many sessions as you can attend!



InnerYoga

Wednesdays, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, & 5/20, 3:00 – 4:15 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

InnerYoga is an approach to yoga. Awareness, breath, ease, and kindness are intertwined in all the yoga styles we teach: meditation and breathing, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Yin, Gentle Hatha Flow and Restorative. All levels and abilities are welcome. We will meet you at your level and support you in your practice. Led by Jaime Yamamura, CYT, CMT and Cheryl McCue, CYT. Both Jaime and Cheryl are San Francisco natives and have been teaching for over 10 years.

Paying Attention to Getting Older

Fridays, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, on Zoom

Join an interprofessional team from the UCSF Age Friendly Emergency Department for a series covering how to recognize cognitive changes, fall prevention strategies, managing your medications, and benefits of social connection and future planning.



Fine Arts Museums Virtual Tour

Friday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, on Zoom

Come to the Table! At the museum, as in life, a lot happens around the table. We will explore how artists use tables in their compositions. Do they ground us, invite us in, focus our attention, or simply confuse us?

Buendia Brain Games

Tuesday, April 14, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Buendia Brain Games: join Scrabble Grandmaster Joe Edley as he introduces his new online game, Symplay, the meditation game that can help keep your mind active and sharp whenever you have a few free minutes. It's free! Nothing to download. Played at buendiabraingames.com. So bring your smart phone or tablet and learn the few basic rules of strategy that will have you winning in no time!



Intergenerational Connections

Wednesdays, April 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, at Wallenberg High School, 40 Vega St.

Join members of the Wallenberg High School Baking Club for intergenerational connections! Students will be planning activities and conversations such as art making, games, and more! On 4/29, SFV member Dennis Treanor will be leading the group in art making games.

Current Events Discussion Group on the East Side of San Francisco

Thursday, April 16, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, at Telegraph Landing Clubroom, 150 Lombard St.

Register with Bev Sutton

There is so much happening in the world today, locally, nationally and internationally that it is easy to feel overwhelmed and in need of others with similar interests with whom to discuss one's thoughts and ideas. This group will be led by SFV members Bev Sutton & Liz Dunn and is open to all members. Registration is required. If you wish to suggest an additional topic for discussion, you can do so in the same email (deadline is 4/11) and proposed topics will be emailed out to all who registered on 4/12.

For those taking public transportation the F-line stops at Embarcadero & Sansome which is about a block away and #8 from downtown, or North Beach, ends at Bay & Kearney, just 2 1/2 blocks away.



Asian Art Museum Virtual Tour

Friday, April 17, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, on Zoom

Jade: Stone of Heaven If you thought diamonds were forever, you should consider jade. For millennia, this stone has been valued, revered, and imbued with meaning by many Asian cultures. Admired by emperors, praised by scholars, and frequently used as an ornament to enhance physical beauty, jade is believed to have life-prolonging qualities and considered by some to be more precious than gold. Over thousands of years, artists have drawn inspiration from nature and creatively worked jade into various sizes, forms, and shapes; meanwhile, many layers of meaning have been associated with the essence and quality of jade objects.

Accessible Community Teams

Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 – 12:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Come learn how to make our city accessible to all – people with disabilities, seniors, people with strollers and carts, toddlers and little kids – and all of us if we are not paying close attention! This session explores local accessibility examples and provides resources on who to contact regarding specific issues. Lead by Juliet Rothman, MSW, PhD., a social worker in the field of Aging and Disability, and a member of SFV. Accessible Community Teams (ACT) is a new Community Living Campaign program supported by the Department of Disability and Aging Services.



Affordable Housing & Rental Finance Basics

Thursday, April 23, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, on zoom

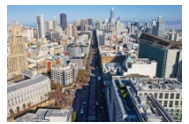
Are you a San Francisco resident or employee looking for affordable housing? Join us for a workshop with the Bill Sorro Housing Program (BiSHoP)! BiSHoP's Housing Navigators will cover the basics of accessing San Francisco's online affordable housing platform, DAHLIA, including everything you need to apply for affordable housing. This is a city-funded event; Participants will be asked to submit a secure questionnaire before the event and a brief opinion form afterward.

