



Putt[er]ing around the community

Vedder Community Management (VCM) unveiled its new putting golf course at Friendly Village, Simi Valley, by hosting a Grand Opening Putting Tournament. Friendly Village residents were invited to compete in the tournament, which included score cards, refreshments and prizes.

“The event was a great success with our residents,” said Mike and Kathy Manderfield, resident managers of Friendly Village. Many residents took advantage of the warm weather to test the new putting green and engage in a friendly game of golf with their neighbors.

The feedback from the residents has been overwhelmingly positive. Neighbors are delighted with the latest addition to the community and were quick to give praise. Some of the comments included:

“We are so happy you put the putting greens in. Thank you.”

“It really makes what used to be a big empty area, something useful.”

“This was a great event, thank you.”

“This is great for our age-group.”

“The reason for installing the putting course was to save water, while at the same time create a new amenity for residents,” commented Jenni Nitsch of VCM Operations. As environmental and water shortage concerns grow, the community’s large open grass area has been reduced by half to allow for the installation of the artificial

putting green.

Further benefits of the artificial putting golf courses range from very low maintenance to lower water bills, as they do not require mowing, weeding or watering. The areas also provide an excellent family and neighborly activity and can be enjoyed by any age group and any skill level.

Best of all, the putting course is right in the resident’s back yard. All they have to do is walk to the clubhouse to enjoy a game and camaraderie without the hassles of driving to a course and paying a greens fee.

Vedder Community Management has begun installing the artificial putting courses at a few of their other communities. ❄

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Has there been a special event, celebration, activity, renovation or revamp at your community? WMA would love to hear from members who have news to share for inclusion in the **Snapshot** column.

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