



# Village Santa Cruz County News

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## Property Tax Postponement

The State Controller's Office (SCO) administers the Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program, which allows eligible homeowners to postpone payment of current year property taxes on their primary residence. A postponement of property taxes is a deferment of current year property taxes that must eventually be repaid. Repayment is secured by a lien against the property.

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## VSCC All-Member Meeting

On Nov 5 members of Village Santa Cruz County (VSCC) met to learn how to access new on-line access to the member directory and interest groups. After logging into the website, members can now download a member directory, look up individual members, and sign up for the various Interest groups.

In addition, members were polled as to what they wanted from VSCC during the current holiday season. The consensus was that although some members felt that this was a very busy time of year, most wanted VSCC to offer opportunities for fun activities and social connection during this time. Check out the December calendar of events and see what we came up with.



## Dining Out Group Dines In



Thank you, Wendy & Roger, for sharing your home for a lovely evening dining in.

## Hiking with Friends in Nises Marks Park



Sally & Dinah show Frieda, Joy & Mary (taking photo) the beautiful trails in their neighborhood park!



Things unravel after Barbara asks Cheryl & Pat for help with her knitting

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## Coming Up...for members

**Thurs. Dec. 6, 1:30 - 3 pm, Strategic Planning Team Monthly Meeting @ Capitola City Hall** First Floor Community Room, 420 Capitola Ave. All members welcome. RSVP if you plan to attend.

**Fri. Dec. 7, 12 - 1:30 pm, Westside Community Circle White Elephant Exchange @ Mary S.'s home on the westside.** Good food and a bit of silly fun heading into the holiday season. What is a white elephant exchange? You find something around your home that you'd like to palm off (gift to) someone else and you wrap it up to entice and confound. Then each person chooses from the wrapped gift pile. Stealing is allowed and encouraged. You go home after a lot of laughing with your new treasure. Frieda is going to prepare lunch of soups, bread, dessert, coffee and tea. We're asking participants to contribute \$5 toward the cost of the food. All members are welcome but we need to limit the number to 12 due to venue capacity. RSVP

**Fri. Dec. 14, 1 - 2:30 pm, Book Discussion Group @ Bistro 112 at the Tannery Art Center, 1060 River St.** We are reading *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. RSVP Contact [info@villagesantacruz.org](mailto:info@villagesantacruz.org) if you'd like to borrow a copy of the book.

**Mon, Dec. 17, 12:00 noon, Catherine Appreciation Lunch @ Sushi Garden, 6500 Scotts Valley Dr., Suite #3.** Catherine has continued to work 4 hrs./week this fall, increasing & enhancing our website front and back office features. She's ending her employment but has kindly offered to continue as a volunteer with web stuff. Join us in appreciating Catherine. Her work and her gentle, steady disposition has truly enhanced VSCC. RSVP

**Sat., Dec. 29, 2 until 4 pm, Party! Goodbye 2018/Welcome 2019 @ the Whipp's home in Live Oak.**

We'll have an activity to say goodbye to whatever we leave behind in 2018 and embrace our hopes for 2019.

Bring your favorite board games and card games! RSVP

**Spur of the Moment Day Trip Possibility! Any interested members? RSVP**

Monterey Bay Aquarium Locals Only Special:

Community Open House

Dec. 1-9 (Sat.-Sun.)

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tri-county residents enjoy free admission during our annual Community Open House. Visitors must present a photo ID (student IDs also accepted) or proof of residence, such as a current utility bill, at the Main Entrance. [Click here for more information](#)

**RSVP**

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members must log into website to register online for member-only events

## Coming Up...All Welcome

**Mon. Dec.3, 12 - 2 pm, Santa Cruz County Community Potluck and Discussion: *Aging Better in Community*** @ Aptos Knolls Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 600 Trout Gulch Rd., South . VSCC members will be on hand to talk about what we do to help each other through the transitions of aging in an active and meaningful way. RSVP

**Mon. Dec. 3, 1 - 2 pm, Westside Coffee Gathering** @ Westside Coffee, 849 Almar Ave., Come and meet westside/downtown Village members, no agenda, just enjoy conversation.

**Mon. Dec. 10, 11 - 12 pm, Volunteer Orientation** @Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr., Aptos. Volunteers provide direct, practical help to members through calls, visits, errands, driving, help around the house, technical support. Also event support and organizational support through the office. We use both member and non-member volunteers who help us in many ways. RSVP

followed by

**Mon. Dec. 10, from 12:15 until 1:15 pm, Presentation: Introducing Village Santa Cruz County** @ Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr., Aptos. Join us to learn more about our vision for Village Santa Cruz and where we are in fulfilling that mission. RSVP

**Tues. Dec. 11, from 1:30 until 2:30 pm, Mid-County Coffee Gathering** @ Coffeetopia in Live Oak, 1443 Capitola Rd. Come and meet other mid-county Village members, no agenda, just enjoy conversation.

**Thurs. Dec. 13, from 1 until 2 pm, Coffee Gathering for San Lorenzo Valley and Surrounding Areas** @ Mountain Roasting Company, 6263 Graham Hill Rd., Felton. No agenda, no pressure, come and chat with staff and members of Village Santa Cruz County (VSCC) and individuals who live in and around San Lorenzo Valley and who would like to see VSCC become more active in the SLV.

**RSVP to all events**

**info@villagesantacruz.org (831) 428-5697  
or register online @ our website calendar**

### **45th Annual Grey Bears Holiday Dinner**

Date: Sunday, Dec 2, 2018

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Enjoy delicious food lovingly prepared by local chefs, and an exciting stage show.

Catch the free bus from the Watsonville Senior Center to/from the event (contact Valerie to reserve your seat, 831-722-1333).

And for the 1,000 homebound seniors not able to attend, Grey Bears will deliver a holiday dinner, bag of groceries and a visit from a volunteer driver on December 20-21.

Your donation of \$50 or \$75 to Grey Bears will mean that the Brown Bag Program can continue to deliver healthy food to seniors – not just at this time of year but all year long.

## Appreciation lunch at Cafe Cruz for our Outreach Coordinator, Jessica.



Good food and good company



Jessica and intern Kyle

### Property Tax Postponement (continued from page 1)

**To qualify**, a homeowner must apply and meet all of the following criteria for every year in which a postponement of property taxes is desired:

- Be at least 62 years of age, or blind, or disabled;
- Own and occupy the real property as his or her principal place of residence (mobile, manufactured, or modular homes, whether affixed or unaffixed, floating homes, and house boats are not eligible);
- Have a total household income of \$35,500 or less;
- Have at least 40 percent equity in the property; and
- Not have a reverse mortgage on the property.

**Collection and repayment process:** The homeowner may pay all or part of the balance to SCO at any time. However, postponed property taxes and interest become immediately due and payable when the homeowner does any of the following:

- Moves from the property;
- Sells or conveys title to the property;
- Dies and does not have a spouse, registered domestic partner, or other qualified individual who continues to reside in the property;
- Allows future property taxes or other senior liens to become delinquent; or
- Refinances or obtains a reverse mortgage for the property.

If you have any questions, call 1-800-952-5661 or email [postponement@sco.ca.gov](mailto:postponement@sco.ca.gov).

### Sharing this Holiday Season

There are many opportunities to share with in our Santa Cruz County community. Here are some resources and ideas:

Volunteer Center <https://scvolunteercenter.org/> has a guide to Holiday Volunteer opportunities. They also run a fantastic Adopt-a-Family project to make sure every family gets something during this season.

Good Times hosts Santa Cruz Gives <https://santacruzgives.org/> an online site to browse and donate to any of 33 local non-profits.