Grit & Glitter: The Changing Face of Mid-Market, a walk from Van Ness to 5th Street

Thursday, April 23, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Register with Dick Schwartz

Join friends in the LGBTQ community for a block-by-block exploration of the changes in Mid-Market Street over the years - theaters and businesses that have come and gone, plus a dozen new glistening high-rises that have popped up. The walk is less than 10 blocks, starting at the northwest corner of Market and Van Ness. We will meet outside the All Star Café donut shop. At the end of the walk, we can grab snacks at Ikea's Saluhall food mall (think food trucks) or detour to Mission & 5th for a visit to the unpublicized (but publicly-open) roof terrace at the Hampton Inn which has 360° views of the City. This event is for members of the LGBTQ Circle, the Del & Phyllis Posse, PLUS other LGBTQ+ members of SFV, AND their allies.



Block By Block: Film Screening and Tour

Friday, April 24, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at City College, Chinatown/North Beach Center, 808 Kearny, Media Room 2nd Floor

Join us for a short tour of the City College Chinatown/North Beach Center followed by a screening of *Block By Block: The Struggle to Bring a Community College to San Francisco Chinatown*. The documentary details the many obstacles laid out by SF big money and political power brokers as they waged a public relations war to stop the construction of a community college campus in Chinatown. A Q&A will follow featuring Henry Der (former Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action), Joanne Low (retired CCSF Acting Vice Chancellor and SFV member), and Kit Dai (CCSF Chinatown/North Beach Center Director).

Member Walking Group: Sausalito Waterfront via Ferry

Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 AM, meeting at Ferry Building, Gate B

Look for your guide, Marilyn Straka, SFV member and owner of On The Level SF Walking tours.

We'll take the 10:15 AM Golden Gate Ferry to Sausalito (use your Senior Clipper Card on board or buy your ticket before boarding using a Credit Card, \$7 each way) and arrive in Sausalito at 10:45 AM where we will explore along the waterfront. Besides seeing great views and hidden by-ways, we will learn the history from early ferries and railroads to rock stars to little-known facts. The walk can be tailored to your walking ability: 1 mile to 2.5 miles. You may drop off the walk at any point. You are never far from the ferry. There are many restaurant choices along our route or bring food and enjoy a picnic along the Bay. Return to SF via ferry at 1:35 PM or 3:35 PM.



Swap Meet

Tuesday, April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Join us for a SFV swap meet, a chance to get to know each other and share our abundance. Members are invited to bring one bag or box of items to give or trade. Books, records, DVDs, trinkets, kitchen ware, plants, garden harvest, instruments, artwork, crafts, and regifts! Anything goes, as long as it is in sharable condition, and you are willing to gift it for free. A good story to go along with it is always welcome. Feel free to bring items or just come to browse. At the end of event, volunteers will pick up all items for donations (unless you want to bring them back home).

Transportation Options

Thursday, April 30, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, on Zoom

SFMTA works to keep San Francisco moving and SF Paratransit works to ensure the travel needs of our city's older adults and people with disabilities are met. Join us for this virtual presentation/workshop to learn about your transportation options in the city and around the Bay Area. You'll learn about transportation resources that fit your individual needs such as the Essential Trip Card, the Shop-a-Round Shuttle, ADA Paratransit, travel training/travel planning, and more!



Weekly Events

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Fitness Exercise

Mondays, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, on Zoom

Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Simple, slow and gentle exercises to help keep the body limber with an emphasis on improving balance, strength and flexibility. Exercises can be modified for your level. Feel free to join at any time. Led by Caroline Lew, a certified Senior Fitness and Tai Chi Instructor.



Mah Jongg

Mondays, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

A game of skill and chance like no other. We have an American Style Mah Jongg set at the office.



Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:45 AM, on Zoom

Mindfulness is a way of paying attention with kindness and curiosity to the present moment. It supports emotional regulation, stress relief, and better sleep—especially helpful as we navigate aging. Join us to learn, practice, and reflect. All levels are welcome. Led by Terre Passero, a Certified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Instructor and founder of Mindful Stress Management.



Coffee Chat

Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, on Zoom

Join us for an informal and nourishing hour together to connect.



Weight Control Support Group

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

A peer-based support group for eating, exercising and attitude. SFV Member Betty Vaughan started with Weight Watchers as a client in the 1970s, then worked for them for 35 years leading groups and training group leaders. Contact Betty if you need more information.



