

# Knudson field, Paradise pool, other projects in the works

The District Property Management Department has been very busy this year with new construction, renovations and normal maintenance of District facilities. Here is an overview of completed projects and upcoming work for the facilities and infrastructure throughout the community.

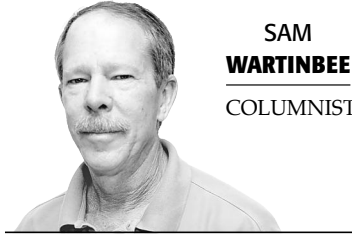
The new Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center opened in May to rave reviews. The new facility offers residents more than 6,000 square feet for recreation activities. In addition to the new facility, the swimming pool was spruced up and a new pump and filter system were installed.

Paradise Park phase 2 was completed with additional walking trails, benches, picnic tables and exercise equipment that residents are using on a daily basis. New petanque courts were built as well, next to the bocce courts.

At Paradise Recreation Center, the shuffleboard shade structure was rebuilt and new ADA-compliant concrete work was added. The parking lots at Paradise's main buildings, Paradise postal station, Hilltop Neighborhood Center and Boone Gate entry have been milled and overlaid. The restrooms at Paradise postal station and Hilltop Neighborhood Center were remodeled and enlarged.

The pool deck lighting at Chula Vista, Hilltop, Paradise and Southside pools was upgraded to meet current standards for operating pools after sunset.

The wooden trellis bridges in downtown Lake Sumter Landing are being rebuilt using concrete to replace the wooden timbers. This project is paid for by the assessments to the



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business owners in Lake Sumter Landing.

New cameras and fiber optic infrastructure were installed at all of the gate facilities north of County Road 466, which allow the cameras to be viewed by Community Watch staff.

The wood flooring in the lobby areas at Savannah Center was refinished and new carpet will be installed in the banquet rooms and lobby later this summer. The trim, doors, green-room and dressing rooms are being painted and new flooring will be installed.

In the numbered districts, the following villa roads were microsurfaced:

District 1 – Rio Grande, De La Vista West, San Antonio and San Miguel

District 2 – La Crescenta, San Leandro, Vera Cruz

District 3 – Amelia and Fernandina

District 8 – 15 villas had rejuvenator applied to the roads to seal the small cracks in the asphalt and extend the life of the roads.

Some of the projects that will begin in the near future include:

1. Knudson softball field renovation, including the outfield being leveled and sprigged with new grass. The fence will be removed and new fencing installed around the outfield.

2. Paradise pool will be renovated with deck work, new tiles in the pool and a new pool

coating.

3. North Morse Circle and CR 466 north right of way at Morse Boulevard will be getting new LED landscape lighting.

4. Chatham Recreation Center will have the carpet replaced in the billiards and card room.

5. Mulberry Grove Recreation Center will have the carpet replaced in all five multi-purpose rooms and new flooring installed in the Americana Room. The Americana Room and portions of the lobby were just re-roofed to ensure the new flooring will have many years of use.

6. The new El Santiago Village Recreation Center is progressing nicely and on schedule to open in late December.

These are the major projects that were budgeted for this fiscal year. District Property Management also manages and oversees dozens of HVAC, janitorial, landscape, water retention area, aquatic and pool maintenance contracts and other contractual work insuring the contractors are fulfilling the requirements of the contract.

Please visit [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org) to keep up with what's happening in the community.

The community now spans more than 40 square miles, so maintaining it truly is a cooperative effort. If you notice anything in need of repair or a safety concern, please call the District Customer Service Center at 753-4508 to advise them of the issue or concern.

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

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