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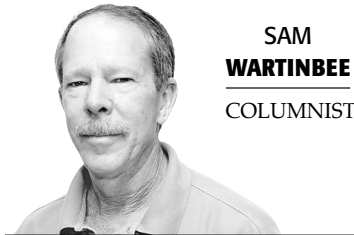
Ah, fall has arrived which means football and cooler temperatures. Fall always has been my favorite time of year – less rain and cooler temperatures. We have had two cool fronts in the past few weeks which brought nice weather changes.

Speaking of change, check your irrigation controller and adjust the zone run times for the cooler weather. You can visit thevillageswaterwisdom.com to read water conservation tips and the recommended schedule for irrigation based on the season.

With the cool mornings, it also would be a great time to open the windows, check your thermostat and turn on your heaters for a moment to get rid of that burning smell from dust collecting on the heat strips all summer.

District Property Management has been very busy completing renovations of older recreation centers, including Silver Lake and Chula Vista. The renovation at Silver Lake included expanding the meeting room and the addition of a new kitchen, restroom and new patio roof.

Chula Vista Recreation Center underwent an interior redesign without expanding the building size. The screened porch was enclosed and the room was enlarged to accommodate four standard billiards tables and the snooker table from Silver Lake. This allowed us to eliminate one of the old billiards room walls and increase the size of the meeting room. The kitchen also was updated with a new stove.



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The reconstruction of Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center is underway. The foundation and floor slabs are being poured, the construction of the block walls and trusses will be set in place after the walls are completed. Stay up to date as this project progresses by visiting districtgov.org.

On Monday, the pre-bid meeting was conducted on-site at El Santiago Recreation Center for contractors submitting bids to ask any questions of District Purchasing and DPM staff. Proposals will be submitted in late November.

The selection committee will individually score the submitted proposals and then meet in December to tally the scoring of the five selection committee members. The highest ranked proposal will be submitted to the Amenity Authority Committee for consideration at the Jan. 7 AAC meeting.

In addition to the recreation center projects, there were also a couple of executive golf course building projects. Two new golf maintenance facilities were built this past summer.

The first is at Mira Mesa executive golf course behind the seventh green. This satellite facility enables the golf contractors to spend more time working on the courses since they don't have to transport

equipment from the Lindsey Lane facility.

The second facility, built by the District, is the Lindsey Lane golf maintenance facility next to Hilltop executive golf course. The old facility was demolished and a new state-of-the-art facility was constructed.

Just a reminder – please join us Nov. 1 for the 19th Annual Government Day – Your Local Governments in Action! from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eisenhower Recreation Center, 3560 Buena Vista Boulevard.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to learn all about your local, state and federal government agencies and have the chance to gather information and have your questions answered by the experts. We look forward to seeing you there. For questions, call the Customer Service Center at 753-4508.

In closing, I would like to remind residents that The Villages now comprises more than 40 square miles, so sometimes a maintenance issue may not be immediately noticed. If you see anything in need of repair, trimming, etc., please call the District Customer Service Center at 753-4508 to advise them of your maintenance issue or concern. It takes a team effort to ensure this community is maintained at the highest standard.

We look forward to seeing you again next week, here, at Our Place.

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