Virtual Social Hour

Saturdays, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Register with Leslie Stafford

Bring your favorite tipples & nibbles, get comfy, & we'll chat & check-in with each other. We look forward to lively discussions on a wide range of topics, from personal updates to the silly or serious—limited only by your imagination!

Recurring Events

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Intergenerational Book Club

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, on Zoom

Please join the Intergenerational "Hip and Drippy" Book Club for lively discussions on Zoom. We mainly concentrate on D.E.I., contemporary, often award-winning fiction/authors. Everyone is welcome to join, including members, staff, and volunteers. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. For 4/1, the group will be discussing *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny: A Novel* by Kiran Desai. We are reading two shorter books for 5/6, both by Julian Barnes: *Flaubert's Parrot* (1984) and *Departure(s)* (2026).



Music Chat: Film Tracks

Thursday, April 2, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, on Zoom

A space to share thoughts about music you enjoy. This month we'll be talking about how music influences the success or lack of in otherwise great films and why certain film's music create empathy and intelligence. Ideally the music can be found on YouTube so we can listen together and discuss what the

music means to us.

Older Gay Men's Support Group

Friday, April 3, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, at David's home on Page Street near Central Street

Register with David Lindsey

As we gay men grow older, we have a greater need for connection through emotional authenticity and bearing witness to each-other's stories. In this group, we can explore the many aspects and unique challenges of aging. This will be a non-judgmental space where we build community and counter isolation. Also, this will be a peer facilitated support group, not a therapy group. Importantly, these gatherings will be confidential. Covid is still with us, so masks are a fine personal choice.

Makers and Crafters

Friday, April 3, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Do you watercolor? Knit or crochet? Bead? Applique? Open to learning to knit or sharing your craft with others? If so, we welcome you to join our lively group of makers and bring whatever handcraft and creative projects you are working on as well as completed pieces you would like to show off. Everyone is welcome at the Makers Group, no matter your craft, handwork or artform.

Sunday Events

Register with Ilene Rich Holtzberg

Sundays, April 5 & 19, 11:00 – 1:00 PM, Women's Coffee Klatch at Ballast, 329 West Portal

It's a great spot where you can enjoy coffee and pastries in their lovely garden with art. A chance to meet new members and engage in interesting conversation.

Sunday, April 12, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Lunch at Bursa, at 60 West Portal

This restaurant offers a culinary journey through the Eastern Mediterranean, featuring dishes such as Smoky baba ghanouj, rich musakka, and succulent lamb kebabs. A chance to meet new members and engage in interesting conversation.

Sunday, April 26, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Lunch at Mozzarella di Bufala Pizzeria, 69 West Portal

This is a gem of a restaurant for its unique blend of Italian classics like pizza and pasta, alongside authentic Brazilian favorites like black bean stew. The restaurant has been a fixture in the West Portal community since 1992, and the owners pride themselves on using fresh, high-quality ingredients.

Del and Phyllis Posse: Female LGBTQ+ Circle

Mondays, April 6 & 20, 1:00 PM, at Harding Park, 99 Harding Road

Register with Sarah Thompson

Female and female-identifying members of San Francisco Village are invited to join us for a gay women's only social circle. We'll get to know each other and talk about our shared history as seniors in the LGBT community as well as discuss the joys and challenges of our past, present and future lives! Open to all members and volunteers that identify as female LGBTQ+.

Explorers

Planning Meeting: April 6, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Join us to help plan activities for this year!

April 14-17, our 3rd annual overnight trip to Calistoga

We are staying at the Roman Spa (800-914-8957). If you'd like to join us, please make your reservations and let us know. If you'd care to stay elsewhere, let us know. Contact Phyllis Scaduto, if you like to join us, or have any questions.

Sunday, April 26, 10:30 AM, meet in front of St Peter & Paul's Church (666 Filbert St)

Register with Linda Soltis

North Beach Photo Walk/Lunch. We will meander from park through the streets and nooks of North Beach

taking photos that interest us. Lunch afterwards at nearby cafe or restaurant. Limit 10 people.

Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 AM, at Blue Heron Lake in Golden Gate Park

We will meet at the boathouse, where telescopes are focused on the blue heron nests. We will get a "birds-eye" view of the juveniles, take a walk, then lunch at the boathouse. No need to RSVP, but if any questions, contact Phyllis Scaduto.

Thursday, May 7, 12:10 PM, movie at Stonestown Regal Galleria theater

Join us at this highly anticipated sequel, The Devil Wears Prada 2. Afterwards, we'll enjoy refreshments at the theater bar and share our thoughts about the movie. Contact Mae Go for more information.



Let's Play Games

Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Come play games with us and have fun while meeting new people. You can bring a game you like or enjoy the ones we have such as Rummikub, Scrabble, Uno or playing cards.



Grupo de Conversación en Español

Tuesdays, April 7 & 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Add a little more Spanish conversation to your life! This group is led by members and there will be no formal instruction. Not sure if your Spanish is up for it? Check it out! We're a fun and lively group who help each other. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month.



LGBTQ+ Member Drop-in Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Join us for a drop-in planning session. We will explore ideas of socializing for members of the LGBTQ Circle AND the Del & Phyllis Posse, PLUS any other LGBTQ+ members of SFV, AND their allies! We'll discuss activities and ways of connecting in the coming months, as well as how to get involved in organizing them. Recently, we have planned a walk at Crissy Field, a Happy Hour at Martuni's Bar, and a walk on Mid-Market Street to see the amazing changes going on there. Bring your ideas!



Resistance is Fertile Workgroup

Monday, April 13, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St and on Zoom

Village members have been meeting monthly to discuss ways to engage in countering authoritarianism. At each meeting we touch base by sharing our current individual and group actions, as well as expressing our feelings and concerns. Our April meeting will be discussing the No Kings Day 3 events and the first hour will be a discussion with local Republicans to broaden our understanding. Please attend, and invite friends to join us. Reach out to members Rosemary King & Luis Lamassonne for info or questions.



A Circle of Kindred Spirits

Monday, April 13, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, at Susan's wheel chair accessible home in Bernal Heights

Register each session with Susan Kitazawa

Have you ever felt "othered" for not fitting the dominant mold— whether because of ethnicity, sexual/gender identity, disability, or other innate aspects of who you are? Having to live outside the usual can bring challenges, wisdom, and a deeper embrace of others' differences. Join kindred spirits to celebrate belonging, resilience, and the gifts of navigating life from less common spaces that we didn't choose for ourselves. This circle meets in person on the 2nd Monday, 2:00- 4:00 PM; space limited to 10.



Over 90!

Monday, April 13, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, on Zoom

Gather on Zoom with your fellow nonagenarians! Requested by a few members, we hope to build new connections and have space to talk about experiences in this decade of life.

The Page and the Stage

Tuesdays, April 14 & 28 2:00 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

We're a playreading/discussion group that meets twice a month. Read aloud (or not), talk a lot (or not), and enjoy your fellow members interested in the page and the stage. We welcome your voice. Drop a note to Barbara Scrafford for more information. We will be reading and discussing Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour*, Act 1 on 4/14 and we will discuss Act 2 on 4/28. Please bring a copy of the text, print or digital.

Artists Circle

 **Thursday, April 16, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, at SFV office, 3220 Fulton St.**

Stuck/Unstuck Bring your art - finished or in process and bring your ideas for a lively discussion. Whether it's your first time attending or you are a regular, everyone is welcome to come & participate.

Saturday, April 18, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Yvonne McClung's (Mac) home

Register with Gayle Geary or Jay Davidson

What Were You Thinking? Head to Yvonne's home to view her art and to learn about her creative process. This will be our 4th session where we meet in the artist's home and get to know the artist and her work more intimately. It is a popular and new addition to our Artists Circle activities. Space is limited to 10 people so please respond early. Yvonne's address will be sent to those who are attending.

Potluck Group

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, at Jay Davidson's home near Mission Dolores/16th St. and Church

Register with Eugenie Marek

Come join us for food, drink and a relaxed way to meet each other. Please bring a tasty dish (heat in advance if needed) and a beverage to share. There are 6 exterior steps plus one flight up to flat. There's good MUNI connections: J Church, 14, 22, 33 and 49 or parking (take your chance!) It's a shoes-off household. We enjoy our potlucks and are looking for new members from all over the city to host! Hosts decide the number of guests. Contact Eugenie with questions

Any Book Book Club

Tuesday, April 21, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

The Any Book Book Club is the easiest book club around! There is no assigned book to read - we get together and discuss what we've been reading and what we plan to read next.

San Francisco Village Book Club

Monday, April 27, 4:00 PM, on Zoom

Register with Sharon Kuester

Book to be announced! Email Sharon to find out what we're reading for the next 6 months.

The San Francisco Village View: A Current Events Discussion Group

Thursday, April 30, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Space limited, Registration required

Let's gather in community and conversation about what's happening in our world--this could be global or local. The group will vote on topics at the beginning of each session. Knowing our identities are wrapped up in the political landscape, we will engage each other with respect and an ear to understanding others' views. We are committed to learning, not debating. We ask that all who attend check sources/facts and be prepared to share them; we don't want to contribute to misinformation. The group is led by members Marymelissa Grafflin, Alexander Williams, and Cadell Child. The topics and viewpoints discussed are individual members' beliefs, not necessarily those held by the organization.

Neighborhood Circles

Neighborhood Circles are smaller, hyper-local groups that enable members to develop relationships closer to home, led by members and volunteers. Members are welcome to attend any circle, even if it is outside of their zip code/neighborhood. Please make sure



to check about RSVPing and reach out to the office if you need contact information.

94123/94129 Circle

Wednesday, April 1, 11:00 AM, at the Botanical Gardens, 9th & Lincoln, Golden Gate Park

Register with Jean Cleverly

Let's enjoy the cherry blossoms together! Meet at the 9th Ave ticket entrance with your SF ID for free ent

94114/94131 Circle

Friday, April 3, 12:30 PM, Lunch at Regent Thai, 1700 Church Street

Come join us for lunch as we try new table groupings! We're going to be sitting at the tables as they are already set up, rather than in a large group. Several members have suggested this, so we will give it a try. If you can attend, RSVP to Jay Davidson.

Thursday, April 9, 10:00 AM, coffee at Martha & Brothers, 1551 Church Street

This friendly neighborhood cafe is always welcoming to us. Come on along and meet some neighbors. If you can attend, RSVP to Jay Davidson.

Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 PM, happy hour at Valley Tavern, 4054 24th Street

Whether we are indoors or in the pleasant garden area, it's always fun to share a snack, a sip, and some time with our friendly Circle members. If you can attend, RSVP to Jay Davidson.

West of Twin Peaks Circle

Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 PM, at Elena's Mexican Restaurant, 255 West Portal Ave.

Register with Roberta Gordon by 4/3.

We request that you have cash to pay your individual bill. Please bring enough cash so you can add 36% to your order to include the tax, health mandate, and tip.

94107/94103 Circle

Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 PM, at Casaro Osteria, 2136 Union St.

Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, at Harborview Restaurant and Bar, 4 Embarcadero Ctr.

Register with Dian Miller

Join us for lunch on 4/8 and happy hour on 4/22!

94118 Circle

Thursday, April 9, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, at Karen Franklin's house, 11th Ave and Cabrillo

Register with Karen Franklin or Carole Lewis

You can just show up yet calling or emailing will be easier to plan for attendance. This meeting is special as it is in Karen's warm home with snacks, good conversation & friendship with opportunities to connect with new & old members. To use Karen's elevator, contact her to arrange entry.

94117 Circle

Friday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, on Zoom

Friday, April 24, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, at the Cup A Java Café, 3500 Geary Blvd

Register with Bill Haskell

The 94117 Circle meets twice a month, once on Zoom and the second could be in person or on Zoom. We can share what is going on in our lives – what brings us pleasure, what we are enjoying, and what is positive. We can also share any challenges we are facing.

94121 Circle

Tuesday, April 14, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, at 792 21st Ave.

Register with Betty Vaughan

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This month our speaker will be Eleanor Farrell.

94109/94133 Circle

Thursday, April 16, 1:00 PM at the Crepe House, at 1755 Polk Street

Register with Bobbie Rothman

Let's get together for lunch and conversation! The Crepe House offers omelets, sandwiches, salads, burgers, bagels, and pasta, with counter services.

Sunset Circle

Thursdays, April 16 & 30, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on Zoom

We'll chat about whatever is on our minds, from our recent exploits to ideas about the world. Please note that our meetings are the 3rd and 5th weeks of April rather than the usual 1st and 3rd weeks due to scheduling issues. Our new Executive Director Jenny Belway may attend 4/30. No RSVP necessary but you can contact Patty Gerend if you have any questions or suggestions.

Monday, April 20, 10:30 AM, at Java Beach Café on La Playa and Judah

No need to RSVP, just show up for coffee at the beach. Please contact Carol Thompson at if you have any questions or suggestions.

LGBTQ+ Circle

Friday, April 17, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, at Cup of Java Café, 3500 Geary Blvd.

Register with Bill Haskell

The LGBTQ Circle meets once a month. We can talk about activities we would like to participate in, or that we have participated in, and we can also make suggestions for future activities that sound interesting and fun.

94115+ Circle

Tuesday, April 21, 3:00-4:30 PM, at Chouquet's, 2500 Washington Street

Register with Gayle Geary by 4/17

Planning meeting for our neighborhood circle: Please join us for tea and dessert and bring your ideas as we plan for the remainder of 2026. Seating is limited.

Bernal Circle

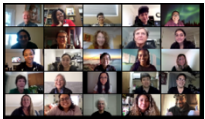
Sunday, April 26, 2:00 PM, at Susan Kahn's and David Kaskowitz's home

Register with Susan Kahn

Please join us as we get to know each other and create a supportive, active group.

Save The Dates

Register with SFV at (415) 387-1375 or info@sfvillage.org unless stated otherwise



Experience Exchange

Thursday, May 5, 9:45 – 11:00 AM, on zoom

Want to have a meaningful conversation with someone in a different generation and help bring funds to SFV? Join us for a virtual experience exchange with employees from Mass

Mutual through Visit.org. They had such a great time last year, they scheduled another session with us! After the session, Mass Mutual sends SFV a donation check!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Wednesday, May 27, 12:45 PM at Oracle Park, 24 Willie Mays Plaza

Come cheer on our San Francisco Giants against the Diamondbacks at an afternoon game! Tickets are generously donated by the Giants. Please let us know if you use a wheelchair or walker (we have some accessible seats) or if a few stairs are okay.





Book Talk: Lost Treasures of San Francisco

Wednesday, May 27, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, at SFV Office, 3220 Fulton St.

Lost Treasures of San Francisco is a love letter to the City-by-the-Bay, celebrating such bygone pleasures as grooving to the Grateful Dead at Winterland on New Year's Eve, marveling at the giant Christmas tree at the City of Paris department store, braving the giant slide at Playland and catching a Giants game on a windy afternoon at Candlestick. Lavishly illustrated with historic photos and memorabilia, the book delves into the recent and distant past, tracing the evolution of a city that literally rose from the ashes of the 1906 earthquake and fire. Along the way, there are encounters with Emperor Norton, Herb Caen, Robin Williams, the San Francisco Twins and others who added to the city's bold and creative spirit. Join author Maria Lenhart on a nostalgic journey through an unforgettable time and place.

Grief Program

At SFV, we believe that a healthy expression of grief is communal. It requires that we honor the loss with simple rituals, by telling the story and being generously witnessed in our pain, so that we can move towards healing. If you or someone you care about is struggling with the loss of a loved one, please consider one of our virtual programs. To learn more, contact Linda McKay at linda@sfvillage.org.

Volunteer Support

Request a Volunteer and Volunteer Opportunities

San Francisco Village is an intergenerational community that brings volunteers of all ages together with older members to learn from and care for each other. Contact Jill Ellefsen at jill@sfvillage.org or (415) 387-1375 x 2 to sign up to receive our weekly emails detailing the many volunteer options available.

Reach out to Jill for help with shopping and errand assistance, technology assistance, friendly caller connections and/or walking partners, outdoors gardening, and more.

Volunteer Connect Phone Number

Thanks to improvements in technology, you'll see (415) 212-6908 on your caller ID when San Francisco Village volunteers call you. Save it to your contacts as SFV Volunteer Connect! Our office number remains the same (415) 387-1375. This only works after being matched with a volunteer.

Please note that the programs and events listed in this newsletter are offered to members of San Francisco Village. To learn more about registering for membership, please contact Jill Ellefsen.

San Francisco Village is a membership organization designed with, by and for older San Franciscans and the extended community that champions them. **Mission** We operationalize love for elders in an ageist society by mobilizing the power of intergenerational relationships and mutual support. **Vision** We envision a future in which people of all ages, races, cultures and abilities work together to create communities of belonging and in so doing, model possibilities for relationship and connection that benefit the greater good. **What We Value** Intersection of Health Care and Social Care · Eldership · Intergenerational Relationships · Co-Creation · Equitable Community · Self-Reflection · Humility · Spontaneity

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